

COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 23, 2012

In attendance:

Council

Mark McCouch
Gregory S. Nesbitt
Andrew Santacroce
W. William Whiteside, III

Staff

William T. Walker, Township Manager
Mary Eberle, Esq. - Solicitor
Erik Garton, P.E. – Engineer

Absent: Deborah Tustin

Absent: Richard Sabol – Finance Director

President McCouch opened the regular Council meeting at 7:03 p.m. in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President McCouch asked for questions or comments from the public and there were none.

Mr. Walker provided an HLRA report. He stated that LRA staff has been working very hard with the homeless providers to have a signed Legal Binding Agreement (LBA) that will be submitted with the Redevelopment Plan.

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve the list of checks in all funds in the amount of \$758,281.00 and further move to authorize payment of same. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Eberle presented and explained the proposed Stipulation and Settlement Agreement between the Township and Speed Raceway WG, LP. The agreement is an amicable resolution of the appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board decision. President McCouch asked for the will of Council regarding the agreement. It was moved by Mr. Santacroce, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt to approve the agreement. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the Zoning Hearing Board applications for May, 2012:

HTZHB 12-4: Gerald and Gina Meehan, 913 Thornton Road – Residential application; Council will remain neutral to the application.

President McCouch asked for an explanation and timeline for the implementation phase of the Redevelopment Plan for NAS-JRB Willow Grove. Mr. Walker explained the history of the process since 2005 to include the creation of the current planning HLRA. He reported that a deal had been reached with the homeless providers on a Legal Binding Agreement and that the plan will be submitted this Friday. The planning is complete so we need to consider the implementation phase. In the Plan the preferred conveyance method is an Economic

Development Conveyance (EDC) which requires an implementation authority. Mr. Walker recommended that Council consider creating an implementation authority. Mr. Whiteside stated that not only is an implementation authority the next logical step, it is also the next required step. Ms. Eberle pointed out that the economic development plan will be just as important as the redevelopment plan. President McCouch directed the staff to draft an ordinance creating an implementation authority for Council to review and consider introducing at their May meeting.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M. at which time Council entered into Executive Session.

William T. Walker