

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL PRE/POST MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022**

A pre/post meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237. The meeting was also held virtually via remote audio and video conferencing.

Council President John Parks called the meeting to order.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jiang Li present
Brian S. Malkin present
Lucas R. Myslinski, Vice President present
Uday Palled present
John P. Parks, President present
Thomas C. Schwartzmier, Second Vice President present
Junior Councilperson Jackie DiGiacomo absent
Mayor Dennis E. O'Keefe present

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Shawn Wingrove, Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. present

SOLICITOR:

Robert Max Junker, Babst Calland present

STAFF:

Zach Brower, Recreation Program Director absent
Gary Bucuren, Superintendent of Public Works present
Cindy Crain, Finance Director/Borough Treasurer present
Rege Ebner, Borough Manager present
Walt Healy, Police Chief present
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary present
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer absent

PRE-MEETING

AUDIENCE: 3 (2 in person and 1 virtually)

OLD BUSINESS - None

AGENDA REVIEW - The following May 18, 2022 regular meeting agenda items were discussed:

- Public Hearing Ordinance No 666-2022, Farmers' Markets – Mr. Junker briefly reviewed the public hearing procedures. Both Soergel Orchards and the Kaelin Farm Market were made aware of the pending ordinance. Mr. Palled arrived at this time.
- Ordinance No. 667-2022, Peddling and Solicitation Amendments – Mr. Junker briefly reviewed that the ordinance was amended to account for farmers' markets and food trucks, as well as some additional changes due to things that have come up since the last time the ordinance was restated.
- Ordinance No. 668-2022, dedication of right of way – Mr. Junker noted that this ordinance would be introduced tonight. It is a variation of our street acceptance ordinance. It is accepting a dedicated strip of land along Brandt School Road in front of the Summer Fields properties.
- Orchard Hill Church Pavilion Project – The plan came through approximately one year ago, and reapproval is now necessary so they can get started on the project. There are no changes to their plans.

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- RJM Wireless proposal recommendation by the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) – The TAC recommendation is to accept the proposal from RJM Wireless to look at the issues with radio communications and cellular communications in the Borough and to make recommendations. Council discussed and concurred to move forward with the motion on the regular meeting agenda this evening to accept the proposal.

MANAGER'S REPORT DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Evaluation of Log House at 2634 Big Sewickley Creek Road – LSSE and Architect Steve Paxton originally came in with a proposal of \$58,000 to evaluate all three structures on the property. Since the budget amount is \$40,000, they were asked to revise the proposal to only include the log house. The revised proposal is approximately \$25,500, which is under budget.
- Road Tour – The road tour was confirmed and will start at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 21st.
- Historical Committee Request regarding Bicentennial – The Historical Committee is requesting to have a social media site and a website (or a portion of the Borough's website) for the Bicentennial Celebration. They would like to lock down some accounts and URLs. Council concurred that the Committee could move forward.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS & MAYOR

- Mr. Palled has been promoting the Comprehensive Plan to residents. He attended the Planning Commission meeting. The WetGo car wash application progressed, but it will go back to Planning Commission next month. The Nicholson Heights application still has to address some issues and will also go back to the Planning Commission next month. The conditional use application for a garage will move on to Council in June.
- Mr. Malkin received a visit from a resident on Lenora Drive who indicated that she is happy we are recycling glass, but it is very loud. The resident asked if the glass recycling container could be moved to Blueberry Hill Park. Council discussed some of the cons of relocating the glass recycling container to Blueberry, and they will continue to consider the matter.
- Mayor O'Keefe received a question from a resident asking why the Borough only replaces section of curbs. Mr. Bucuren and Mr. Ebner indicated that it would be cost prohibitive to replace all curbs.
- Mr. Schwartzmier asked if Council needed to extend the Public Works/Parks contract, and Mr. Junker indicated that it was not necessary. Mr. Schwartzmier also noted that a resident had commented that the masonry around the electronic sign looks bad and should be cleaned. Mr. Bucuren will take a look at it.
- Mr. Parks asked about the community garden. Mr. Ebner noted that they have broken ground, and Mr. Junker had reviewed the documentation and recommended several changes. Four residents are interested in plots. The fencing is ready to be installed after the area is leveled. Mr. Parks also asked about the status of the trails grant, and Mr. Ebner noted that the grant deadline is June 15th.

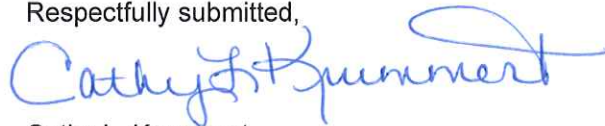
EXECUTIVE SESSION – An executive session was held to discuss the Public Works/Parks contract, a potential property purchase, a potential property acquisition and the Hartman Farms litigation.

The regular meeting was held from 8:00 p.m. to 9:02 p.m.

POST-MEETING

As there was no further business, no post meeting was held.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary