

Borough of Coraopolis  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
Council Workshop Meeting by teleconference  
November 6, 2024  
6:30 PM

The Workshop Meeting of the Borough of Coraopolis was called to order by Council President, Robb Cardimen.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

**Present**

Robb Cardimen

Rudy Bolea

George Mihalyi

Allison Marine       Via Teleconference

Gary Flasco

Kim Haskins

Joe Szabat

Michael Dixon, Mayor

**Absent**

Mike Harris

Mr. Cardimen said Mr. Harris informed me he had a work emergency this evening, but will be here next week.

Mr. Cardimen said are there any comments on agenda items by Council Members?

Mr. Szabat made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-432 for Borough Council to declare intent to approve the Borough Manager to pay invoices due prior to the Regular Meeting. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion. Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said the reason behind this motion is because sometimes we receive bills that are due between our meeting and the end of the month, so this resolution will allow us to pay on time.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-433 authorizing the Borough Manager to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough Council and the Commonwealth of PA Department of Environmental Protection to facilitate permit applications for the Riverfront Park Project. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-434 authorizing the Borough of Coraopolis membership of the South Hills Area Council of Governments. Mr. Szabat seconded the motion. Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen said this is a huge step forward for this Borough to join the South Hills Area Council of Governments. Benefits to the Borough will be seen greatly through the Police, Fire Department and Public Works. We are going to be served a lot better than where we were.

Ms. Haskins made a motion to approve the purchase of two drones from Steel City Drones at a cost of \$14,697.99 to be utilized by the Coraopolis Police Department and the Coraopolis Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

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|----------------|-----|
| Robb Cardimen  | Yes |
| Rudy Bolea     | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| Gary Flasco    | Yes |
| Kim Haskins    | Yes |
| Joe Szabat     | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to transfer the inoperable 2007 Police Dodge Charger to Tiffany's Towing at no cost. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion. Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to advance \$18,795.00 to the Coraopolis Police Department to purchase a 2017 K-9 vehicle from Asia Motors for Officer McMurtrie's new K-9. Mr. Szabat seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

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| Robb Cardimen  | Yes |
| Rudy Bolea     | Yes |
| George Mihalyi | Yes |
| Allison Marine | Yes |
| Gary Flasco    | Yes |
| Kim Haskins    | Yes |
| Joe Szabat     | Yes |

Motion carried.

Mr. Cardimen asked for a motion to approve the sale of the 2013 Police Ford Interceptor, this is car 101. It has a lot of miles on it and a lot of things are wrong with it.

Mr. Bolea said we're just approving you to allow to sell it, it isn't sold.

Mr. Cardimen said it has not been sold, but we're not going through the efforts to sell it like we have with others because it just isn't worth it.

Mr. McCutcheon said we'll probably just take it to "We Buy Any Car."

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the sale of the 2013 Police Ford Interceptor (car 101). Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen asked for a motion to approve the sale of the 1998 Fire Department Chevy Pickup truck and said this is one of two vehicles that Council authorized us to advertise for sale earlier in August and we only got one bid on it in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the sale of the 1998 Fire Department Chevy Pickup for the amount of \$10,000.00. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to advertise the proposed 2025 General Fund Budget. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Ms. Haskins made a motion to approve a handicap parking space for Karen Thomas-Walker at 1631 Ridge Avenue. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the use of Riverfront Park on Sunday, June 1, 2025, from noon – 10 pm for Jan Carlini for a graduation party. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen asked Police Chief Stewart to explain the drone purchase.

Chief Stewart said we got several quotes for drones and a couple were outrageous up to about \$50,000.00. The quote from Steel City is reasonably priced and they are good drones. The reason we are asking for them is for inside places in the event of an active shooter in any building in town and he continued to explain. The other drone would be used outside and would be used in cases where a child, senior citizen or anyone goes missing. Or if the fire department would need it for a brush fire, they could use it to search for hot spots. I am trying to locate outside funding and he continued to explain.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Dixon said I want to let Council know that I have a stack of things that I want to review next week and he continued to explain.

### **Public Works Foreman's Report**

Mr. Larry Tollis said at the moment we have an employee on light duty, so we have been working with 3.5 guys for the past month.

Mr. Larry Tollis said we began leaf pickup on October 14<sup>th</sup> and we have 22 truckloads picked up to date.

Mr. Tollis said we stripped down the 2004 Silverado and removed all the Coraopolis logos and lights and radios for sale as scrap.

Mr. Tollis said we hot patched seven holes on Park Drive, put 2 tons on Euclid Avenue and still have 2 tons that will put down on Friday. Cold patched several areas in Pine Alley and the permit lot next to McDonalds before it was seal coated.

Mr. Tollis said we supplied and picked up all the barricades for the sealing of the Borough parking lots.

Mr. Tollis said we were part of the cleanup of spilled concrete on Main Street, Watt Street and several areas on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Dixon said I got a message from someone in the Stratford area.

Mr. Tollis said, so did I.

Mayor Dixon said so you got Roberts Street?

Mr. Tollis said yes, and Mayor Dixon thanked him.

Mr. Bolea said you said you have the Silverado ready to go to scrap?

Mr. Tollis said that was the 2004 that Delbert drove and I believe it was received from the Police Department years ago.

Mr. Bolea said does Council have to approve anything against that?

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the sale of the 2004 Chevy Silverado. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion. Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

### **Committee Reports / Comments from Council**

Mr. Flasco said at the last meeting we briefly discussed limiting some of these large truck from going on Mulberry and turning onto 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue using signage saying nothing over 25 feet. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen asked if we have signs limiting the length of trucks.

Mr. Tollis said he will look and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Mihalyi said I have nothing to report this evening.

Mr. Bolea said I don't have a committee report, but do have a question on a motion that we made earlier. I just want to clarify the motion to advance the \$14,697.99 to the Police Department, is it coming back to us?

Chief Stewart said it will come back from the K-9 fund and a discussion pursued.

Ms. Marine said I want to thank everyone for coming out last month to the ribbon cutting at Riverfront Park, for cleanup day, and flower planting. I also want to thank Mr. Tollis and Public Works for the leaf cleanup.

Ms. Haskins said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Szabat said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Cardimen said the Borough, Rite Aid and McDonald's parking lots were sealed by KAS Asphalt, lines were painted on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue last week and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be painted on Friday and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea said are we going to post 2-hour parking signs on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues? I know that we discussed it, but don't know where it ended up.

Ms. Marine said that is where we left off. I think that's the outcome to prevent any long-term loitering vehicles. We may need to reevaluate any ordinances, but that was the outcome of the parking study.

Mr. McCutcheon said we would have to make an ordinance, so that the police can enforce it. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. McCutcheon said I want to thank everybody who worked on the K9 event last weekend. We had a nice turnout, IKON was there, quite a few of the Police Officers were there. We recognized the little girl who contacted Florida Georgia Line. It was a nice event and I think they raised about \$3,000.00.

Mr. McCutcheon said we will have a Conditional Use Hearing on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM prior to our Council Meeting. This is for Mr. Wodarek's shop, he would like to sell cars on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Main Street.

Mr. McCutcheon said I received a letter from North Fayette and they would like us to make a resolution opposing any hike in the County Real Estate Tax Milage and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said I sent everyone a copy of the proposed budget, but wanted to say that garbage collection expires at the end of February. We have been talking with one of the carriers regarding the automated system. There are concerns about them operating in Coraopolis. Luckily SHACOG accepted us and they have an agreement with a few carriers so we may be able to piggyback off of that with a company that still does manual pickups. The budget shows a fairly high number for garbage collection which means we would have to raise garbage rates quite a bit, but it is also a high cost.

Mr. Flasco said did they give you a study about the alleys?

Mr. McCutcheon said I have not seen it yet and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion. Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to come out of Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Mr. Szabat seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to hire Jonathan Bradford for an officer in the Police Department. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen Yes

Rudy Bolea Yes

George Mihalyi Yes

Allison Marine Yes

Gary Flasco Yes

Kim Haskins Yes

Joe Szabat Yes

Motion carried.

Ms. Haskins made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Meeting Adjourned.