

PRESIDING: Woody J. VanSciver, President

INVOCATION: Gerard J. McGlone, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL:
 - Council President VanSciver
 - Council Vice President Raymond
 - Council Member Crawford
 - Council Member Edge - ABSENT
 - Council Member Lynch
 - Council Member Smith - ABSENT
 - Council Member Vike
 - Mayor McGlone

2. Council President announces that copies of the Agenda are available at the Press Desk. This is a Work Session of Council and, as such, there is no public forum scheduled; however, citizens/taxpayers are invited to offer comments during the discussion phase of each agenda item.

COUNCIL RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A LEGAL MATTER

3. RESOLUTION NO. 583 – SO. WARREN AVENUE CURBS, SIDEWALKS & STAMPED CONCRETE PAVERS:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynch, seconded by Council Member Raymond and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 583, a Resolution to apply for Grant Funding to the Chester County Department of Community Development for Curbs, Sidewalks and Stamped Concrete Pavers on South Warren Avenue.

4. Public Safety Committee Recommendations from McMahon Associates Report re. Mid-Block Crosswalk on Channing Avenue – Council Member Crawford reported that the Public Safety Committee met to review the McMahon Report and the Committee recommends eliminating two parking spots on the west side of Channing Avenue between the two driveways at the Church parking lot, installing a 25 MPH speed limit sign at the entrance to Channing from First Avenue, and that in the afternoon require St. Patrick's to change the parents pick-up procedure to exit onto Roberts Lane from the Church parking lot. The Committee felt the recommendations were reasonable. The Committee also felt that rather than having a time restriction during school hours only on the parking spots between the two entrances to the Church parking lot, that it should be a twenty-four hour restriction with no parking. The Committee feels that St. Patrick's should modify their afternoon pick-up procedures, should maintain the continual use of the crossing guards with supervision by administration and monitoring by the Police Department, install a marked crosswalk along the school driveway too provide a designated path for pedestrians and to reduce the potential that students "drift" into Channing Avenue when crossing the driveway in

groups and prior to crossing Channing Avenue. It was recommended that there be constant monitoring to re-evaluate the changes being warranted. It was determined the mid-block crossway is okay to be there and, if the recommendations are implemented, there would be no safety issues.

The Committee recommends that Council adopt these regulations and a committee be formed to include the Chief, the Mayor and a Council Member, with the Committee recommending Council Member Lynch, to talk to Dr. McAdams regarding the recommendations and to insure that St. Patrick's does implement its portion of the recommendations and to explain why they are losing parking spots. Council President VanSciver stated that in the Report about preventing the parking from occurring, it was suggested that these areas should be blocked using traffic cones during the school day, or, alternatively, curb extensions could be constructed to extend the sidewalk area to more permanently restrict parking in the vicinity of the school crosswalk. Council President Van Sciver stated that it is his recollection that the use of the classrooms in the Church building was not made known until after the preliminary plan approval and it is very possible that had it been known, it would have been a requirement for approval to put in flashing lights, a curb extension, etc. If St. Patrick's were to consider these types of improvements at this time, the Borough would support it.

Council Member Lynch stated that he would be willing to meet with Dr. McAdams and Amy Coloian, along with the Mayor and the Chief, to discuss the recommendations. Council Member Vike stated that Roberts Lane is a two-way street, and if cars are exiting onto Roberts Lane, there are sight issues. Exiting onto Roberts Lane may be more of a problem with cars parked close to the driveway exit. Council Member Vike felt that prohibitions for parking at the exit on Roberts Lane on both sides of the driveway should be looked at by the Chief.

The Chief will advise the Manager if parking restrictions are required to be included in the ordinance for No Parking on Channing Avenue between the two driveways at St. Patrick's Church. The Manager will coordinate implementation of the recommendations with Ira Dutter, Supt. of Public Works.

5. Griffith Road Extension and Dedication – Council discussed the recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the 28' cartway width and acceptance of dedication of the roadway for the Griffith Road extension adjacent to the T.A.G. Builders subdivision on Monument Ave. & Griffith Ave.

Council Member Vike stated that the stub road in the plans went beyond Cherry Lane and ended on the south end of the lots that T.A.G. has under agreement. He stated that the street was made to go all the way through, and the other lots on First Avenue aren't a part of the plan. His reservation is, if we don't get T.A.G. to build the road all the way through, it won't get done. Two houses will not support the road extension.

Council President Van Sciver stated that if the Borough accepts dedication of the road, a Homeowner's Association would not be needed. He stated that he would support the dedication with one caveat. He doesn't think the Borough has any rights until the end of the road, but the developer has rights and he would suggest the caveat to include from the end of that road to First Avenue there would be a hardened

pedestrian path. He favors continuing the linkage that was intended in the Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Vike stated that this clearly appears to be a part of the Borough street grid and it should be a borough road. It is in the heart of the grid work. Our preference would be to have it go all the way through.

Council Member Lynch stated that he, too, is in favor of having the roadway go all the way through to First Avenue.

Council Member Vike reported that the Planning Commission's preference was to have the road go through, but there was not a majority thought to compel the developer to build the road to First Avenue.

Council President Van Sciver feels that if he wants the borough to take ownership of the road, they should build it all the way through.

6. Future Capital Considerations – In reviewing the future improvements that were identified in the Revitalization Plan, Comprehensive Plan and Council's Capital Expenditure Plan, it was felt that parking at the shopping center should be removed from the list, as well as the Greenway Trail from Randolph Woods to the Paoli Battlefield site.

While reviewing the list, the Manager reported on a telephone call she received today from Kay Bainbridge regarding certified natural habitats. She explained that Mrs. Bainbridge had spoken to both Mary McLaughlin from Willistown Township and Bonnie Van Alan from the Willistown Conservation Trust and they are both very interested in certifying Randolph Woods as a natural habitat. Mrs. Bainbridge believes there may be grant funding available for a project such as this and, if the Borough is interested, she offered that Susan Cooker may be willing to attend a future meeting to explain the certification process. The Manager also reminded Council of the \$5,000 grant award to build a small bridge across the creek.

Council President Van Sciver stated that we had previously attempted to persuade Willistown Township to acquire a property adjacent to Randolph Woods to construct a small entrance to the park from the Willistown side. This was met with resistance, although it is the Willistown residents who mostly access the park. Council President Van Sciver stated that he would not be opposed to an entrance from the Willistown side and he feels the State loves to see intermunicipal cooperation when considering grant applications. He feels that more activities should take place at the park to raise awareness of the park. He also thought we might consider some kind of water structure from the closed-off water well to generate some interest in the park.

Council agreed to invite Ms. Cooker to a future meeting of Council and the Manager will discuss with Mary McLaughlin an entrance to the park from Willistown.

Council Member Vike stated that he had met with Sarah Bones and Alex Van Alan at the site and it was recognized that by maintaining the status quo of the site it had the potential to degrade the resources on the site. The pine grove has pretty much reached its life span. Rather than spend money on items, money may be better spent on natural things.

Council President Van Sciver reminded Council that Tony Dufour had volunteered to identify species and prepare a plan for the site.

When reviewing the Capital Considerations, it was also pointed out that if a developer came along, it might be good for them to know about some of the things along King Street that are being considered; i.e., parking garage, overhead wires being buried, pedestrian facilities plan, parking lot, etc.

The Mayor noted that a community facility would not have to be physically located in the Borough.

Council President Van Sciver asked that the members of Council review the capital considerations and prioritize three items that they would like to see completed. These items will be discussed at the March Work Session of Council.

7. Implications of Future Development in the Borough – Council President Van Sciver asked Chief McMahon if additional police officers would be needed if there were 200 more residential units in the Borough. The Chief responded that he would have the option of using a part-timer if it was felt additional officers would be needed at night. There should be no difference if the units were rental or owner-occupied.

8. Rain Gardens and More Workshop – the Manager reminded everyone about the workshop being held on Saturday, February 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Penn State Brandywine Commons Athletic Building in Media on “Designing and Constructing Rain Gardens” and “Installing and Operating Rain Barrels”. The Admission is free to all Borough residents.

9. Home Rule Charter Public Hearing – Council President Van Sciver reported on the Public Hearing of the Government Study Commission for a Home Rule Charter and explained some of the changes that are being considered. The handouts presented at the public hearing were distributed to Council. It was reported that all documents are currently on the website.

10. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Survey – the Manager reported that the DVRPC is creating a long-range plan for the year 2035 to help guide future development and transportation investments and is taking an on-line survey about regional land use, environmental, economic and transportation issues and to learn more about the Connections plan. Council received business-size cards that gave the website address for the survey and the Manager encouraged Council to participate in this survey.

11. Permanent Agenda:

Septa Tunnel
Randolph Woods/Greenway Link
Community Center/Recreation
North & South Warren Ave. Sidewalks
Revitalization Plan/Main Street
Traffic Calming
Truck Traffic (No. and So. Warren Ave. and PA Ave. Extension to E. W. Twp.)
Infrastructure Improvements

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12. Adjournment:

All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Lynch, seconded by Council Member Crawford and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Kelley
Secretary/Manager