

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2020

Borough Chambers * 601 Water Street * Wrightsville

The Planning Meeting of the Borough of Wrightsville governing body convened at 6:33PM on Monday, August 17, 2020. Council President White called the meeting to order and led the salute to the American Flag.

In attendance: Council President White, Vice-President Smith, Councilman Bair, Councilman Gromling, Mayor Albert, Engineer Klinedinst, Secretary Hoff

Participation by phone: Councilman McDonald, Solicitor Nahass

PATRONS:

Peter Schilling – Commonwealth Code Inspection Service, Inc.:

Mr. Schilling relayed to members of council that Commonwealth Code is interested in providing professional services to Wrightsville Brough and can begin providing services at any time with a total of 5 inspectors for York County. Mr. Schilling stated that Commonwealth Code can provide property maintenance, code enforcement and issuing building and zoning permits for the borough. Mr. Schilling stated that the rates are generally based on an hourly rate for commercial properties and a flat rate for residential properties. Mr. Schilling noted that he would provide rate sheet to council for their review.

Marlene Lawrence:

Ms. Lawrence expressed her dislike about the length of grass at her neighbor's property on Orange Street noting that the property owner is a relative of a council member. Ms. Lawrence noted that the grass had not been mowed for 6-8 weeks.

Robin Geesey:

Mrs. Geesey stated to members of council that she walks the town daily and noted that the town looks horrible. She would like for council to address property owners about their unkept properties. Council President White asked Mrs. Geesey to complete complaint forms for properties that she is noticing on her daily walks.

ACTION ITEMS:

Councilman Bair made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-20, a resolution of the Wrightsville Borough Council, York County, to enter into an agreement with Columbia Gas Company to authorize specified street cut at one location into roads that have been resurfaced

less than 5 years ago. Vice President Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve entertainment permit for Historic Wrightsville, Inc. for Heritage Day – COVID style on Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 8am-5pm. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve closing 4th Street from Hellam Street to Locust Street and Locust Street from 4th Street to 3rd Street on Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 8am-5pm for Historic Wrightsville, Inc. Heritage Day. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Bair made a motion to approve entertainment permit for block party on 500 block of Locust Street on Saturday, August 22, 2020 from 5pm-10pm. Vice President Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve closing Locust Street from 5th Street to 6th Street on Saturday, August 22, 2020 from 5pm-10pm for block party. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Bair made a motion to approve entertainment permit, pending proper paperwork is submitted by fire company, for “The End of Summer Bash” being held at Burning Bridge Tavern on Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 12pm-9pm. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve closing North Front Street from Hellam Street to Walnut Street on Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 12pm-9pm for fire department event. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Engineer Klinedinst relayed to members of council that 3 bids were received for Green Infrastructure Plan improvements. Bidders were MacMor Construction, York Excavating Co. and LLC and JVI Group, Inc.

Councilman Bair made a motion to award contract for the Green Infrastructure Plan improvements to MacMor Construction at their lowest base bid submitted, subject to adjusting unit price quantities to meet funding available, with project #1 limited to \$276,650 and project #2 limited to \$303,500, and subject to approval from DEP and DCNR. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Vice President Smith relayed to members of council that during the Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority meeting on August 13, 2020, members of the authority discussed implementing a stormwater fee for all residents. VP Smith indicated that the fee will be assessed per property owner based on amount of impervious square feet each property owner has at their property. VP Smith announced that most property owners will be charged approximately \$7.50 per month. VP Smith relayed to members of council that the billing schedule is to be determined with a billing to be sent by the end of the year. VP Smith noted to members of council that Solicitor Nahass is working on a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to be presented to the stormwater authority for their review.

Solicitor Nahass relayed to members of council that he reviewed the parking violation tickets and Motor Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance and sees no inconsistencies between the violation tickets and ordinance. Councilman Gromling asked Solicitor Nahass “what is an intersection?”. Councilman Gromling stated that he believes that there are too many variables within the ordinance and the entire ordinance needs re-written. VP Smith made a motion to withstand enforcement actions on any violation tickets not paid within 10 working days. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Public Works:

Councilman Gromling started a conversation asking what council would like the public works employees to do with trees that are impeding public right-of- ways. Discussion ended with a motion being made to cut trees that are extending in right- of -way line of any street. Councilman Bair made the motion. Vice President seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Public Safety:

President White relayed to members of council that a quarterly meeting was held with police department.

Councilman Gromling relayed to members of council that he would like to have cameras installed at Riverfront Park when phase II amenities are completed.

Community & Economic Development:

No report

Parks & Recreation:

Councilman McDonald made a motion to approve hanging teal ribbons in an event named “Turn the Town Teal” along poles on Hellam Street for the month of September to promote ovarian cancer awareness. Vice President Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Gromling relayed to members of council that additional staff will be needed to maintain the upcoming park amenities that will be included in Phase II of Green Infrastructure Plan. He asks council to plan accordingly moving forward.

Personnel:

No report

Complaint Committee:

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Date for trick-or-treat in Wrightsville Borough will be discussed at the next council meeting on September 14, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice President Smith made a motion to adjourn the August 17, 2020 Planning Meeting of the governing body of Wrightsville Borough. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Hoff
Borough Secretary