

**MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
LOCATION - FORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
JULY 28, 2005**

- CALL TO ORDER** Council President Steve Kozuch called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- AUDIO TAPED** Council President Kozuch informed everyone the meeting is being audio taped.
- ROLL CALL** Terry Tokarek, Homer Pendleton, John Rudosky, Steve Kozuch, and Tim Malec were present. Dan Cousins arrived at 4:32 p.m.
- ATTENDANCE** Solicitor Frank Allan Wolfe, Jennifer Bellas - Armstrong County Planning, and Gene Banks - Planning Commission were also present.

FORD STREET RESTORATION PROJECT

Councilman Malec explained that the water line bids should be rejected and rebid because, after speaking with other contractors, he believes that other contractors will do the project for a lesser cost.

Jennifer Bellas stated that the options for the project are to redesign the project and rebid it, to find additional funds, (such as Penn Works and the Hometown Streets Safe Routes to School), or to cut project costs and the project scope and possibly rebid the project. Bellas stated that she does not think that Penn Works fits the project, and that the Hometown Streets is a better fit.

A lengthy discussion took place.

Councilman Malec made a motion to reject the three waterline bids that were opened on 6-1-2005. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to submit the Hometown Streets Grant. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Kozuch stated that Pendleton and Malec need to set up a work session with Bellas. Bellas would like to have everything worked out by the beginning of September, so she can work on it.

Councilman Cousins left the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Councilman Rudosky stated that he is willing to have a Special Meeting. Councilman Pendleton is to confirm a meeting with Jennifer on 8-4-2005 after 5:00 p.m.

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A discussion about rebidding took place.

Councilman Pendleton made a motion to reject the brick replacement bids.

A short discussion took place.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Malec made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Rudosky. Motion carried. 5-0 Unanimous Entered into Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.

RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to exit Executive Session and re-enter into Regular Session. Seconded by Pendleton. Motion carried. 5-0 Unanimous Re-entered into Regular Session at 5:38 p.m.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Councilman Pendleton withdrew the motion he made before Executive Session.

PARKING METERS

Councilman Pendleton stated that there are over 200 meters that need replaced. There were no prices available for the cost of replacing the meters, so no action was taken.

TRASH DAYS

Councilman Pendleton stated that it would be easier for Pete Milito if dumpsters were placed for people to place items in. Pendleton stated that he thinks the trash should be picked up. Councilman Malec stated that a limit must be placed on the amount of trash permitted to be dumped. Council is awaiting an answer from Pete Milito about picking up metal. Rudosky stated that action will be taken at the regular August meeting.

PARKING METERS

A discussion took place concerning the repair of parking meters.

OFFICE STAFF

Councilman Pendleton explained that he spoke with Dave Wolfe concerning Katherine Czekanski working more than 120 days until she leaves in August. Wolfe stated that is was ok as long as it is a one-time ordeal. Councilman Rudosky stated that he also spoke with Wolfe who told him that he didn't have a problem, and asked that Council put it in writing that it is a non-precedent setting. Councilman Kozuch stated that Czekanski can work up until August 26, 2005.

Councilman Rudosky stated that Dave Wolfe also stated that the volunteering of Mary Gemmill is permitted as long as it is submitted in writing as a non-precedent setting. The Borough Secretary is to contact Rick Wolfe concerning insurance purposes on this volunteer.

Councilman Tokarek commented about making it mandatory for summer labor [to complete working the entirety of the days they were hired for.]

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS

Councilman Malec explained moving Brandon Perpich to 7th Avenue Playground as Playground Supervisor. Secretary Bittner explained that anyone working the playground must be trained by Community Action.

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Councilman Rudosky made a motion to hire Krista Malec as Playground Supervisor, if permissible by the Community Action Training Program, as needed. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion carried. 4-0 Councilman Malec abstains.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

8-8-2005

Councilman Rudosky had no comments at this time.

Councilman Tokarek had no comments.

Solicitor Wolfe stated that there was an issued that Councilman Rudosky handled with Jack Heim. Rudosky stated that Heim negotiated a settlement with Solicitor Wolfe concerning a matter with the Housing Authority. Rudosky stated that the Housing Authority had received a shut-off notice and should not have due to the settlement.

Councilman Rudosky stated that Solicitor Wolfe had worked on the Police Employment Agreement with him. He explained that there is one unresolved issue with the agreement.

Councilman Malec spoke about the Brentzet quote for the fire hydrant.

Council President Kozuch stated that there was nothing to vote on for the hydrant.

Councilman Pendleton had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Rudosky made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Tokarek. Motion Carried. Unanimous 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary

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