Sharon Hill Borough Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 16, 2021

Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance, 7:00pm

Roll Call: Roll Call, present: Council President Terrence Oliver (TO), Vice President Sharon Booker (SB), Councilors Tanya Cavalieri (TC), Hykeem Green (HG), William Felder (WF), Keith Martinez (KM), Mayor Harry Dunfee (HD), excused absence, LaTina Bedford-Dean (TD).

Solicitor Kilkenny (SK) spoke about the qualifications of Kelley Hodge of Fox-Rothschild LLP, and her role on police policy review.

Motion to appoint Kelley Hodge and Fox-Rothschild LLP as special counsel to review police policies and procedures related to the Academy Park High School Football shooting: SB/HG, all in favor, motion passed 6-0.

Kelley Hodge introduced herself and spoke about the scope of the work she will be

Public Comment: Donna, 23 Coates Avenue, the Academy Park shootings and the appointment of Kelley Hodge; Carolyn, made a statement about the shooting; John Zagaro, 89 Francis Avenue, neighbor operating a used car lot on the street; Carol, 846 Chester Pike, property maintenance issues with high weeds and a dead tree; Resident at 222 Sharon Avenue, complaints about the attached vacant house at 224 Sharon Avenue; Ms. Davis, the need for a rental license inspection needed at her residence; Rodney Hill, 326 Laurel Road, speed humps; Janet Holmes, 124 Reese, complaints about a contractor and required permits; Anthony Brown, 79 Ridley Avenue, questions about the basketball courts and youth programming; Bishop Threadgill, 1408 Melrose Avenue, the need for increase police presence; Charmaine, High Street, spoke about an abandoned house, property maintenance and the shooting; John Romano introduced himself as the abatement contractor.

Committee Reports

Councilor Cavalieri

<u>Library</u>: TC read aloud the report. WF added that free museum passes are available at the library. <u>CPCIP</u>: TC spoke about the \$50,000 grant for Norwood and Sharon Hill from Sen. Williams for beautification and streetscaping.

Councilor Hykeem Green

<u>Recreation</u>: HG read aloud Resolution 2021-353 which supports the application to Delaware County Open Space and Greenways Municipal Grant Program for improvements to Weiderwax Park. Motion: TC/SB, all in favor, motion passed 6-0.

HG gave the Ramblers report which included the scores from various games, thank you's to the volunteers who are helping the largest number of players for the organization and acknowledgement that there are two cheer squads for the first time ever. The Homecoming is October 9, beginning at 9am.

Councilor William Felder

<u>Code/Permit Report</u>: WF read the August report which includes U&O's, citation, rental inspections, parking and sweeper tickets.

Councilor Keith Martinez

SHPD and SHFC Reports: KM read the reports aloud.

Vice President Sharon Booker

SB read aloud Resolution 2021-354: Delco Arts Week. Motion to adopt the resolution: WF/TC, all in favor, motion passed 6-0.

SB spoke about the Flea Market and Craft Fair on September 18, the Neighbor-to-Neighbor event on September 25 and the 5th Annual Fall Festival on October 2.

President Terrence Oliver

Finance Reports:

TO read aloud the Treasurer's Report and the Bills List; motion to accept the report, SB/TC, all in favor, 6-0, passed. Motion to accept the Bill List, SB/KM, all in favor, 6-0, motion passed.

TO read the actuary's letter specifying the 2022 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the borough's pensions. The MMO for the Police pension is: \$455,760 and the MMO for non-uniformed pension for \$57,939.

Motion to advertise Caucus Meetings for the remainder of 2021: SB/TC, all in favor, 6-0.

Officials' Reports

Mayor Dunfee gave a breakdown of police activity in August.

Interim Manager Keffer gave a brief report on administrative initiates and fielded questions on amenities at Memorial Park and Weiderwax Park and the upcoming leaf waste collection. Solicitor Kilkenny announced an Executive Session after the meeting

Public Comment: A resident on Garvin thanked the police for doing a difficult job. Kimberly, 210 Foster Avenue asked if street sweeping can be done all in one day, and talked about the shooting and the victims' families. Tracey defended Council on their "silence" related to the shooting and objected to statements made at an earlier non-borough press conference concerning the shooting. Mike, 210 Foster Avenue, spoke about the shootings. A resident, 335 Greenwood Avenue spoke about the shooting, a damaged flag on a streetlight pole, the phones not working in borough hall. Charles Pearson-Bey asked about the leaf waste collection this fall. Rodney Hill, 326 Laurel asked about increased police patrols. Mayor Dunfee spoke at length about the shooting and its impact on the community and the Sharon Hill community in general. Bishop Threadgill, 1408 Melrose Avenue, asked if we have the right street sweeper and if we could build a community recreation center.

Executive session was announced at 9:25 pm.

Adjournment: Council came out of Executive Session at 9:47 pm and adjourned the meeting.

The next Caucus Meeting is Thursday, October 14, 2021

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SHARON HILL BOROUGH, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, approved date: October 21, 2021

Terrence Oliver, Council President

Barbarann Keffer, Interim Borough Manager

Celandra Rice-Adeloye, Interim Borough Secretary

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