

BOROUGH OF HOMESTEAD

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Agenda Setting Meeting

January 13, 2020 - 5:00PM

Council President Benton called the January 13, 2020 agenda meeting to order at 5:07p.m. Present at the start of the meeting were President Benton, Mr. Drew Borcik, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Mary Nesby, Ms. Wanda Burwell, Min. Connie Burwell, Mayor Esper, Police Chief DeSimone, Solicitor Heminger and Manager Zang. Mr. Don Dais arrived to meeting at 5:55p.m.

1. REQUEST TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- none
2. END OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PORTION OF THE MEETING
 - a. The public is encouraged and welcomed to remain in the audience as council deliberates
3. PUBLIC SAFETY
 - a. Police Chief Report- Chief DeSimone provided a brief oral report and stated his yearly report will be provided Thursday.
4. FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL
 - a. Review Bill List- bill list updated to deduct \$72.00 from the total for 2 employees no longer receiving the phone stipend. Council agreed and past practice shows that the phone stipend was always made available to the President of Council. Rev. Benton will continue to review the bills along with the Vice President. Rev. Benton will receive copies of the monthly bank statements.
 - b. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures to date
5. PRESIDENT-COUNCIL REVIEW
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Old Business
 1. Bids received for the 2009 Ford Crown Victoria- David Kolas winning bid in the amount of \$1,510.
A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Ms. Burwell to accept the winning bid from David Kolas in the amount of \$1, 510 for the 2009 Crown Victoria. Upon a roll call vote Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Nesby, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham and President Benton were in favor, motion carries.
 2. 2020 Budget Re-opened
A motion was made by Min. Burwell and seconded by Ms. Nesby to re-open the 2020 budget. Upon a roll call vote Ms. Burwell, Ms. Nesby, Min. Burwell and President Benton were in favor and Mr. Borcik and Mr. Cunningham were opposed. Motion carries 4-2.
President Benton stated the purpose of the budget being reopened was to review any concerns
 3. Jordan Tax Service- Ms. Nesby expressed concern over how the motion was originally made. Solicitor Heminger stated he researched the concern and under Section 705 and 706 of the Sunshine Act the motion was made adequately. Solicitor Heminger reminded members of council it is important not to abstain from a motion unless they had a specific legal reason to.
Rev. Benton mentioned that all received copies of the Elected Officials Manual. Ms. Burwell
 4. Paychex Payroll Service- not moving forward at this time.
 - ii. New Business

1. Alcosan Transformation of 12th- update on proposed project provided by Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Dais.
2. Committees appointed by the President
3. Zoning Hearing Board Appointment- Ken Lloyd only letter of interest received. Hold until Thursday meeting.
4. Planning Commission Appointment
5. Vacancy Board Appointment
A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Borcik to appoint Mr. John Burwell to the Vacancy Board. Upon a roll call vote Ms. Nesby, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Borcik, Mr. Dais and President Benton were in favor of the motion. Ms. Burwell and Min. Burwell both abstained from the motion.
6. Steel Valley Enterprise Zone
A motion was made by Rev. Benton and seconded by Min. Burwell to appoint Ms. Mary Nesby to represent Council and Brett Gilliam to be the business representative to the Steel Valley Enterprise Zone. Upon roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.
7. Connect Committee Member
A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Dais to appoint Mary Nesby as the representative from Homestead for the Connect Committee. Upon roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.
8. Steel Valley Council of Governments Delegates
A motion was made by Mr. Borcik and seconded by Ms. Nesby to appoint Mayor Esper as a representative to the Steel Rivers Council of Governments. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.
A motion was made by Ms. Burwell and seconded by Mr. Cunningham to appoint Mr. Borcik as a representative to the Steel Rivers Council of Governments. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.
9. Solicitor Appointment- Brucker & Porter
A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Borcik to appoint Joseph Heminger, Brucker & Porter as the Borough Solicitor. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.
10. Engineer Appointment- Glenn Engineering
A motion was made by Mr. Borcik and seconded by Ms. Nesby to appoint Glenn Engineering as the Borough Engineer. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.
11. Auditor Appointment and Engagement
A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Ms. Nesby to appoint Mark Turnley & Associates as the Borough Auditor. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.
A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Borcik to prepare a letter of engagement with Mark Turnley & Associates. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.
12. Newspaper of Record- Valley Mirror
A motion was made by Mr. Borcik and seconded by Mr. Cunningham to name the Valley Mirror as the Newspaper of Record with the Borough. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.
13. Depositor of Record- First Commonwealth Bank

A motion was made by Mr. Borcik and seconded by Ms. Nesby to name First Commonwealth Bank as the Depositor of Record. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

14. Munhall Prehospital Services request to increase budget to \$15,000 for 2020.

A motion was made by Mr. Borcik to increase the budget to \$5,000. The motion did not receive a second.

A motion was made by Ms. Nesby and seconded by Mr. Dais to increase the budget to \$10,000. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor with Mr. Cunningham stating his vote was yes, contingent on budget being reorganized except Mr. Borcik, motion carries.

b. Informational

i. November 2019 Minutes

ii. 2018 Draft Audit Report

6. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

7. SOLICITOR / EXECUTIVE SESSION- the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. with an executive session immediately following, possible public portion after executive session.

8. ADJOURN – 8:50 p.m.