



Leo S. Lutz, Mayor
Michael L. Beury, Borough Council President

Robert L. Pfannebecker, Solicitor
Ronald L. Miller, Borough Manager

FINAL AGENDA
COLUMBIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 2015
6:00pm

- I. Opening of Meeting
 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 2. Invocation/Moment of Silence
 3. Pledge to the Flag
 4. Minutes for Approval
 - a. Consider approval of the Borough Council Meeting Minutes for 5/11/15.
 - b. Consider approval of the Special Borough Council Meeting Minutes for 5/18/15.
 5. Presentation of Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2014 by Mike Reiner of Sager Swisher, LLC.
- II. Standing Committee Assignments
 6. The Committee on Public Property
 - a. Presentation by Mark Platts and Jim Warner on River Park Columbia Crossing Building
 - b. Chiques Rock Outfitters vending machine request
 - c. Consider request by St. Peters Catholic Church to use the Columbia Crossing Pavilion for their Parish picnic on Sunday, August 16, 2015, with parking on the meadow north of the Rt. 462 Bridge.
 - d. Consider Resolution 15-11 Recognizing the historic significance of the Mt Bethel cemetery.
 7. The Committee on Highway
 - a. Highway Report - Updates
 8. The Committee on Finance.
 - a. Consider approval of Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2014 as presented by Mike Reiner of Sager Swisher, LLC
 - b. Consider approval of Resolution No. 15-10: Designation of Depositories/Financial Institutions and Authorization of Signatories (revised to include new council member)
 - c. Consider approval of April 2015 Financial Reports including Check Register Report, Treasurer's Report, Budget Performance Reports: General Fund, Capital Fund, State Fund (Liquid Fuels), Waste Water Fund, Tax Collector Report, Municipal Authority and Capital Fund.
 9. The Committee on Municipal Legislation
 - a. Discussion on drafting an Ordinance requiring current registration and/or inspection to park on Borough Streets.

- b. Discussion on drafting an Ordinance regarding help with vacant/foreclosed properties from Community Champions.
 - c. Consider changes to Ordinance No. 748: Streets/Vehicles and Traffic.
 - 10. The Committee on Community Development
 - a. Update on 3rd Street Project
 - 11. The Committee on Public Safety
 - a. Reports: Police/Fire/EMS/EMC/Codes
 - 12. The Committee on Personnel
 - 13. The Committee on Wastewater
 - a. Wastewater Manager Report
 - b. Discussion on considering accepting a \$1,449,952 loan and a \$300,000 grant from the State Alternative and Clean Energy program for a WW plant digestion process.
 - c. Sale of WW Treatment Plant scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2015
 - 14. Secretary/Treasurer
- III. Adjournment

**Columbia Borough Council Meeting of the Whole
May 26, 2015
Paul W. Myers Council Chambers**

Council President Beury called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Barninger, Beury, Ford, Murphy, Smith, Weisser and Welsh
Mayor Lutz was also present.

President Beury led the pledge to the Flag.

Minutes for Approval

Motion: To approve the Borough Council meeting minutes for May 11, 2015.
Motion: Barninger 2nd: Weisser **Voice Vote: All Favored**

Motion: To approve the Special Borough Council Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2015.
Motion: Barninger 2nd: Weisser **Voice Vote: All Favored**

Mike Reiner of Sager Swisher, LLC. presented the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2014.

Borough Councilmembers thanked Mike Reiner and Alyssa Harrison for their work on the 2014 Audit.

STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mark Platts of Susquehanna Gateway Heritage and Jim Warner of Lancaster County Solid Waste proposed a 5 year Cooperative Agreement for a partnership between Columbia Borough and Susquehanna Gateway Heritage for funding and management of the Columbia Crossing Building at River Park. Some of the items discussed were staffing, educational programs and recreational ideas.

Several residents had questions and/or comments regarding the proposed agreement.

Councilmembers decided to move to agenda item 8.a.

Motion: To approve of Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2014 as presented by Mike Reiner of Sager Swisher, LLC.
Motion: Murphy 2nd: Smith **Voice Vote: All Favored**

Councilman Barry Ford read an email from the Borough Solicitor stating that any vending at River Park would have to be submitted for bid. It was also discussed that Council will need to discuss the janitorial position with the Solicitor as there are possible union issues.

Motion: To approve of a Facilities Use Request for St. Peters Catholic Church to use the Columbia Crossing Pavilion/Deck for their Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 16, 2015, with parking on the meadow north of the Rt. 462 Bridge. The fee will

be \$100.00 and they are required to remove all trash from the premises, submit a Certificate of Insurance and clean up the area prior to leaving the property.

Motion: Weisser 2nd: Ford Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: To approve Resolution No. 15-11: Recognizing the historic significance of the Mt. Bethel Cemetery.

Motion: Weisser 2nd: Smith Voice Vote: All Favored

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY

Councilman Smith gave an update regarding Highway Department Projects.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Motion: To approve of Resolution No. 15-10: Designation of Depositories/Financial Institutions and Authorization of Signatories.

Motion: Murphy 2nd: Ford Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: To approve the April 2015 Financial Reports including Check Register Report, Treasurer's Report, Budget Performance Reports: General Fund, Capital Fund, State Fund (Liquid Fuels), Waste Water Fund, Tax Collector Report, Municipal Authority and Capital Fund.

Motion: Murphy 2nd: Ford Voice Vote: All Favored

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION

There was discussion regarding possibly drafting an ordinance which would require current registration and/or inspection to park on Borough Streets. Councilman Ford noted that several existing Columbia Borough Ordinance already cover this issue. Mayor Lutz stated that Borough Ordinance cannot override PA Code.

There was discussion regarding drafting an Ordinance regarding help with vacant/foreclosed properties from Community Champions. Councilman Ford volunteered to speak with Gary Myers, Township Manager for Susquehanna Township, who has had experience with this organization as well as request that the organization do a presentation to Borough Council.

There was discussion regarding changing Ordinance No. 748: Streets/Vehicles and Traffic. This item was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

Councilman Ford discussed his concern regarding train safety. He noted that "Bomb Trains" are a concern for Columbia Borough because of the proximity of the train tracks to the town. He asked Council to support a proposal by Senator Casey regarding this issue. Councilwoman Barninger asked to see the proposal before taking any action regarding this item.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilmembers discussed the 3rd Street Project. They noted that there is a need for more volunteers. Some of the issue is the hours available to volunteer. Some people would prefer to volunteer in the evenings.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY **No Action Items**

COMITTEE ON PERSONNEL **No Action Items**

COMMITTEE ON WASTEWATER

There was discussion regarding accepting a \$1,449,952 loan and a \$300,000 grant from the State Alternative and Clean Energy Program for a Wastewater Plan Digestion Process. Interim Borough Manager, Ron Miller, noted that there is a lot more work to do prior to acceptance of this grant.

Interim Borough Manager, Ron Miller, noted that the Sale of the Wastewater Treatment Plant is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

SECRETARY TREASURER **No Action Items**

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were additional citizen comments regarding several items. Please see attached.

Motion: To not allow the use of Municipal Parking Lots for employees of the proposed Call Center as requested by Bill Roberts in a letter dated 5/18/15.
Motion: Welsh 2nd: Ford
Roll Call Vote: 7-0. All Councilmembers voted YES. Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 10:45pm.
Motion: Barninger 2nd: Smith **Voice Vote: All Favored**

MOTIONED AND APPROVED this 8th day of June 2015, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

BOROUGH OF COLUMBIA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

By: Michael G. Beury
Michael Beury, Council President

ATTEST: Georgianna Schreck
Georgianna Schreck, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer



**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WHOLE
CITIZEN COMMENTS**

May 26, 2015

AGENDA ITEMS ONLY		
Robert Gainer	Discussed parking at River Park.	
128 South 2nd Street, Columbia		
Keith		
104 South 2nd Street, Columbia	Asked why the Columbia Crossing was not open during the Memorial Day Holiday. Discussed kids swimming off the docks at River Park. Asked the Borough to install signage regarding no fishing and no swimming on the docks at River Park.	Councilmembers said they would have the Highway Department look into buying signs.
Megan Bigler	Expressed her opinion regarding the Susquehanna Gateway Heritage's proposal for River Park saying that it was a very good presentation.	
115 South 2nd Street, Columbia		
Frank Doutrich	Asked questions regarding the costs involved with Susquehanna Gateway's Presentation regarding River Park.	Borough Councilmembers answered.
1001 Ironville Pike, Columbia		
Mary Loreto		
115 South 2nd Street, Columbia	Commented about the requested changes to Avenue J.	Councilmembers discussed several options for Avenue J.
Frank Doutrich	Suggested that Council Invite residents of South 2nd St. to a meeting prior to making a decision regarding what should be done with Avenue J.	
1001 Ironville Pike, Columbia		
Ellie Adams	Expressed her concern regarding changing Avenue J. She is not in favor of closing both ends of the Avenue.	Mayor Lutz and Councilmembers discussed the proposed changes and said that the Borough's only responsibility regarding this Avenue is to make sure it is safe.
122 South 2nd Street, Columbia		

	Kettle Works 40 N. 3rd Street, Columbia	Photocopies were passed out to Councilmembers of the proposed outdoor seating area. The owner of the Kettle Works asked Council what he needs to do to achieve his goal of outdoor seating.	Councilmembers discussed the outdoor seating project and asked the owner of the Kettle Works to speak with Jeff Helm initially. They told him that Jeff would be able to tell him if he needs to go through Zoning or not. Councilman Barry Ford said he would speak with Jeff Helm and would get back to him.
Un-named resident		Expressed concern regarding the Outdoor Burning Permit requirement. He feels that \$25.00 is expensive and researched surrounding municipalities and they do not require such a permit. He asked Council to re-consider re-writing this ordinance.	Mayor Lutz and Councilmembers said they would look into the ordinance.
Gerry Hawn 501 Walnut Street, Columbia, PA		Expressed his dissatisfaction regarding the way the Borough handled an issue where sewer water was leaking into the basement of his property for several months.	
Cleon Berntheizel 621 Chestnut Street, Columbia		Noted that he feels that Susquehanna Gateway's presentation would be very good for the Borough.	
Elaine Beckley 150 N. 3rd Street, Columbia		Expressed her concern as to why the Borough would pay off a debt for the fire company so that a private investor could more easily purchase a building and turn it into a private rental. She asked why the Borough won't purchase a new vehicle for the Police Department.	