

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
May 10, 2021
6:15 pm

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Sunbury was called to order by video/teleconference with the Honorable Mayor Karlovich, presiding. There was a quorum with the following in attendance:

Richard L. Reichner, Director of Accounts and Finance
Joshua Brosious, Director of Public Works
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Joel Wiest, City Solicitor
John Bakowicz, City Engineer
Mike Rhoads, Zoning Officer
Jolinn Barner, City Clerk
Steve Welker, Public Works Supervisor
Jeffrey Wojciechowski, Code Enforcement Supervisor
Derrick Backer, City Administrator
Jerome Alex, City Controller

Visitors present: In Person (1) Zoom (4)

A moment of silent reflection was held prior to the beginning of the meeting for the recent lost of a loved one for City Treasure.

Adjourn Meeting for FFY 2020 Community Development Block Grant Budget Modification

Mayor Karlovich adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm and Jamie Shrawder spoke about the Community Development Black Grant budget modification.

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Karlovich called the meeting to order at 6:19 pm.

FFY 2020 Community Development Block Grant Budget Modification

Councilman Eister made the motion to accept the community block grant budget modification. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held prior to start of the council meeting on 5/4/2021 to discuss personal matters and prior to tonight's council meeting to discuss possible litigation.

Agenda Addition

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to add Police Department Change Order – 1 under New Business. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND REPORTS

The Minutes of April 12, 26, 2021 and reports of the Fire Dept., Police Dept., Treasurer, Engineer, Code Office, and Health Dept. Reports are in the City Clerk's office for review. Minutes will be posted at sunburypa.org. – Mayor Karlovich motioned to approve the minutes and reports. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Karlovich asked for public comment on agenda items. There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-10 Amendment to the 2021-Fee Schedule Removal of Shade Tree Permit Fee/Against Traffic Parking Violation back to \$25.00

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to approve resolution 2021-10 amendment to the 2021-Fee Schedule. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

CDBG-COVID 2020-Amendment to the Subsistence program

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept the Amendment to the Subsistence program. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

SPD Drone

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to allow the city solicitor to sign off on the documentation necessary to move forward and get permission from the federal government. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Bill #221-03 Current Minimum Habitable Square Footage 900 to 400 in Central Business District Rentals

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept the first reading of Bill #2021-03. Second Eister Unanimous vote.

Bill #2021-04 Citizen Police Advisory Commission Ordinance

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept the first reading of Bill #2021-04. Second Eister. Yes – Karlovich, Eister. No – Reichner, Brosious.

Bill #2021-05 Amendment Amend Ordinance Chapter 89 Fireworks Dates and Times

Councilman Reichner made the motion to accept Bill #2021-05. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-11 Medical Marijuana Policy and Procedure

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept resolution 2021-11. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Police Department Weapons Purchase New and Sale of Old

Councilman Eister made the motion to sell the PD weapons to the highest bidder. Second Karlovich. Unanimous vote.

New Business Flags

Councilman Eister made the motion to purchase business flags for the amount of \$850. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

PD Construction Project Change Order #1

No vote was taken.

HARB Approval of Repairs, Maintenance, and Exterior Changes to Northumberland Court House

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to approve the HARB recommendations. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Mowers for DPW

Councilman Brosious made the motion to purchase the one 72” mower for the price of \$11,199, and to come out of the mower repair budget along with any additional funds to be replenished by the general fund. Second Eister. Yes – Reichner, Brosious, Eister. No – Karlovich.

Sale of City Property on Mucibid

Councilman Brosious made the motion to list the items 1-12 with number 11 being Commercial grade hustler 72” Mower with a reserve of \$3,000 on Mucibid. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilman Reichner moved to approve to Pay Invoices/Vouchers General Fund - \$175,390.37 and Liquid Fuels Fund - \$1,219.88. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Tax Exoneration

Councilman Reichner moved to accept the tax exoneration of \$431.93. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Discussion

There was discussion regarding the following topics between council and public officials.

- Municipal Electronics Collection 9/18/2021
- Internship Program with Susquehanna University
- NIMS Training
- 440 Police Station Plan
- Hire Part-Time Park and Recreation Employee
- COVID-19 Restrictions Public Meetings, Open Container, and Tables
- Grants
- City Sponsoring Art, Wine and Jazz Fest

Announcements

Mayor Karlovich announced the following:

Accepting Letters of Interest for City EMA Coordinator due in City Clerks Office by May 20, 2021 at 4pm.

Pre-Submitted Audience Comment

There were no Pre-Submitted Audience Comments

Zoom

Andre Manresa: Mentioned that last meeting a discussion on diversity issues within the city was taken place, and Mr. Manresa would like to see it brought back to the table to see how we can fix it. Mr. Manresa mentioned that he has his own Roku Channel Tv station, and he would like to do a few things for the city to help advertise what goes on within the city. He feels this will help reach the Latin community within the city.

Lindie Lloyd: Mrs. Lloyd wanted to let the city know that she has an email from PLCB that gives a list of people who can sponsor her event. She was told directly that she should ask the city to sponsor. Mrs. Lloyd said she could send the email and contact information for her contact at PLCB if the city would like it. Mrs. Lloyd mentioned that she has her insurance information on file with the city and has collected insurance information from vendors that will be participating.

In Person

Jerome Alex: Asked a question as to how the General insurance budget is calculated since some are over by 20%.

The next city council meeting will be held on May 24th, 2021 at 6:15 pm Via Zoom/Facebook Live.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Rissinger,
Administrative Assistant