

A Public Hearing before Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, February 27, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Sandy Davis, Council Members, W. Carey Howell, Sylvia, Costa, Fred Trump, William Kreisher and James Humber; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Code Enforcement Officers Ralph Magill and Kyle Bauman; Administrative Assistant Amy Seamans, and Solicitor Jack Mihalik. Absent was Council Member Joe Martarano.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27, ZONING

Mayor Davis opened the Public Hearing regarding a Chapter 27, Zoning, amendment relating to signs in the Commercial (C), Commercial-Residential (C-R), and Business Campus Districts (BC).

Fred Gaffney, President of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce, expressed that the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Chamber reviewed the draft ordinance and submitted the following comments to Council Members. On pages 2 & 4 of the proposed ordinance amendment there appears to be a duplication of definitions; on page 5, window signs promoting products/services of the business are prohibited and they feel this should be allowed, also on page 5 they made suggestions for changes to sign illumination; on page 8 they're questioning why certain types of signs are prohibited in the BC District; on page 10, signs made of certain types of materials will not be permitted and they feel this should be removed. Also in the next section, it states that factory manufactured franchise or trademark signs shall be considered on a case-by-case basis and wonder why would all signs not be considered on a case-by-case basis for appropriateness; on page 12, murals are to be prohibited in the C, C-R and BC Districts and they suggest this be removed to allow murals. There is already one mural in the C District and artwork is a specific recommendation for addressing blank walls in the Downtown Revitalization Plan.

Mayor Davis clarified that this amendment is not an entire overhaul of the sign ordinance. This is just to incorporate the BC District. A couple of years ago the Town allotted funds to have Gannett Fleming prepare this ordinance. She noted this is just step one and that the amendment should be adopted.

B. Kreisher and J. Huber would like to incorporate the Chamber's suggestions and changes. Solicitor Mihalik stated that the Chamber's suggestions are not substantial so the ordinance would not have to be re-advertised.

Steve Coladonato asked if off-sight advertising was prohibited in the BC District and Mayor Davis stated yes.

Mayor Davis cautioned incorporating the Chamber's changes without first reviewing and comparing them with the existing ordinance. It can be very tricky and it can have a ripple effect on other sections of the ordinance.

Council Members agree that murals should be allowed.

K. Bauman suggested that if the Chamber's suggestions are not incorporated into this amendment that a separate work session be held instead of discussing it at a Community and Economic Development Committee meeting as there is usually a lot of other agenda items to get through.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Davis closed the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m.

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, February 27, 2017, beginning at 7:09 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Sandy Davis, Council Members W. Carey Howell, Sylvia Costa, Fred Trump, William Kreisher and James Huber; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Director of Finance/Treasurer Lisa Dooley; Code Enforcement Officers Ralph Magill and Kyle Bauman; Administrative Assistant Amy Seamans; Chief of Police Roger Van Loan, and Solicitor Mihalik. Absent were Council Member Joe Martarano; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, and Fire Chief Bob Rupp.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 981 – AMENDING CHAPTER 27, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Ordinance No. 981, amending Chapter 27, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg with letter (o) Murals, on page 12 being deleted.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – SARAH BARTA, BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – BIG EVENT

Sarah Barta and William Turner of Bloomsburg University's Community Government Association were present to explain the process on how and where residents can sign up for the Big Event happening in the Town on Saturday, April 1, 2017.

PROCLAMATION – DELTA PHI EPSILON DAY

Mayor Davis proclaimed March 17, 2017 as Delta Phi Epsilon Day and presented the proclamation to Allyson Barr Vice President of Membership Development for the Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority, Alpha Chi Chapter at Bloomsburg University.

CURATIVE AMENDMENT – BLOOMSBURG TOWN CENTER, LLC

Solicitor Mihalik explained the process for the upcoming curative amendment hearing submitted by Bloomsburg Town Center, LLC. He explained that he will be acting as the judge. Town Council will be represented by Attorney Matthew Turowski and Mr. Zoppetti will be represented by Attorney Rob Davidson. He stated that Council cannot take into account testimony from the general public as a matter of opinion on whether they are for or against the project. It is not that type of a hearing. If someone wishes to submit exhibits, they will need to be represented by a lawyer and will need to let him know a head of time so a table can be made available. The hearing will take place on Monday, March 20th at 6:00pm in the social hall of the Bloomsburg Fire Department.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Huber and voted on unanimously, Council approved the February 13, 2017 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE AIRPORT MASTER SITE PLAN

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Huber and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$14,327.50 for professional services of the Airport Master Site Plan through 01/29/17.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SQUARE ONE HOME IMPROVEMENT FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-40

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment No. 1 to Square One Home Improvement in the amount of \$20,473 for HOME Program Application TB-T-40.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Robert Brunoizzi to make exterior renovations at 1 Market Street.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber and voted on Five (5) (F. Trump, J. Huber, C. Howell, S. Costa and B. Kreisher voting “Yes”) to One (1) (S. Davis voting “No”), Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for First Columbia Bank and Trust Company to demolish the structure and do site improvements at 248 East Street.

APPROVAL OF A WAIVER – ROBERT DWORSAK – FRANKLIN AVENUE – LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber and voted on Five (5) (F. Trump, J. Huber, S. Davis, C. Howell and S. Costa voting “Yes”) to One (1) (B. Kreisher voting “No”), and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a waiver from Sections 22-503; 22-504; 22-705; 22-706, from providing curbs and sidewalks along Franklin Avenue.

APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION – ROBERT DWORSAK – FRANKLIN AVENUE – LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a modification from Section 22-502.10.D.1, the required 22 feet for access drives to allow a 20 foot access drive for Robert Dworsak’s Franklin Avenue land development plan

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On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a modification from Section 22-607.3.D.1, the required 24 feet for parking lot aisle width to allow a 20 foot aisle width for Robert Dworsak’s Franklin Avenue land development plan

APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE STREATER FIELD PHASE II PROJECT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved final payment to Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1,650 for professional services of the Streater Field Phase II Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SPOTTS BROTHERS, INC (MECHANICAL) FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROJECT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Spotts Brothers, Inc. (Mechanical) in the amount of \$16,594.92 for the Police Department Project through 12/15/16.

APPROVAL OF A BID FROM LOUIS DINICOLA THROUGH MUNICIBID FOR THE SALE OF A 2005 FORD CROWN VICTORIA INTERCEPTOR

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a bid from Louis DiNicola through Municibid in the amount of \$450.00 for the sale of a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor.

APPROVAL OF A BID FROM RICHARD BARDO THROUGH MUNICIBID FOR THE SALE OF A 2003 FORD CROWN VICTORIA INTERCEPTOR

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a bid from Richard Bardo through Municibid in the amount of \$1,350.00 for the sale of a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor.

APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL FROM BARRY ISETT ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE CODE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber and voted on unanimously, Council approved a proposal from Barry Isett Associates to provide support services to the Code Department.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – LAURIE MCCANTS

Laurie McCants of BTE stated that the theatre's 40th anniversary is this year. She wanted to thank Council for their support of murals. She envisions the history of the BTE being painted on the building someday.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Lauren Martz
Town Manager/Secretary