

COUNCIL MEETING
October 26, 2015

In attendance:

Council

Mark McCouch
Tom Johnson
Deborah Tustin
W. William Whiteside

Staff

William T. Walker - Township Manager
Richard Sabol - Finance Director
Erik Garton, PE - Engineer
Mary Eberle, Esq. - Solicitor

Absent: Gregory S. Nesbitt

Mr. McCouch called the Council Meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. McCouch asked for questions or comments from the public. Tina O'Rourke Business Manager, Horsham Sewer & Water Authority (HSWA), stated that HSWA received several inquiries about local water quality due to a mailer being received by residents. She gave assurance to Council that the public water is safe.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve the List of Checks in all funds in the amount of \$2,355,341.55 and to authorize payment of same. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Tustin, to ratify the List of Checks in the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$22,096.50 and to authorize payment of same. Motion passed unanimously.

Township Council reviewed the Zoning Hearing Board applications to be heard in November:

HTZHB 15-25: Dominic Colibraro, 423 & 425 W County Line Road – Council will remain neutral to the application

HTZHB 15-26: Melissa & Rajat Kapur, 322 Settlers Court – Council will remain neutral to the application

HTZHB 15-27: Larry & Marta Rebelo, 724 Chapel Hill West Lane – Council will remain neutral to the application

HTZHB 15-28: Horizon House, Inc, 419 W County Line Rd – Council will remain neutral with conditions

HTZHB 15-29: Stuart & Caryn Brereton, 1267 Appalachian Rd – Council will remain neutral to the application

Mr. Walker identified the subdivision and land development plan Horsham Commons, 401-407 Horsham Road, 07-2-D. The subject property is located at 401-407 Horsham Road with parcels in both the C-2, General Commercial District, and the R-5, Residential District. Four separate parcels are proposed to be consolidated to create a single 0.7936-acre lot. The Applicant proposes a 2-story, 8,600-sf building with an Urgent Care Center on the first floor and offices on the second floor. The plan proposes a one-way entrance from Horsham Road, as well as, full access to both Avenue B and Avenue C which bound the property. The Applicant has previously received conditional zoning relief on January 8, 2008 to allow the office use within a portion of the R-5 District and to allow 35 parking spaces in lieu of 37 required. In addition, preliminary approval was granted by Council on July 23, 2008. The Planning Commission recommended final approval at their August 5, 2015 meeting. Noteworthy changes to the plan from the 2008 plan include the addition of three parking spaces for a total of 38 and the elimination of the loading area.

Marc Jonas spoke on behalf of the applicant. He explained the proposed project, and Mr. Walker stated that the plan represents an improvement to this corridor section of Horsham Road. Final approval of the plan will be placed on the November 11 meeting agenda.

Mr. Walker discussed the Department of Environmental Protection's permitting process and how this impacts the HSWA. Township Council then considered the PA-Department of Environmental Protection Consent Order and Agreement for the Midfield VOCS HSCA Site. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tustin, to approve the PA-Department of Environmental Protection Consent Order and Agreement for the Midfield VOCS HSCA Site, subject to the review and approval of the Horsham Water & Sewer Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified bids for the Witmer Road flashing warning device and pedestrian crossing. Sealed bids for the warning device and pedestrian crossing were received electronically until 10:00AM, Wednesday, October 21, 2015. Two bids were received: Carr & Duff, Inc., with a bid of \$76,457.40, and Wampole-Miller, Inc. d/b/a Miller Bros. with a bid of \$81,885.00. Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to award the bids for the Witmer Road Flashing Warning Device and Pedestrian Crossing to Carr & Duff, Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$76,457.40. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker briefly discussed the issue of bamboo. Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to introduce a proposed Ordinance providing for the amendment of the Horsham Township Code by adopting regulations for the planting, controlling, and removal of bamboo and hereby authorize the advertisement of same. ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Johnson - Aye
Ms. Tustin - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adopt the Resolution as proposed establishing a time and place for a public hearing on amending the Township Code to regulate the planting, controlling, and removal of bamboo: Monday, November, 23, 2015 at 7:15PM. ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Johnson - Aye
Ms. Tustin - Aye
Mr. Whiteside - Aye
Mr. McCouch - Aye

Motion passed unanimously

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40PM.

William T. Walker