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DREW LEHMAN
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Regular Meeting June 5, 2017 7:00 PM

1. Executive Session 6:00 PM

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

Members:

Council President John Maggio

Council Vice President Drew Lehman

Joan Hodson

Jeff Fabus

Kate Abel

Daniele Ventresca

Robert Palmieri

Staff:

Phil Ross Mayor

Haley Orlofske Junior Councilmember

Mat Davis Chief

John Rushford

5. Registered Comments from the Public

- a. Presentation by Betty Cruz, Director of Change Agency(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Betty Cruz, Director of Change Agency RE: Gave a presentation on her agency and what programs they offer; Helping Immigrants Thrive in Allegheny County.

6. Committee Reports

Properties, Supplies & Planning: Fabus thanked the commissions for their articles in the newsletter and asked present committee members to give an update.

Seth Davis, 3061 Latonia RE: Update on the Planning Commission.

Jason Walsh, 1412 Edgehill Avenue RE: Update on the Traffic & Parking Planning Commission; over 600 replied to the survey.

Fabus informed that his committee is still discussing the holiday decorations. Fabus gave an update on the dog park and briefed on the different scenarios. Fabus briefed on Passive Park and potential development; Dollar Bank has a program where they participate in the community.

Hodson thanked the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Dormont Main Street volunteers for their help with planting the memorial garden.

Hodson thanked Dormont Main Street for planting the two flower beds on Potomac Avenue.

Hodson thanked the following businesses for sponsoring the Dormont Main Street hanging basket program: Diversity, Dormont Public Library, Dormont Historical Society, the Hollywood Theater, MJ Flaherty Plumbing, South Hills Power Yoga, The Borough of Dormont, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania and the VFW.

Hodson thanked all the families/organizations that purchased a memorial bench for Dormont Park.

Fabus informed that Seth Davis had put together a document on Passive Park and stated that the Borough will eventually utilize that document when determining the future of Passive Park.

Public Safety/Service: Abel briefed on a Public Safety Summit that was held on May 8th.

Abel thanked the Police Department and the DVFD for their hard work on Memorial Day.

Chief Davis informed that during the month of May the DVFD responded to 27 calls and had 160 hours of training.

Davis briefed on a meeting he had with the Allegheny County Analytics Team; they helped identify 70 properties that pose a high fatality/high loss risk.

Davis briefed on the new part time code/fire fighter position.

Abel stated that tickets are on sale for the DVFD car raffle; the stand is open 9 AM until 9 PM.

Abel thanked all of the Council member who donated the booze for the bar at the Dormont Hollywood Theater Birthday Party.

Community Affairs/Recreation: Ventresca briefed on her last committee meeting and some upcoming recreation events: Dormont Day, Movies in the Park, Oldies Dance, Name Tag Day, and Dormont Dash.

Finance & Legal: Lehman gave a brief update on the budget.

7. Comments from the Mayor

Mayor Ross briefed on his duties as Mayor with regards to the police department. Ross briefed on the role of the Police Officers and Fire Personnel; the separation of public safety and politics. Ross briefed on an incident last week where council president Maggio requested the presence of a Police Officer for a FODP meeting. Ross stated that the

Police Officer was requested because Maggio was anticipating disruption from another council member. Ross stated that Police Officers will not be a referee to council people who have disagreement.

Maggio informed that he gave the Police Department and the Borough Manager a heads up that a council member would be attending who may cause disruption. Maggio stated that he did call 911.

a. **Motion to:** Motion to Re-Organize.

Lehman stated that Maggio has done more volunteering in the Borough than any other person in the room.

Gerald Neuhauser, 3242 Beacon Hill Avenue RE: Called the question and voted no.

Rushford informed that you must be a member of council to call the motion.

Val Martino, 1460 Tolma Avenue RE: Thanked Fabus for all his volunteer work.

Seth Davis, 3061 Latonia Avenue RE: Davis stated that the arguments among council members are embarrassing. Davis informed that he pulled out of the political process because of the baggage with council that he does not know about. Davis stated that this is why we have resistance with the younger population in politics.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Jeff Fabus
SECONDER:	Robert Palmieri
AYES:	Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri
NAYS:	John Maggio, Drew Lehman

b. **Motion to:** Motion to Close the Nominations for Council President.

Rushford asked for nominations for council president.

Fabus nominated Hodson and Palmieri was the seconder.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jeff Fabus
SECONDER:	Robert Palmieri
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri
RECUSED:	Joan Hodson

c. **Motion to:** Motion to Elect Joan Hodson as Council President.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 2]
MOVER:	Drew Lehman, Council Vice President
SECONDER:	Kate Abel, Council Vice President
AYES:	Jeff Fabus, Kate Abel, Daniele Ventresca, Robert Palmieri
NAYS:	John Maggio, Drew Lehman
ABSTAIN:	Joan Hodson

d. **Motion to:** Motion to Close the Nominations for Vice Council President.

Hodson opened nominations for Council Vice President.

Ventresca nominated Abel and Palmiere was the seconder.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeff Fabus
SECONDER:	Daniele Ventresca
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

e. **Motion to:** Motion to Elect Kate Abel as the Vice Council President.

Maggio asked the audience to read Paul Krugman's article he wrote a few days ago.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Robert Palmieri
SECONDER:	Daniele Ventresca
AYES:	Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Ventresca, Palmieri
NAYS:	John Maggio
ABSTAIN:	Kate Abel

f. **Motion to:** Motion to Close the Nominations for President Pro Tem

Hodson opened nominations for President Pro Tem.

Fabus nominated Ventresca and Abel was the seconder.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kate Abel, Council Vice President
SECONDER:	Robert Palmieri
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

g. **Motion to:** Motion to Appoint Daniele Ventresca as President Pro Tem

Silvia Palmieri, 2737 Espy Avenue RE: Arguments among council.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Kate Abel, Council Vice President
SECONDER:	Robert Palmieri
AYES:	Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri
NAYS:	John Maggio

8. Council President's Report

None.

9. Borough Manager's Report

Estell gave a update for the 2nd quarter financial report.

Estell apologized for not having the flags out on Memorial Day and explained the miscommunication involved.

Estell gave an update on the Potomac Avenue Construction; Columbia Gas has started their work and then the borough's work will begin.

Estell informed that the potential Conservancy Property on Glenmore Avenue has been deemed an unsafe structure by the building/code staff. Estell stated that the existing tenants damaged the property even greater than it had been. The tenants have been ordered to vacate the property and the Borough is working with the proper agencies to help those tenants find housing. Estell stated that the Borough is working on getting quotes from contractors to bring the property up to code.

Estell informed that the neighborhood paving is scheduled to begin on July 5th.

Estell stated that the Borough will be hosting a Sustainable Pittsburgh Meeting in late July.

Palmieri asked about the recent action of the EPA to audit local municipalities in the region regarding stormwater.

Estell briefed on the DEP & EPA audit.

Palmieri thanked the Mayor on his good judgment in voting to keep the Stormwater Authority.

10. Consent Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Drew Lehman, Council Vice President
SECONDER:	Kate Abel, Council Vice President
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

- a. Motion to Approve the Council Meeting Minutes 05-01-2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- b. May Warrant List 2017(Requested by Sherri Pruce, Administration)
- c. Engineer's Report(Requested by Wayne McVicar, Administration)
- d. Motion to Approve Manager's Report for May 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- e. Motion to Approve the Fire Department Year End Report 2016(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council)
- f. Motion to Approve the Fire Department Report April 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- g. Motion to Approve the Police Department Report April 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- h. Motion to Approve May Police Report(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- i. Motion to Accept Code Enforcement Report for April 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- j. Motion to Approve Building and Code Enforcement June Report(Requested by Monica Dahlkemper, Administration)
- k. Motion to Approve April 2017 Zoning Report(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- l. Motion to Accept the May 2017 Zoning Report(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)
- m. Motion to Accept the Recommendation of the Recreation Director to Hire Christina DeAngelis for Seasonal Employment with the Borough of Dormont for 2017.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- n. Award of Potomac Avenue Reconstruction Phase II Contract(Requested by Wayne McVicar, Administration)
- o. Motion to Approve Architect Proposal for Municipal Gym Project(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- p. Emergency Sewer Repair(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- q. Motion to Accept Marie Smith Retirement(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- r. Motion to Approve Reserved Accessible Parking Policy(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

- s. Motion to Hire Jeff Youkers as Code Enforcement/Fire Suppression Officer(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- t. Motion to Accept Recommendation of Chief Davis to Approve Joseph DeFazio for Service with Dormont Volunteer Fire Department(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- u. Motion to Appoint Seth Davis to the Dormont Stormwater Authority(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- v. Motion to Accept Resignation of Rhainnon Haller from the Dormont Stormwater Authority.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- w. Motion to Approve Resignation of Phil McEntee from Dormont Stormwater Authority.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

11. Action Items

- a. Motion to Approve Hollywood Theater Rental Agreement(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Rushford informed that he spoke earlier with Ventresca and because of her sister's involvement with the Theater she is going to abstain.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kate Abel, Council Vice President
SECONDER:	John Maggio, Council President
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Palmieri
ABSTAIN:	Daniele Ventresca

- b. Motion to Approve Ordinance 1622, an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of and Awarding Its \$1,575,000, Principal Amount, Note, at a Private Sale, in Accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniele Ventresca
SECONDER:	Kate Abel, Council Vice President
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

- c. Motion to Approve Resolution #8, 2017, a Resolution of the Borough of Dormont, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Seeking Grant Funding Under the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority ("ALCOSAN") Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program to Fund a Project that Proposes to Reduce the Sewer Overflow at the ALCOSAN Point of Connection in the MH-18 Little Saw Mill Run Sewer Shed.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeff Fabus
SECONDER:	Kate Abel, Council Vice President
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

12. Discussion Items

13. Citizens' Comments

Gerald Neuhaus, 3242 Beacon Hill Avenue RE: Repaving of 9th Alley; Speed bump on Beacon Hill Avenue.

Victoria Salemme, 2616 Voelkel Avenue RE: Potomac Avenue store fronts.

Jane Fontaine, 1564 Tolma Avenue RE: Farmers Market.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at

- a. **Motion to:** Motion to Adjourn.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kate Abel, Council Vice President
SECONDER:	Robert Palmieri
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri