

OFFICIAL MINUTES JUNE 18, 2018

The Regular Meeting of June 18, 2018, of Council for the Borough of Kennett Square was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Monroe Nute Room of the Kennett Fire Company No. 1, 301 Dalmatian Street, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania with President LaToya M. Myers in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Present: *President LaToya M. Myers
Vice President Ethan L. Cramer
Councilmember Wayne Braffman
Councilmember J. Douglas Doerfler
Councilmember Brenda Mercomes
Councilmember Peter L. Waterkotte*

*Mayor Matthew W. Fetick
Borough Manager Joseph C. Scalise*

Absent: *Councilmember James Mallon*

ADOPTION of AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Doerfler and seconded by Councilmember Waterkotte to approve the agenda.

It was moved by Vice President Cramer and seconded by Councilmember Braffman to remove Item #2, Minutes - June 4, 2018, and Item #8, Conditional Offers of Employment from the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion as amended carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Thomas, 406 South Broad Street, referred to the sewer flow chart and shared his belief that it is off by 10 percent. He recommended that any developer outside of the Borough be required to pay a percentage of the cost of the upgrade to our sewer plant or build their own. Mr. Thomas believes we are near 70 percent capacity now and should upgrade to make it run more efficient.

CONSENT ITEMS

President Myers announced that the following Consent Items are deemed approved if there are no objections.

- Minutes of May 21, 2018.
- Bills that were paid since the last Council meeting.
- Accept Certification List – Result of Entry Level Police Officer Testing Process.

There were no objections.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S

President Myers announced Borough Secretary Karen Scherer was awarded the Cecil K. Leberknight Award during the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's annual conference last week. This award is given in recognition of 10 or more years of dedicated service.

FIRE COMPANY

There was no report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief William Holdsworth submitted a written report which was included in the Council packet.

PUBLIC SAFETY and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

The Mayor reported that the committee is holding special meetings for the sole purpose of working on a philosophy for parking matters as well as policies. The meetings are opened to the public with the first meeting being held at Borough Hall Thursday, June 21st at 7:30 a.m.

AMENDMENT of TRAIL EASEMENT AGREEMENT with LAND CONSERVANCY of SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY BOROUGH-OWNED PARRISH PROPERTY

The Borough Manager advised this is an amendment to the Trail Easement Agreement with the Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County executed on December 19, 2011. It is still in the same area of the property however some of the trail has changed slightly due to some washout areas.

It was moved by Vice President and seconded by Councilmember Doerfler to approve the easement agreement as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no comments from the public.

Motion carried unanimously.

**VACATE NO PARKING, SOUTH MILL ROAD – WEST SIDE
MAGNOLIA PLACE SUBDIVISION and LAND DEVELOPMENT (SDDL)**

The Borough Manager advised that as part of the plans for the Magnolia Place SDDL project, no parking was permitted on the west side of South Mill Road. He noted that this area of Mill Road is the same width as State Street which allows room for parking on the west side. He added that Cannery Row Properties, LP needs additional 10 parking spaces which they cannot provide off-street; permitting parking on the west side would provide the required spaces.

It was moved by Vice President Cramer and seconded by Councilmember Waterkotte to approve vacating the no parking as presented.

Councilmember Doerfler advised that the Planning Commission reviewed and supports this request.

The Borough Manager reported that this item was reviewed by the Public Safety and Infrastructure Committee and they support vacating the no parking.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Thomas stated he is against this; it will make this area more of a crowded mess. He commented that no one is supposed to park in front of their homes at Magnolia Place but they do. He is concerned what will happen with traffic when the NVF site is developed and we just keep giving waivers.

Ken Edwards, 412 Meredith Street, commented that he is against this item. The front part of South Mill Road is wide but as you go towards the back, the road narrows and it's difficult for cars to get by one another even if they are going slowly.

Tony D'Ottavio, 516 East South Street, commented that he agrees with the other public comments and stated that the developer has enough land to provide his own parking.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RELIEF from PARKING REQUIREMENTS
CANNERY ROW DEVELOPMENT**

It was moved by Councilmember Doerfler and seconded by Councilmember Braffman to grant the relief of 10 parking spaces as requested.

Vice President Cramer commented that he is against this. This is brand new construction of a brand new project and the developer did not plan enough parking.

Councilmember Doerfler questioned if the Planning Commission reviewed this waiver request.

Myra Miller, member of the Planning Commission, advised the Planning Commission gave their okay of the request.

Councilmember Braffman questioned if the original project included a restaurant.

Ms. Miller responded by saying yes.

Councilmember Waterkotte commented that parking will always be a problem with growth. With the help of the Economic Development Director, we have to do a better job looking ahead and planning.

The Mayor questioned the hours of the restaurant.

Ken Matthews, Project Manager with CD Development Services, responded by saying there are no set hours at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Thomas commented that he is opposed to this saying the project is not done yet and they are asking for more parking. He added that if developers can't provide enough parking then they should not build.

The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 2 with Councilmember Braffman, Mallon, Waterkotte, Doerfler and Mercomes voting yes and Vice President Cramer and President Myers voting no.

COUNCIL, MANAGER and MAYOR COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Doerfler announced that the first meeting for the Municipal Relations Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 27th at 7 p.m. at Borough Hall. They will continue to meet monthly on the fourth (4th) Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Myers adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.


Karen L. Scherer
Borough Secretary