



Homestead Borough Council
Legislative Session

June 17, 2021
6:00 PM

Public Hearing for Liquor License transfer of PA Restaurant Liquor License No. R-12964 from the Marced Group, Inc., 3109 Washington Pike, South Fayette, Bridgeville, PA 15017 to 200 E. 8th Avenue, Homestead, PA 15120. The hearing started at 5:30 pm and ended at 5:50 pm

Call to Order 6:00 pm

Roll Call

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	X
Borough Manager	X	Solicitor, G. Matta	X
Police Chief Desimone	OUT	Fire Chief Eads	X
Code Enforcement	OUT	Public Works	
Engineering, D. Gilliland And L. Hemphill	X		

Pledge of Allegiance

Department Reports

Manager's report

- Juneteenth Holiday
- Learn and Earn Program update
- Duquesne Light Cobrahead replacement update

Public Safety

- Police Chief's report - Mayor gave the report
- Fire Chief's report
- Mayor's report

Department Reports

Engineering

1. Motion to approve CD47 Grant (\$30,000) and to pave the following:
 - a. W. 12th Avenue (West to Sylvan Street) CD47
 - b. Hay Street (11th to 16th Avenue) 2021 Paving
 - c. Sylvan Avenue (13th – 15th Avenue) 2021 Paving

Motion: Mr. Borcik

Second: Mr. Cunningham

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

2. Motion to award the construction of a gravel parking lot at 115 E. 8th Avenue to Creative Enterprises for \$55,650.00.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

Second: Mr. Borcik

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

Building Code

Parking

Public Works

Solicitor is to draft a "No Animals in Park" policy

Public Comment

Agenda Items:

3. Motion to approve April 2021 bill list - \$427,962.71 (*Traveler's bill removed, R. Ernst \$5.85 removed and Petty Cash added \$43.70*)

Motion: Ms. Nesby

Second: Min. Burwell

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	X

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

4. Motion to approve June 2021 payroll – estimate: \$136,459.20.

Motion: Min. Burwell

Second: Mr. Cunningham

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

5. ~~Motion to approve the RuthRauff estimate to repair HVAC on second floor of the Borough Building for \$1,570.00. NO NEED TO APPROVE – ON BILL LIST~~
6. Motion to approve minutes for May 10,2021, May 13, 2021 and June 3, 2021.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

Second: Mrs. Burwell

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	ABSTAINED	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 6 – 0 – 1 abstention

7. Motion to authorize the Borough Manager apply for the COPS grants.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

Second: Mrs. Burwell

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

8. Motion to approve the application to replace sodium vapor street lights with LED Cobraheads through the Duquesne Light program at various locations throughout the Borough locations at a cost of \$109.00 per light with no more than 100 lights.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

Second: Rev. Benton

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

9. Motion to have the Manager and Solicitor update Public Parks usage language to bring before Council for approval.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

Second: Ms. Nesby

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

10. Motion to approve pension plan move to another firm with the exception of the fund that will be charged a fee.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

Second: Mrs. Burwell

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

11. Motion to accept the resignation of crossing guard, LD effective for the school year 2021-2022.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

Second: Rev. Benton

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0 with regrets

12. Motion to approve four-way traffic stop signs at Amity Street at 10th and 11th Avenues based on the Engineer's traffic study recommendations.

Motion: Mr. Borcik

Second: Min. Burwell

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

13. **TABLED** at May meeting

Motion to remove from TABLE motion to approve a surcharge to the businesses in the Waterfront that utilize the Pump Station, amount to be determined at a later date.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

Second: Mr. Borcik

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

14. Motion to approve payment of owed overpayment to the Waterfront Apartments for overbilling of sewage in the amount of \$75,659.19 pending review and approval of Solicitor.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

Second: Rev. Benton

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

15. Motion to dismiss any legal cases pending, filed by previous Solicitor, against AW Construction.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

Second: Mrs. Burwell

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	NO
Rev. Benton	ABSTAIN	Mr. Borcik	NO
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 4 – 2 – 1 abstention

16. Motion to rescind the part-time officer position offered to John Dytko made at the May 13, 2021 Legislative session.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

Second: Ms. Nesby

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	NO
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 6 – 1 – 0

17. Motion to offer John Dytko a full-time officer position pending clearances by the Homestead Borough Police Chief.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

Second: Mr. Borcik

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

18. Motion to authorize to amend pension ordinance.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

Second: Rev. Benton

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X

Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	
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Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

19. Motion to approve Fourth Source LLC to purchase the parking lot located at the corner of West Street and E. 9th Avenue, Lot and Block 130-P-46 for \$3,000.00.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham Second: Min. Burwell

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

20. Motion to approve Henry White as an alternate on the Civil Service Commission.

Motion: Mr. Borcik Second: Mr. Cunningham

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby	X	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

Resolutions

Resolution 2021-08: A Resolution of the Borough of Homestead of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving the transfer of restaurant liquor license R-12964 into the Borough of Homestead from the Township of South Fayette.

Resolution 2021-08 Transfer of Liquor License R-12964

Motion: Ms. Nesby

Second: Mrs. Burwell

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
President Don Dais	X			
Vice President Lloyd Cunningham	X			
Rev. Louise Benton		X		
Mr. Drew Borcik	X			
Min. Connie Burwell		X		
Mrs. JouAl Burwell	X			
Ms. Mary Nesby	X			
Mayor Betty Esper				

Resolution passes: 5 – 2 – 0

Public Comment

Michael Aldrich – 431 E. 9th: MAPS report; out of 1600 solicitations for donations, 88 were returned.

Letresha Dean – 1705 Maple Street: Community event on 8/28 to be held at Frick Park to celebrate the businesses anniversary and the community, giving backpacks to the school. Will be charging vendors, but not residents.

Michael Lisovich – 210 E. 7th Avenue: Veterans Wellness Festival on 6/26/2021

Sidney Hollyfield 321 W. 15th Avenue: Alleyway parking – he needs to park in alley as he has a mobility issue; will be issued a handicap permit for the alley.

Henry Little – 16th Avenue: would like to serve on the Civil Service Commission

Tashay Strothers – 119 E. 11th: discussed an issue with the Borough’s towing company.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn – 7:51 pm

Motion: Rev. Benton

Second: Ms. Nesby

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

NEXT MEETING DATES

Zoning Board – June 23, 2021, 6:00 pm

Planning Commission – June 23, 2021, 7:00 pm

HARB – July 7, 2021, 7:00 pm

Work Session/Caucus – THURSDAY, July 8, 2021, 5:00 pm

Legislative Session – THURSDAY, July 15, 2021, 6:00 pm

Approved

7/15/21
Date

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