

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

**CONTINUATION OF HEARING
08 SEPTEMBER 2016
7:00 P.M.**

A continuation hearing was held regarding the Homestead Bakery Lofts project located at 225-235 East 7th Avenue, Homestead, PA, by Action Housing.

Mr. Cunningham recused himself from the hearing. Ms. Broadwater called the hearing to order.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Cunningham – Recused
 Ms. Broadwater – Present
 Mr. Borcik – Present
 Ms. Burwell – Present
 Ms. Mariner – Present
 Rev. Benton – Present
 Rev. Turner – Absent

Action Housing presented information and several documents taken into exhibit. Homestead Building Code Officer Dan Hankins also testified. A stenographer was present during the hearing for official transcripts.

M1 - A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Mariner, to approve Action Housing 225-235 East 7th Avenue Conditional Use Request – 26 Unit Apartment Building and Retail with the condition of finalization of lot consolidation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Broadwater – Yes
 Mr. Borcik – Yes
 Ms. Burwell – Yes
 Ms. Mariner – Yes
 Rev. Benton – Yes

Motion Carried 5 – 0. Hearing adjourned.

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
08 SEPTEMBER 2016
7:20 P.M.**

Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order.

The pledge of allegiance was lead by the Mayor.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL: Rev. Turner – Absent
 Rev. Benton – Present
 Ms. Mariner – Present
 Ms. Burwell – Present
 Mr. Borcik – Present
 Ms. Broadwater – Present
 Mr. Cunningham – Present
 Mayor Esper – Present
 Police Chief DeSimone – Present
 Engineer Gilliland – Present
 Solicitor Bernie Schneider – Present
 Building Inspector Dan Hankins – Present
 Borough Manager Matt Staniszewski – Present

REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- The cross guards had requested Council look into their uniform requests
- Ms. Campbell indicated in Resolution 2016-09 that 80 replacement light globes would be installed and not 90.

M-1 Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to pay the bills as per the bill list in the amount of \$153,301.93. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Benton, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Mariner, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Ms. Burwell and Ms. Broadwater voted no. Motion carried 4 – 2.

- M-2** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to approve Dan Kelly's pension in the amount as per contract and calculated by the borough's actuary after final pay, effective September 11th, 2016. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Benton, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Broadwater, Ms. Burwell and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0. Mr. Borcik thanked Mr. Kelly for his years of service. Mayor and Council echoed Mr. Borcik's comment.
- M-3** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to authorize for Sheriff Sale Parcel #130-K-310 (East 9th Avenue) at VooDoo's expense. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Benton, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Broadwater, Ms. Burwell and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-4** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Burwell, to rescind a previous motion authorizing the food truck round up dates under the bridge to be on the last Saturday of the month, and to approve an amended motion authorizing the food truck round up dates under the bridge to be on the first Saturday of each month. Upon voice vote, motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-5** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to approve Resolution 2016-8- L&B #0130-L00098 327 East 11th Avenue – Vacant Property Review Program. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Mariner, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Ms. Broadwater and Rev. Benton voted no. Motion carried 4 – 2.
- M-6** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Ms. Broadwater, to approve Resolution 2016-9-Decorative Street Lighting – 8th Avenue. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Benton, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Broadwater, Ms. Burwell and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-7** Motion was made by Rev. Benton, Seconded by Mr. Borcik, to approve certificate of appropriateness for 207 East 8th Avenue per recommendation by the HARB. Upon voice vote, motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-8** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to adopt Ordinance 2016-08- Mercantile Tax Ordinance Revision. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Benton, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Broadwater, Ms. Burwell and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-9** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Burwell, to authorize Keystone Collections to file liens on past due 2013 taxes. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Benton, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Broadwater, Ms. Burwell and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

M-10 Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to appeal the status of taxable to tax exempt at the location of 100 East 14th Avenue. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Benton, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Mariner, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Ms. Broadwater and Ms. Burwell abstained. Motion carried 4 – 0.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Cunningham gave his report on working with ALCOSAN on future projects. He reminded everyone of the Frick Park Public Meeting taking place September 28th and the Pumpkin Festival taking place on October 8th now in its 5th year.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Gilliland gave his report. A copy was submitted to Council.

MAYOR ESPER

Mayor Esper expressed concern to Code Enforcement about alleged ex-convicts living in a home on East 12th Avenue that is owned by a minister. The solicitor indicated the Borough tightened the ordinance as best as possible while still remaining compliant with the Religious Right Restoration Act. Mr. Cunningham stated it's a challenge in every low income area to enforce several unrelated people living in a house.

Mayor Esper expressed concern about rats and raccoons in the borough. Ms. Burwell agreed we need to clean up the borough. Mr. Cunningham indicated the borough is addressing the problem with rats and raccoons on a case by case basis.

Mayor Esper had questions regarding the vacant property program and how it works. Mr. Cunningham indicated it is a method to clean up property titles.

Mayor Esper expressed concern regarding the liens being filed by Keystone Collection and particularly properties that are jointly owned by the Redevelopment Authority where titles may already be in the process of being cleared.

M-11 After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to amend the previous motion (M-9) to only file liens on properties that do not jointly share title with the Redevelopment Authority. Upon voice vote, motion carried 6 – 0.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief DeSimone reviewed his written report highlighting several items.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Hankins gave his report. A copy was submitted to Council.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Staniszewski gave his report. A copy was submitted to Council.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew D. Staniszewski, MBA
Borough Manager/Secretary
Chief Administrative Officer