

Borough of Crafton  
Thursday, February 8, 2024

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## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Oliverio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 7:02 PM.

## **2. FLAG SALUTE**

Pledge of Allegiance.

## **3. ROLL CALL**

Manager Price recorded six (6) Members of Council present as follows: Mr. Chandler, Ms. Compitello, Mr. Hough, Mr. Oliverio, Ms. Pulkownik and Mr. Ridilla. Also present, Mayor Perry, Solicitor Korbelt, and Engineer Keenan. Absent was Ms. Bollenbacher.

## **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the consent agenda for February 8, 2024, including:

1. Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2024.
2. Bill List – February 8, 2024 (except the Gateway invoices).

**MOTION #1:** It was moved and seconded (*Pulkownik/Chandler*) to approve the February 8, 2024, Consent Agenda.

**MOTION #1** carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no comments on agenda items.

## **6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- **CONNECT - Congress of Neighboring Communities** - Representatives from the Connect nonprofit provided an overview of their efforts facilitating regional collaboration on issues like public safety, infrastructure, and community engagement. They highlighted current projects related to fire services analysis, pre-arrest diversion programs, stormwater management, solar power agreements, and electric vehicle planning.

## **7. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Perry had nothing to report.

## **8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

### ***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

Solicitor Korbel announced that Council will hold an executive session following the meeting to discuss property and personnel matters.

## **9. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Keenan gave an update on the following items.

- ***BROADHEAD PROJECT*** – Crafton has received two of the six required easements. Crafton has been attempting to acquire these easements for quite some time therefore, eminent domain may be a possibility.
- ***PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING*** – 200K Grant extension expires in June, Crafton will consider completing the garage doors and utilities and will work with the Pitt Students on the remaining design.
- ***STAIRS PROJECT*** – Four bids received on January 25th and will be discussed at the next infrastructure meeting next week to decide what areas of the project to focus on.
- ***2024 ROAD PAVING PLAN*** – Working on streamlining the selection process by using the Vialytic software.
- ***POOL BATHHOUSE UPDATE*** – Construction is ahead of schedule.

## **10. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Price noted that wage resolution was pulled from the Managers Report and will be discussed at the executive session following the meeting. He also stated that he would like Council to meet early for the next meeting at 6:30 PM for an executive session to review any changes.

Manager Price thanked everyone for their time and attendance of the Public Engagement on Saturday.

Manager Price announced that Crafton applied for an LGA intern.

## **11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, & SUSTAINABILITY***

- ***WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT*** – No update on this item yet, however Crafton is expecting a significant price increase that could double the bill fee per unit.

- **2023 BUDGET TO ACTUAL** – The Committee met to review the year end finances and noted that Crafton finished the year somewhat ahead of expectations.

### ***INFRASTRUCTURE & LAND USE***

Ms. Compitello gave an update on the following projects.

- **MULTI MUNICIPAL ZONING PROJECT UPDATE** – Zoning Update Public Engagement was well attended by residents. Information on this engagement is available on the code website at [codecraftoningram.com](http://codecraftoningram.com). The steering committee will meet to review comments and share them with the community.
- **TRAIL PLANNING GRANT** – Applications for steering committee interest will be available once the zoning project has wrapped up.

### ***PLANNING COMMITTEE***

Mr. Ridilla noted that the January meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting will be held on February 27, 2024, at 6:30 PM. He added that there is one seat vacancy coming up on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

### ***COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS***

Mr. Hough had nothing to report.

### ***COMMISSION VACANCY***

Ms. Pulkownik announced the following open appointments.

- **Current Open Vacancies**
  1. Civil Service (1 Alternate)
  2. Zoning Hearing Board (1 Alternate)
  3. Upcoming in 2024
    - Library Board (2 Regular)
    - Shade Tree Commission (1 Regular)
    - Planning Commission (1 Regular)
    - Civil Service Commission (1 Regular)
    - Recreation Board (2 Regular)
    - Zoning Hearing Board (2 Regular, 1 Alternate)

\* *Interested candidates should apply on the Borough's website at [www.craftonborough.com/commissions](http://www.craftonborough.com/commissions).*

### ***COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)***

Mr. Oliverio announced that the next COG meeting will be held Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 6:30 PM in Bridgeville.

## **12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM
- **2024 Summer Employment** - The Borough of Crafton is accepting applications for the following seasonal positions: Pool Manager, Assistant Pool/Concession Manager, Aquatics Instructor, Head Lifeguard, Lifeguards, Cashiers, Attendants, Concession Stand Workers, Swim Coaches, and Seasonal Public Works. Paper applications may be obtained in the Administrative Office, 100 Stotz Avenue, 2nd Floor, during normal business (9 – 4 PM, Mon – Fri) or at [www.craftonborough.com/employment](http://www.craftonborough.com/employment). All paper and online applications must be submitted to the Administrative Office by 4:00 pm, March 8, 2024.

Ms. Pulkownik added that the first Senior Dinner will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, doors open at 4:30 PM. RSVP online or at (412) 921-0752 x 10.

## **13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Greg Wozniak, 1773 Barr Avenue*, inquired about the upcoming water line replacement work that PAWC will begin, and asked if the streets are brick and how they will be repaired when completed.

Manager Price stated that Crafton will do its best to communicate with the water company regarding the upcoming projects.

*Sandy Morris, 1781 Barr Avenue*, inquired about the intern and the land value tax.

Manager Price gave a brief explanation of a land value tax, where vacant land or unused land is taxed at a higher percentage than properties that have buildings or homes on them. He added that the intern will assist the Borough with those calculations for consideration.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary