

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

MAY 5, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on May 1, 2014, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Robert Howard, Nedward Jacob, Gregory Gebauer, Gary Anderson, Lou Radkowski, Sally Geyer, Robert Mohr, Manager David Greene and Solicitor Thomas Wagner.

City Staff: Matthew Pfeufer, Zoning Officer

VISITORS

Visitors included: Mary Ellen Smith, Warren Stewart, Katie Weidenboerner, Amy Cherry, Colin Deppen, Richard Sadley, Tina Gradizzi and John Copelli.

PROCLAMATION: National Nurses Appreciation Week

Mayor Howard read and signed a Proclamation declaring May 6th - May 12th, 2014 National Nurses Appreciation week.

The Mayor then presented the Proclamation to Mary Ellen Smith, Chief Nursing Officer, of Penn Highlands Elk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
April 21, 2014**

Sally Geyer made a motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2014, seconded by Gary Anderson and all were in favor.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mayor Howard asked if there were any additional items to be added to the agenda.

Gregory Gebauer requested Traffic Flow in the City be added under letter C.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:
Storm Water Management Act Ordinance**

Solicitor Wagner explained the City has been negotiating with DEP regarding adopting a Storm Water Management Ordinance within the City compared to the County's model ordinance.

DEP has two main issues with the City's proposed Storm Water Management ordinance regarding gravel areas as impervious or slightly pervious and the exemption limit of less than 5000 square feet and its requirements.

Council discussed the issues and the following motion was made.

Motion

Sally Geyer made a motion to submit the proposal to DEP with a date set in July at Council's second meeting for Council's approval.

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Gary Anderson stated he would second the motion if she would amend the motion to proceed with the submission of the proposed ordinance with the following revision:

Under Section 202.1.D.1 strike - and (C.).

Amended Motion

Sally Geyer amended her motion to include the revision stated by Gary Anderson, seconded by Gary Anderson.

Discussion

Solicitor Wagner stated he would make the modification.

Nedward Jacob questioned why there were so many different contacts at DEP and Solicitor Wagner responded one of them was transferred but still was overseeing the project.

Nedward Jacob questioned if DEP's attorneys would approve the proposed revised ordinance and Solicitor Wagner responded DEP has to approve the revision before it is presented to Council in its final form for adoption.

Roll call vote- Amended Motion Passed

On a roll call vote all were in favor to approve the amended motion.

Early Intervention Proposals

Manager Greene explained two proposals were received for the Early Intervention Program. One from Grass Roots Solutions and the second from The Novak Consulting Group. The owner of Grass Roots Solutions is currently employed by Delta Development Group until the end of the month. The newly formed company is in the process of obtaining approval by DCED as a consultant. The Novak Consulting Group has a former Sandy Township Manager as one of their consultants. Council now needed to either appoint a committee or move forward as a group.

Tina Gradizzi stated it was necessary to draft an agenda of the project scope to be used during the interview process.

Motion

Sally Geyer made a motion to appoint Gary Anderson, Lou Radkowski and Nedward Jacob to a committee to review the proposals and bring it back to Council, seconded by Robert Mohr.

Discussion

Gregory Gebauer requested Council be provided with necessary updates.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the appointment of the committee to review the Early Intervention Proposals.

Traffic Flow in the City

Gregory Gebauer requested to discuss the traffic flow in the City. He explained between the hours of 3pm and 5pm it was hard to get around the downtown area due to traffic trying to avoid the construction on S. St. Marys Street. He suggested temporarily removing some of the parallel parking spots along Chestnut Street.

Council discussed the matter and the issue expanded to other areas due to traffic, especially trucks, attempting to by-pass the downtown area.

It was suggested to place "No Truck" signage along problem side streets, increase enforcement, contact

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PennDOT and request review of the traffic lights at Mill and State Streets and to request PennDOT place signage along major routes to direct traffic around St. Marys during the construction.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Howard made the following announcements:

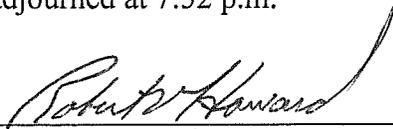
- “Wash Our Town” will be held on Wednesday, May 14th.
- The next Council meeting will be Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Spring Clean-Up Day will be held Saturday, May 17 at the City Garage from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Sally Geyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Recording Secretary



Mayor