

The monthly Agenda Meeting was held on Monday, July 5, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Callender, Councilman Grillo, Councilman Trozzi, Councilman Koziarski, Councilman Fabry Treasurer Eshbaugh, Public Works Foreman Johnson, Solicitor Yakopec, and City Clerk Cook. Chief Weitzel was also in attendance. Absent was Controller Farina.

GENERAL ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

- 1) Discussed a proposal by the Lower Burrell Boys and Girls Cross Country (Running) Team who would like to use Burrell Lake Park for their home competitions starting the 2016/2017 school year. A proposal was available for viewing. Coach Aaron Frech was available to present the proposal and to answer any questions. Mr. Frech explained the route the team would run and how it would be policed to keep anybody walking safe. The team will need to list the City as an additional insured and continued use of the park will be contingent upon lack of accidents and incidents after the first meet.
- 2) Discussed reappointing George Spiering to the Parks Commission. Mr. Spiering is willing to serve another term.
- 3) Announced executive session held June 13, 2016 from 7:45 to 7:55 PM. The session dealt with a personnel/labor issue.
- 4) Discussed funding for the School Resource Officer. Mayor Callender explained that the school is requesting a 50/50 share of the total cost after the agreement expires on December 31, 2016. The terms right now are a 70/30 split. Upper Burrell is also to be asked to contribute toward the School Resource Officer. The City would request a two-year commitment from the school district with the new agreement.
- 5) Discussed Resolution # 2-2016 pertaining to the construction of the entrance to K-9 Officer Derek Kotecki Memorial Park. This Resolution is in conjunction with a grant. Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Grillo to approve Resolution # 2-2016. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE. 5 "AYES." All in favor.
- 6) Discussed an ordinance necessary for MS4. A committee is needed to be formed to review, put together documentation, and make recommendations. A regional approach was discussed at one point with New Kensington and Allegheny Township. Educating the public is key for compliance. No pollutants from storm water can get into the tributaries. Monitoring discharges and finding out the source of the pollution is necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Janet Ryan and Cheryl Landis, realtors from Century 21 discussed problems that realtors are experiencing with the new ordinance regarding camera inspections in the sewer lines. They discussed the number of inspections that have failed and the costs involved with the inspection. A lengthy discussion ensued. A meeting with realtors and plumbers was suggested to discuss the new regulations.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Councilman Grillo asked Solicitor Yakopec to investigate adding carbon monoxide detectors to the Safety Inspection for Rentals. Mr. Johnson suggested adding sewer lateral inspection also.

Chief Weitzel needs a facility with six rooms for a training session in January.

Mayor Callender commented on New Kensington's 125th parade which was not very well attended.

The following conversation occurred between Mayor Callender and Councilman Grillo and is being transcribed in the minutes verbatim:

Mayor Callender: Joe, I want to apologize to you for swearing at you, that I will apologize to you. I will not apologize for hanging up on you, because it was the only way to stop the conversation that we were getting into.

Councilman Grillo: I accept your apology for the swearing, but I think you still showed a lack of professionalism.

Mayor Callender: Well, let me tell you. Lack of professionalism, when you send an email to me complaining about my lack of class and lack of professionalism, that was fine. I understand that. When you made it public, that crossed the line.

Councilman Grillo: You said you were going to let them know and you said....

Mayor Callender: That crossed the line. So, what I had asked you to do in your department and everybody knew about it including yourself, and you refused the first day and then I said I would do it and you said no, that's o.k. and then I'll cc you. You had no intention of doing it from my understanding because when I called you again to find out if you did it, you were adamant and refused again. And when I asked you for a vehicle usage policy which I checked with the insurance company and yes, we were, we would have been liable, I checked legally with Steve and found out and you still flat out refused and wanted to argue with me, that is when I decided to end the conversation.

Councilman Grillo: That's not the truth. It's not the truth.

Mayor Callender: That is when I decided to end the conversation.

Councilman Grillo: You were, let me....

Mayor Callender: I will let you speak when I am done.

Councilman Grillo: Go right ahead.

Mayor Callender: Within an hour, I had everything that I asked for for you to do. So I want it on public record that you were negligent in your duties as Director of Public Safety and you were insubordinate. And I want it on public record. Now, Joe, if you have something to say.

Councilman Grillo: I have a lot to say. First off, you asked me to do something that I had already done two or three months ago when Chief Weitzel asked me....

Mayor Callender: And there was nothing done about it.

Councilman Grillo: And that was talked to them, and they are waiting for their allotment.

Mayor Callender: When did you tell us that?

Councilman Grillo: You didn't give me a chance. You hung up on me.

Mayor Callender: No, you adamantly refused...

Councilman Grillo: No, you hung up on me.

Mayor Callender: That's exactly right.

Councilman Grillo: And then I was ready to tell you, I meet with the Chiefs and the Presidents, a couple, a few times a year, and the next time I was going to tell you, next time we met, we could talk over this issue. But you showed a lack of unprofessional and class by hanging up on the telephone. And I want that to go on record.

Mayor Callender: That's fine. You've already brought it up that in the public eye, so I want to make clear we're clear, we know each other's stance.

Councilman Trozzi: Let's get to the issue.

Councilman Grillo: The issue, Frank, let me tell you something. The issue of those three police cars that was given to these firemen, it's no different than them having their fire trucks, if you ask them for a vehicle policy for what they use their engine for or their air truck, I don't think we ask for that. I don't know what the difference is, we ask for that compared to those three police cars.

Mayor Callender: No, this vehicle policy is for all fire vehicles, it says it right here. Number one, that's all I wanted them to know that it would not be used for public use, there would be no non-members in the vehicles, that's a liability on the City. And my job is to protect the City and your job is to protect the City, and you flat out refused to do it. Flat out refused.

Councilman Grillo: I did not. I did not. I did not.

Mayor Callender: And I would like to go on and state that everybody has received this one, one is for the Chief. Chief, did you get it? There are two of them there. If there's anything you want added to this, I've

already talked to Tyler and they are going to adopt the same policies, because there is no reason to reinvent the wheel. If there's anything that needs added to this, Steve, I will give you a copy that you can look over.

Solicitor Yakopec: OK.

Mayor Callender: Tyler said that he would be more than happy to add anything to their current policy. Anything else?

Councilman Grillo: Well, I disagree with it. I disagree. Because we could have done that at a meeting.

Mayor Callender: I did it in less than an hour and you refused.

Councilman Grillo: I did not refuse. I did not refuse.

Mayor Callender: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Collection Service Center

Kelly Biddle Cook, City Clerk

Richard Callender, Mayor