

**Columbia Borough Council Meeting
July 13, 2009 at 7:00pm
Paul W. Myers Council Chambers**

Council Vice-President Wickenheiser called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Councilpersons present were: Barninger, Beury, Detz, Murphy, Beckley and Wickenheiser. Mayor Lutz was also present. Council President Duncan was absent.

Reverend Misal read the words of Ben Franklin and prayed.

Mayor Lutz led the Pledge to the Flag.

Executive Sessions:

Council Vice-President Wickenheiser announced that the following Executive Sessions were held:

- a. An executive session was held on July 13, 2009 at 6:00 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.
- b. A personnel meeting was held on June 17, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

Citizen comments: – see attachment.

Minutes for Approval

- Motion:**
- a. To approve minutes of the Regular Borough Council Meeting for 6/8/09.
Motion: Barninger Second: Beury Voice Vote: All Favored
 - b. To approve minutes of the Special Borough Council Meeting for 6/29/09.
Motion: Barninger Second: Beury Roll Call Vote: All Favored
 - c. To approve minutes of the Special Joint Borough Council/School Board Meeting for 6/30/09.
Motion: Barninger Second: Beury Roll Call Vote: All Favored

Mayor Lutz:

1. Mayor Lutz noted that Barry Ford of the Columbia Register was involved in an accident over the weekend and wished him a speedy recovery.
2. Mayor Lutz praised Jon Loretto, all volunteers and the Columbia Consolidated Fire Department for a very nice carnival and awesome fireworks display.
3. Mayor Lutz noted that several Borough Police have been training to use the scales to weigh trucks.
4. Mayor Lutz mentioned a list of complaints he received in the mail. He noted that there is legislation in the works regarding inspections. He said that the appropriate staff will be scheduling inspections in order of safety needs and that Certificate of Occupancy inspections will be required to go through a third party. All rental properties will need to pass inspection to be certified as a rental property.
5. Mayor Lutz discussed the recent vandalism at the Locust Street Park and Jansen Park as well as throughout town. Measures have been taken to correct this issue.
6. Mayor Lutz mentioned that the planting of street trees is being carefully planned.

Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) Business: No action items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Consider approval of consent agenda items including:

- a. May 2009 Check Register Report, Treasurer's Report, Tax Collector's Report(April & May 2009) and Budget Performance Reports: General Fund, Capital Fund, State Fund (Liquid Fuels), Waste Water Fund, and Municipal Authority Capital Fund.
- b. June 2009 Check Register Report, Treasurer's Report and Budget Performance Reports: General Fund, Capital Fund, State Fund (Liquid Fuels), Waste Water fund, and Municipal Authority Capital Fund

Motion: Barninger Second: Murphy Voice Vote: All Favored

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Motion:

- a. To approve payment of RK&K Invoice No. 24 in the amount of \$10,391.90 for costs associated with the Route 441 Relocation Project.
Motion: Murphy Second: Barninger Voice Vote: All Favored
- b. To approve Budget Change Request #3.
Motion: Murphy Second: Barninger Voice Vote: All Favored
- c. To approve Budget Change Request #4.
Motion: Murphy Second: Barninger Voice Vote: All Favored

Next meeting August 12, 2009 at 6:30p.m.

THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY: No Action Items.

Mike Beury commented that the Highway Department has paved several streets and that they are doing an excellent job.

Next meeting is July 27, 2009 at 6:00p.m.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY: No Action Items.

Mary Barninger praised Jon Loretto and the Columbia Consolidated Fire Department for a job well done with the Carnival/Fireworks Display.

Next meeting is on August 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY:

Councilman Detz filled in for Vice-President Wickenheiser

Motion: To recommend that Mr. Kramer, who requested that the Borough vacate the dead end section of Poplar Street east of 7th Street and deed it to he and his wife, provide the Borough with letters of consent, easements, deeds, plot plans, and any other documents deemed necessary by the Borough Solicitor regarding affected property owners; and that Mr. Kramer, as the petitioner, is responsible for all legal costs pertaining to vacating the dead end section.
Motion: Detz Second: Beckley Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: To authorize the Borough Manager to obtain indemnification agreements with adjoining property owners of 319 Cherry Street and 318 Avenue I and solicit bids for the repair of the deteriorating wall along the west side of those properties adjacent to Market Street.
Motion: Detz Second: Beckley Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: To authorize the Borough Manager to begin negotiations with Norfolk Southern regarding the acquisition of the property between the bridges and west of RR Tracks based on the appraised value of this 14 Acre Tract.
Motion: Detz Second: Beckley Voice Vote: All Favored

Next meeting is August 4, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL:

Motion:

a. To promote Officer Tremblay to Sergeant effective the first payday in August. Officer Tremblay's promotion will fill the open position caused by Sgt. Miller's retirement.
Motion: Detz Second: Beury Voice Vote: All Favored

b. To accept the resignation of David Brumbaugh from the Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Group of the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority.
Motion: Detz Second: Murphy Voice Vote: All Favored

Mayor Lutz and Council thanked David for his service on this advisory group and wished him well with future endeavors.

c. To appointment Melissa Glenn as replacement for David Brumbaugh on the Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Group of the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority.
Motion: Detz Second: Beckley Voice Vote: All Favored

Mayor Lutz and Council thanked Melissa Glenn for taking on this endeavor.

Next Meeting July 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION:

Motion:

a. To approve Resolution No. 09-20 Providing for changes to the Borough's Civil Service Regulations to allow participation in the Lancaster County Police Hiring Consortium
Motion: Beury Second: Barninger Voice Vote: All Favored

Next Meeting August 4th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON MARKET: No action items.

Next Meeting July 28th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Councilwoman Beckley filled in for Vice-President Wickenheiser

Motion: To approve Resolution No. 09-21 Supporting passage of state legislation that would provide tax credits and grants for rehabilitation of historic properties.
Motion: Beckley Second: Murphy Voice Vote: All Favored

Next Meeting July 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON WASTEWATER: No action items.

Next meeting July 16, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

SOLICITOR:

No Action Items.

SECRETARY: Norm Meiskey

Motion:

- a. To table petition from residents of Ridge Terrace requesting a street light be installed in the 1100 Block of Ridge Avenue, until the Highway Committee has reviewed and makes a recommendation.
Motion: Barninger Second: Beury Voice Vote: All Favored
- b. To approve a Facilities Use Request for Pack 35 to use the River Park Ramp area under the bridge for a fishing derby on 7/18/09 from 9:00am-12:00pm.
Motion: Detz Second: Beury Voice Vote: All Favored
- c. To approve Resolution No. 09-22: Police Officer Contribution to the Police Pension Fund.
Motion: Barninger Second: Detz Voice Vote: All Favored

Borough Manager, Norman Meiskey noted that a public meeting will be held on 7/15/09 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers at the Borough Office at 308 Locust Street, Columbia, PA 17512.

Boards/Commissions/Authority: No action items.

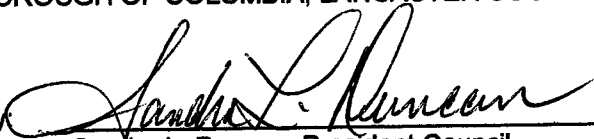
Council Members:


Councilwoman Barninger noted that the Risk Watch Program will be holding a Child Safety Seat Check at the Columbia Car Wash on July 25, 2009 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Each person who brings a child and a safety seat will receive a free automatic car wash.

Adjournment:

Motion: To Adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.
Motion: Barninger Second: Beury Voice Vote: All Favored

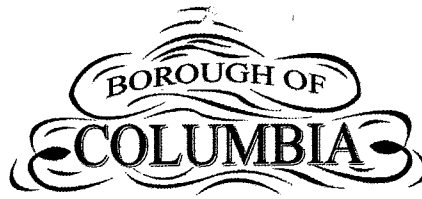
MOTIONED AND APPROVED this 10th day of August 2009, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.
BOROUGH OF COLUMBIA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

By 
Sandra L. Duncan, President Council

ATTEST: 
Norman B. Meiskey, III, Borough Secretary

Columbia Borough Council Meeting Citizens Comments July 13, 2009		
Name and Address	Subject	Requested Action
Shirley McBride 219 Perry Street, Columbia	<p>Excellent Fire Works Display.</p> <p>Commented about Police Vehicles parking in the Municipal Lot on Market Days.</p> <p>Commented – she feels suggestion box should be removed from the Market House.</p> <p>Feels that the Code Department gives landlords preferential treatment.</p> <p>Commented that neighborhood kids are being disrespectful and are trespassing on neighborhood properties.</p>	<p>Mayor Lutz will discuss the parking of Police Vehicles with Chief Greenya</p> <p>Council Members commented that the suggestion box in the Market House will be checked on a regular basis and has been found to be helpful in the past.</p> <p>Council Members answered with regard to the Code Department saying that there are different codes for existing properties than for new and that there are codes specifically for landlords.</p>
Don Haines 451 Walnut Street	<p>Representative for the Columbia Historic Society. Requested that the Lincoln Head Tiles be donated to the Historic Society to be used as a fundraiser.</p>	<p>Mary Wickenheiser noted that the donation request will be discussed at the Property Meeting on 8/4/09 at 7:30pm.</p>
Jim Houck 515 S. 9 th Street	<p>Asked if the one way street at 10th and Houston could be converted to a 2 way street.</p> <p>Asked if the speed on 9th Street between Lancaster Avenue and Ironville Pike could be changed to 25 mph.</p>	<p>Council Members commented that there was discussion not too long ago, and it was decided that this could not be done.</p> <p>Council Members noted that this is already in the works and should take place soon.</p>
Frank Doutrich 1001 Ironville Pike	<p>Feels the suggestion box at the Market House is a good idea but feels that the box is not being check often and no changes are being made due to suggestions.</p> <p>Asked questions about Norfolk Southern Property.</p> <p>Asked questions regarding how committee members are chosen.</p> <p>Thought the Carnival/Fireworks were very good.</p>	<p>Elaine Beckley said the box is checked often.</p> <p>Norm responded saying that an appraisal was need before negotiations could begin.</p>

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<p>Frank Doutrich Con't</p>	<p>Would like Council to consider not putting trees back on Locust Street so that the new security Cameras will be more effective.</p> <p>Asked that the trees along the river at River Park be trimmed to provide a better view.</p> <p>Asked if the Officers on the Drug Task Force are paid more for that job.</p> <p>Asked about a rumor he heard about one of the Columbia Borough Officers being caught with drugs at a recent drug bust.</p>	<p>Council responded saying that the trees that are planned are not supposed to destroy concrete and that the cameras will be placed carefully so as not to be blocked by trees.</p> <p>Council said that the trees will not be trimmed at this time because of the construction that will soon take place at River Park.</p>

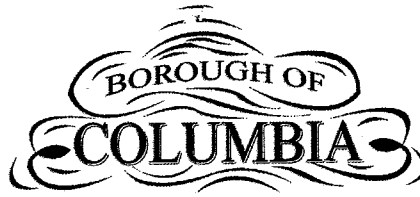


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Robert L. Pfannebecker, Solicitor
Norman B. Meiskey, III, Borough Manager

FINAL AGENDA
COLUMBIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
July 13, 2009
7:00 P.M.

- I. Opening of Meeting
 - 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - 2. Invocation/Moment of Silence
 - 3. Pledge to the Flag: Mayor Leo S. Lutz
 - 4. Announcement of Executive Sessions
 - a. An executive session was held on July 13, 2009 at 6:00pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.
 - b. Personnel Meeting was held on June 17, 2009 at 6:30pm.
 - 5. Citizen Comments
 - 6. Minutes for Approval
 - a. Consider approval of the Regular Borough Council Meeting Minutes for 6/8/09.
 - b. Consider approval of the Special Borough Council Meeting Minutes for 6/29/09.
 - c. Consider approval of the Special Joint Borough Council/School Board Meeting Minutes for 6/30/09.
 - 7. Mayor Lutz
 - 8. Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB)
 - 9. Consent Agenda For Approval
 - a. May 2009 Check Register Report, Treasurer's Report, Tax Collector's Report(April & May 2009) and Budget Performance Reports: General Fund, Capital Fund, State Fund (Liquid Fuels), Waste Water Fund, and Municipal Authority Capital Fund.
 - b. June 2009 Check Register Report, Treasurer's Report and Budget Performance Reports: General Fund, Capital Fund, State Fund (Liquid Fuels), Waste Water fund, and Municipal Authority Capital Fund.
- II. Standing Committee Assignments
 - 10. The Committee on Finance
 - a. Consider payment of RK&K Invoice No. 24 in the amount of \$10,391.90 for costs associated with the Route 441 Relocation Project2009
 - b. 2009 Budget Change Request #3.
 - c. 2009 Budget Change Request #4.
 - 11. The Committee on Highway
 - 12. The Committee on Public Safety
 - 13. The Committee on Public Property
 - a. Consider recommending that Mr. Kramer, who requested that the Borough vacate the dead end section of Poplar Street east of 7th Street and deed it to he and his wife, provide the Borough with letters of consent, easements, deeds, plot plans, and any other documents deemed necessary by the Borough Solicitor regarding affected



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- b. Consider authorizing the Borough Manager to obtain indemnification agreements with adjoining property owners of 319 Cherry Street and 318 Avenue I and solicit bids for the repair of the deteriorating wall along the west side of those properties adjacent to Market Street.
 - c. Consider authorizing the Borough Manager to begin negotiations with Norfolk Southern regarding the acquisition of the property between the bridges and west of RR Tracks based on the appraised value of this 14 Acre Track.
14. The Committee on Personnel
- a. Consider approval to promote Officer Marc Tremblay to Sergeant.
 - b. Consider acceptance of resignation David Brumbaugh from the Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Group of the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority.
 - c. Consider appointment of a replacement for David Brumbaugh on the Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Group of the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority.
15. The Committee on Municipal Legislation
- a. Consider approval of Resolution No. 09-20 Providing for changes to the Borough's Civil Service Regulations to allow participation in the Lancaster County Police Hiring Consortium.
16. The Committee on Market
17. The Committee on Community Development
- a. Consider approval of Resolution No. 09-21 - Supporting passage of state legislation that would provide tax credits and grants for rehabilitation of historic properties.
18. The Committee on Wastewater
- III. Reports of Boards, Commissions, Authority, Solicitor, and Secretary/Treasurer
19. Solicitor
20. Secretary Treasurer
- a. Petition from residents of Ridge Terrace requesting a street light be installed in the 1100 Block of Ridge Avenue.
 - b. Consider approval of a Facilities Use Request for Pack 35 to use the River Park Ramp area under the bridge for a fishing derby on 7/18/09 from 9:00am-12:00pm.
 - c. Consider approval of Resolution No. 09-22: Police Officer Contribution to the Police Pension Fund
 - d. Special Public Meeting regarding new alternative for the SR441 Relocation Project, Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 6:00 pm
21. Boards/Commissions/Authority
- IV. Reports from Council Members
- V. Adjournment