

**TOWN OF McCANDLESS
MINUTES - COUNCIL'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Council President Aufman, with the following in attendance: Council Members Zachary, Mertz, Powers, Walkauskas, LeDonne and McKim. Also present: Town Manager Cordek, Assistant Town Manager Ebner, Marie Haller, Administrative Assistant and citizens as per the sign-in sheet.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilmember Walkauskas and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Manager Cordek reported the Town's leaf pickup has been extended November 23, residents may continue to place leaves in biodegradable yard-waste bags along with their green-top yard-waste container for Waste Management pick up through Friday, December 2, 2016.

**PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE No. 1460
2017 REAL ESTATE TAX RATE &
BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2017**

Public Hearing was held on an ordinance tentatively identified as Ordinance No.1460, an ordinance setting the Real Estate Tax rate for 2017 and other revenue sources and setting various appropriations for the 2017 calendar year budget. This ordinance has been posted on the Town's website and advertised as required by the Town's Home Rule Charter.

Town Manager Cordek provided an overview of the 2017 budget and discussed the key revenues including Real Estate Taxes, Earned Income Tax, Business Privilege Tax along with various other revenues received from licenses, permits, state reimbursements and grants. A summary of allocations budgeted for 2017 was also reviewed.

The proposed budget has been reviewed and by Council at its November committee meetings. Councilmember LeDonne acknowledged and thanked Finance Committee Chairwoman Powers, Town Manager Cordek and Assistant Town Manager Ebner for so capably preparing the budget and distributing it to Council in a timely fashion as required by the Town's Home Rule Charter. Council President Aufman stated the Town's tax rate is the third lowest in Allegheny County, which is remarkable. He stated it is a challenge to maintain services without increasing taxes because approximately 28% of the Town's real estate is tax exempt, which is the largest amount of tax exempt property owned by a municipality within Allegheny County after the city of Pittsburgh.

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded Councilmember McKim by to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE No. 1461
2016 BUDGET REAPPROPRIATIONS**

Public Hearing was held on an ordinance tentatively identified as Ordinance No. 1461, an ordinance reappropriating various amounts of funds within the General Fund 2016 Budget.

Assistant Town Manager Ebner reviewed amended appropriations within the 2016 General Budget. He referred to a section in the Administrative Code, Town ordinance that requires review of any budget differential exceeding \$5000 and 10% of the budgeted amount to ensure adequate funding is available and/or redistributed accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilman McKim to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilmember LeDonne and seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve Council's Regular Business Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2016, as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS APPROVED

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember Walkauskas to approve bills on List #11, dated October 25, 2016 through November 28, 2016, totaling \$2,120,330.79, as submitted to each member of Council and as posted on the bulletin board.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION No. 25
AMENDMENT TO APPOINTMENT POLICY**

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember Walkauskas to adopt Resolution No. 25 of the 2016 Series, a resolution amending the Town of McCandless Appointment Policy for authorities, boards, commissions and advisory committees regarding incumbent candidates. Modifications were made to Item #4 to clarify the process pertaining to incumbent candidates.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS No. 26, 27, 28 AND 29
SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC SIGNALS**

Motion was made by Councilmember LeDonne and seconded by Councilmember McKim to adopt Resolutions No. 26, 27, 28 AND 29 of the 2016 Series, resolutions authorizing the Council President and Town Manager to

sign and submit an application for traffic signal approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for maintenance of a School Zone Signal update at the intersections of 1) Ingomar Road (SR4070) at Ingomar Elementary School 2) Peebles (SR4064) and Hosack Elementary School 3) Peebles Road (SR4064) at Peebles Elementary 4) Cumberland Road (SR4024) at McKnight Elementary School/North Allegheny Intermediate High School, respectively.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT REQUEST
OFFICE JOSEPH S. SNIDER, III.**

Motion was made by Councilmember LeDonne and seconded by Councilmember McKim to approve the retirement request of Officer Joseph S. Snider, III, effective December 1, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rita Martin, 10585 Grubbs Road, discussed the brightness of exterior lighting at the Lone Star restaurant located in the McCandless Crossing development. Town Manager Cordek commented that Zoning Officer Betty is working to address this concern.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews of candidates for a position on the Personnel Board were conducted. Council agreed to interview additional candidates prior to entering into an Executive Session and/or discussing the selection process of individual candidates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Mertz and seconded by Councilmember Walkauskas to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tobias M. Cordek
Town Manager

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