

**BOROUGH OF HOMESTEAD
221 EAST 7TH AVENUE
HOMESTEAD, PA 15120**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 13, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Public Hearing

See transcription.

Council President Benton called the February 13, 2020 regular meeting of the Homestead Borough Council to order. Mayor Esper was asked to lead the pledge of allegiance. Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Donnie Stevens and Banjo they passed.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO ROLL CALL: Drew Borcik, by phone, Wanda Burwell, Min. Connie Burwell, Lloyd Cunningham, Don Dais, Mary Nesby, Rev. Louise Benton, Mayor Esper, Chief DeSimone, Fire Chief Eads, Engineer Gilliland, Solicitor Heminger and Code Enforcement Parms.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A couple talked about the liquor license. They were against it.

Duane Schulte talked about civil service. There was a discussion taken on this.

Mary Ellen – talked about a meeting in the bathroom. Ms. Chapman stated that the Borough Code only permits borough residents and tax payers to talk at a Borough meeting.

M-1 A motion was made by Min. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Borcik to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2020 & January 16, 2020 meetings. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham and President Benton voted yes. Ms. Burwell, Mr. Dais and Ms. Nesby voted no. Motion carried.

President of Council

President Benton gave her report.

Borough Solicitor

No Report

Borough Engineer

Engineer Gilliland gave his report.

Mayor

Mayor gave her report.

Fire Chief Eads

Fire Chief gave his report.

Police Chief DeSimone

Police Chief gave his report.

Code Ms. Parmis

Ms. Parmis gave the report.

Manager

Ms. Zang gave her report.

M-2 A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Min. Burwell to pay the bills as per the bill list dated January 13, 2020 in the amount of \$239,789.50. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, and President Benton voted yes. Ms. Burwell, Mr. Dais and Ms. Nesby voted no. Motion carried.

M-3 A motion was made by Ms. Nesby, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to reapprove the Subdivision Application for a 2-lot consolidation plan from M & J Big Waterfront Town Center II, LLC and EPC Real Estate Group, to construct a 5-story, 251-unit apartment complex with a 302-space parking garage on property located at 185 and 201 West Waterfront Drive in the WDD Zoning District of the 1st Ward; with the condition that the 10-foot Duquesne Light Company easement in parcel 89-H-55 is abandoned prior to the subdivision plan being recorded with Allegheny County Real Estate Department and/or construction permits being issued by Homestead Borough. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Min.

Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Nesby and President Benton voted yes. Mr. Dais had to leave the room for a few moments. Motion carried.

- M-4** A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Nesby to reapprove a Land Development application from M&J Big Waterfront Town Center II, LLC and EPC Real Estate Group, to construct a 5-story, 251-unit apartment complex with a 302-space parking garage on property located at 185 and 201 West Waterfront Drive in the WDD Zoning District of the 1st Ward; with the condition that the subdivision plan is recorded with Allegheny County Real Estate Department prior to plan is recorded with Allegheny County Real Estate Department prior to construction permits issued by Homestead Borough. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dais, Ms. Nesby and President Benton voted yes. Ms. Burwell & Min. Burwell voted no. Motion carried.
- M-5** A motion was made by Ms. Nesby, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to authorize a resolution for the approving of the transfer of PA Restaurant Liquor License No. R-1509 from Bar Fly Inc., to P & I Hospitality Group, LLC located at 820 Amity Street. Upon roll call vote, Cunningham and Ms. Nesby voted yes. Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Min. Burwell, Mr. Dais and President Benton voted no. Motion failed.
- M-6** A motion was made by Ms. Nesby, seconded by Mr. Cunningham authorizing a resolution authorizing the deeds for McLean Playground and Frick Park to be executed and filed with Allegheny County. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dais, Ms. Nesby and President Benton voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-7** A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Nesby to authorize Glenn Engineering to advertise bids for the 2020 Street Paving Project. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dais, Ms. Nesby and President Benton voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-8** A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Min. Burwell to advertise a public hearing at the March 12, 2020 meeting for a liquor license transfer to 238 E. 8th Avenue (Valero Station). Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Dais voted yes. Ms. Nesby and President Benton voted no. Motion carried.
- M-9** A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Ms. Nesby to authorize the Civil Service Commission to advertise test dates for the civil service exam for part-time officers. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dais, Ms. Nesby and President Benton voted yes. Motion carried.

M-10 A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to award the West 14th Sewer Repair Bid to Soli Construction in the amount of \$13,281.00 as recommended by the engineer. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dais, Ms. Nesby and President Benton voted yes. Motion carried.

M-11 A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Ms. Nesby to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Council adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The Homestead Borough Council meeting of February 13, 2020 was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Pelkey
Administrative Assistant