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BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 21, 2022

Council President Petrolla called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. Solicitor McDermott, Police Chief Payne, Fire Chief Ireland, and Borough Manager Zahorchak were also present. Ms. Patel, Junior Councilperson Kochupora, and Mayor O'Donnell were absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: The following public comments were received.

Rick Belloli, 1122 Mifflin Ave: Mr. Belloli provided an update concerning the water overflow under his property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2022 Council Meeting. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-2 Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of November 7, 2022 Council Meeting. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-3 Mr. Love moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the general fund in the amount of \$ 96,399.34 and from the sewer fund in the amount of \$3,918.37 for a total of \$100,317.71. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love noted that some notable items in the bill run included payment for roof work at Koenig Field, a new floor in the Police Department, and power washing of the stone wall at Koenig Field. Also included was a compilation of bills from the underwriters. The General Government Committee met to discuss the budget for 2023, with some updates that were made.

POLICE: Chief Payne stated that he had nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney stated that Public Safety and Infrastructure met to wrap up budgeting for 2023. There is ongoing discussion of various items with the Fire Department.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Sherman stated that Community Affairs did not meet.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Dr. Blasiolo stated that Pension and Personnel did not meet.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Mr. Love stated that there was nothing to report, but a meeting is being planned for December.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott stated that a brief Executive Session would be required within the meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak stated that the Edgewood Foundation's Light Up Night is being planned for December 3. The tree for Memorial Park, provided by the borough, has been selected. There will be a concert at the church, carriage rides, and other activities on and around Maple Ave. Street closures will occur in that area for the event, and police will be patrolling. The 2022 paving program should be concluded soon with the exception of Horace Way and the tennis courts, which will be held until spring to ensure adequate temperatures to complete work.

Motions to display the 2023 budget and schedule the budget public hearing are on the agenda with provision to discuss any last changes to the budget. Lines are being painted at the Race and Swissvale intersection, with a change to traffic flow. Leaves are being collected until the middle of December, with the machine running well. Public Works has two vehicles prepared for snow removal. Roof replacement of the shed at Koenig Field is underway. The new floor will be installed in the Police Department after Thanksgiving.

There are a number of items on the agenda for approval including Ordinance 1077, which has been in discussion for some time. There is a motion to approve Knox-box installation on multi-unit buildings, as recommended by Public Safety. This facilitates entry in the event of an emergency. Finally, there is an Ordinance to require rental property registration.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sherman inquired about a line item on the 2023 Budget, with a brief discussion.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Mr. Love read Ordinance 1077- Neighborhood Retail/Distribution/Fulfillment Center (first reading).

An Ordinance amending the Edgewood Borough Zoning Ordinance, Ch. 200, §200-14, Specific Terms, to Add a new Definition for “Neighborhood Retail Distribution and Fulfillment Center”; amending §200-25, to Add “Neighborhood Retail Distribution & Fulfillment Center” as a Conditional Use in the C-2 (Planned Commercial) Zoning District when Located in a Planned Shopping Center; and Amending §200-39HH, to Establish Specific Criteria for “Neighborhood Retail Distribution & Fulfillment Center.” Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-5 Ms. Yaney moved to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise Ordinance 1077. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

Solicitor McDermott distributed an amended motion with an additional phrase for the Conditional Use Application, to clarify that the approval is contingent on, and effective on the date that Ordinance 1077 passes.

M-6 Ms. Yaney moved to Approve Giant Eagle’s Application for Conditional Use Approval, per Ordinance No. 1077, to redevelop and use the property known as Tax Parcel No. 177-L-86, located in Edgewood Town Center, in the C-2 Zoning District, as a “Neighborhood Retail Distribution and Fulfillment Center,” conditioned upon compliance with all ordinance requirements, and subject to approval of its pending application for approval of its accompanying Land Development Plan and any conditions of said Land Development Plan approval. Said approval also contingent upon, and effective solely upon final enactment of Ordinance 1077 as provided under law. Second Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-7 Mr. Love moved to approve, with Conditions, Giant Eagle’s Application for Approval of its Land Development Plan, pursuant to the Borough’s Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, to redevelop and use the property known as Tax Parcel No. 177-L-86, located in Edgewood Town Center, in the C-2 Zoning District, as a “Neighborhood Retail Distribution and Fulfillment Center,” per Ordinance No. 1077, subject to and contingent upon the Conditions set forth in the Decision document attached hereto. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

Solicitor McDermott requested that the timeframe be explained to Mr. Kevin McKeegan, Esq, representing Giant Eagle. Mr. Zahorchak responded that Ordinance 1077 will be publicly advertised, and then voted on for approval at the next meeting on December 5. Mr. McKeegan inquired if an exception was possible in order to adopt the motion sooner. Discussion ensued over requirements concerning the timeline for advertising and motioning for approval of Ordinances. Mr. McDermott noted that if council wished to adopt Ordinance 1077 without waiting until the following meeting, a motion would first need to be passed to amend the agenda, and waive the second and third readings.

M-8 Dr. Blasiolo moved to amend the agenda to strike advertising of Ordinance 1077, and waive the second and third readings in order to pass Ordinance 1077 at this meeting. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-9 Counsel President Petrolla asked, 'shall this motion pass?'

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-10 Dr. Epitropoulos moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1078 (first reading) as amended, raising the maximum fine to \$500, an Ordinance amending chapter 17 of the Edgewood Borough Code of Ordinances by providing for the regulation of Key Lock Boxes within the Borough. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Love inquired about the fee schedule relating to lock boxes. Mr. McDermott stated that the fee needs to be defined through the Ordinance. Discussion ensued over the process to make potential changes to the fee schedule as needed. Further discussion ensued concerning a reasonable fee amount.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

M-11 Mr. Sherman moved to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise Ordinance 1078, as amended. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

- M-12** Dr. Blasiolo moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1079 (first reading), an Ordinance amending the Edgewood Borough Code of ordinances by adding a new chapter regarding residential rental properties for purposes of ensuring compliance with applicable ordinances and codes, regulating residential unit occupancy and providing for registration, triennial inspections, and penalties for noncompliance. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

- M-13** Mr. Sherman moved to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise Ordinance 1079. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

- M-14** Mr. Love moved to make the 2023 Proposed Budgets available for Public Review starting November 22, 2022. They shall be available on the Borough website, in the C.C. Mellor Library and in the Borough Office. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

- M-15** Ms. Yaney moved to hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2023 Budgets on December 5, 2022, starting at 7pm in Council Chambers and advertise for same. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

An Executive Session was held from 8:21pm to 8:45pm.

- M-16** Dr. Love moved to amend the Agenda to add new business, the recission Sgt. Sue Kaskie's resignation. Second by Ms. Yaney.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. **Motion carried.**

- M-17** Ms. Yaney moved to authorize and ratify the borough's acceptance of Sgt. Sue Kaskie's rescission of her resignation from the Edgewood Police Department on February 9, 2022, and to further authorize and direct that Sgt. Kaskie be reinstated and returned to active duty as a Sergeant, effective January 1, 2023, at the contractual rate of pay and with full seniority restored through the date of her resignation. Second by Dr. Blasiolo.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Dr. Epitropoulos, Mr. Love, Ms. Yaney, and Dr. Petrolla. The following responded no: Mr. Sherman. **Motion carried.**

- M-18** It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Dr. Epitropoulos to adjourn at 8:51pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager