

Borough of Crafton  
Council Meeting  
Thursday, May 12, 2022.

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Oliverio called to order the Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 7:16 PM.

### **2. FLAG SALUTE**

Pledge of Allegiance

### **3. ROLL CALL**

Interim Manager Sample recorded six (6) Members of Council present as follows: Ms. Bollenbacher, Mr. Chandler, Ms. Compitello, Mr. Levasseur, Mr. Oliverio, and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Mayor Perry, Solicitor Korbel, and Engineer Minsterman. Absent was Mr. Marks.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION #1:** It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Levasseur*) to approve the May 12, 2022, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated April 28, 2022, and the Bill List dated May 12, 2022).

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

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

*Mike Crown, Fire Chief, Crafton Volunteer Fire Department*, spoke regarding the planned streetscape for the Crafton Boulevard Project. Mr. Crown stated that the Fire Department completed a demonstration of the new traffic patterns and bump outs. He noted that there are several intersections throughout the area of the project that the Fire Department will not be able to easily navigate the new turning radius. Mr. Crown added that this will cause a delay in response times as they would need to use an alternate route.

Ms. Compitello stated that Gateway Engineers have completed all necessary engineering studies.

**Regis Patton, 29 Maplewood Avenue, Boy Scout Troop Master, Troop 147**, stated that he had stopped in the Borough Office and spoke with Interim Manager, Doug Sample, several months ago to inquire about hosting the Boy Scout's Car Cruise Fundraiser at the Crafton Park. He stated that in the past the Car Cruise was held in the Crafton Ingram Shopping Center and added that the summer heat and asphalt has often resulted in the Scouts getting sick or severely sunburnt. Mr. Patton noted that Mr. Sample had forwarded his information on to Council and the Recreation Board, but he had not heard back. He stated that he had seen flyers for the Vendor

Fair & Car Show that the Recreation Board is planning for June 4<sup>th</sup> and noted that this event could take away from the Boys Scouts event, which is their biggest fundraiser each year.

Mr. Sample noted that the Recreation Board only added the Car Cruise after it was suggested by the Vendors to help increase foot traffic.

Mr. Oliverio encouraged Mr. Patton to work with the Recreation Board on future discussions about hosting the Car Cruise in the park in August.

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

Mr. Oliverio spoke regarding the suggestion to have Council Members host a strategy event to discuss focus points for Council over the next two to four years.

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

Mayor Perry stated that PENNDOT has announced the schedule for the Thornburg Bridge repairs, which will be closing in June for deck reconstruction. She noted that the bridge is scheduled to be restricted to one lane with complete closures over the weekends.

Interim Manager Sample added that the construction will take approximately one to one and a half years to complete.

## **8. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Minsterman gave an update on the addition of the Electric Car Charging Stations. He noted that after discussion it was determined that these charging stations would not be self-sustaining and would be a large cost to the Borough, therefore they will not be an option.

Engineer Minsterman also spoke regarding the traffic concerns surrounding the revisions and turning radius of the new intersection designs. He stated that everything in the model was designed in accordance with the Traffic Design Standards, which includes the turning radius for large and different style vehicles and trucks.

## **9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Korbel had nothing to report.

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

Interim Manager Sample had nothing to report.

## **11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### ***POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS, AND ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT UPDATES***

Mayor Perry noted that the Administrative Assessment is wrapping up and a preliminary report should be available by next month.

Mayor Perry stated that Chief Mettin was on site last week and spent a good amount of time with Chief Sumpter. She shared that Chief Mettin was impressed with the Crafton Community.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Ms. Compitello thanked the Fire Department for all their efforts keeping the Borough safe.

### *ACTIVE ALLEGHENY GRANT PROGRAM (AAGP)*

Ms. Compitello stated that the Borough is applying for a grant through the Active Allegheny Grant Program for the Trail Feasibility study of the Creekside and Chartiers Avenue Trail at an estimated cost of \$60,000.00. She added that the Borough will be requesting 60% of the cost with a 40% match, therefore leaving the Borough's cost at \$24,000.00 if the grant is received.

**MOTION #2:** It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Ridilla*) to adopt Resolution 2022-014 requesting a grant of \$36,000.00 from the Active Allegheny Grant Program for a Trail Feasibility Study for the Creekside and Chartiers Avenue Trails.

**MOTION #2** carries by a Unanimous Vote: (6-0).

### *GREENWAYS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION PROGRAM (GTRP)*

Ms. Compitello stated that the Borough is applying for two grants through the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Grant Program, 1) for \$51,000.00 for the Trail Feasibility study of the Creekside and Chartiers Avenue Trail and 2) for \$250,000.00 for the Phase 1 renovations of Linwood and Noble Parks. These grants would require a 15% match, leaving the Borough's cost at \$9,000.00 for the Trails and \$37,500.00 for the Parks.

**MOTION #3:** It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Chandler*) to adopt Resolution 2022-015 requesting a grant of \$51,000.00 from the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) for Trail Feasibility Study for the Creekside and Chartiers Avenue Trails.

**MOTION #3** carries by a Unanimous Vote: (6-0).

**MOTION #4:** It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Chandler*) to adopt Resolution 2022-016 requesting a grant of \$250,000.00 from the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) to be used as the Borough's match for the C2P2 DCNR Grant for the Phase I renovations of Linwood and Noble Park.

**MOTION #4** carries by a Unanimous Vote: (6-0).

### *FIRE INSPECTION ORDINANCE*

Ms. Compitello stated that the Borough is working on updating the Fire Inspection Ordinance. She noted that this ordinance will require properties that are zoned as Commercial Multi-Family (with three or more units), Assembly, Industrial, and Institutional to pay for an annual safety and fire hazard inspection.

Mr. Sample noted that it was suggested by the Building Inspector to change from a bi-annual requirement to an annual requirement.

Council continued discussion on the inspection fees, potential burden on property owners, how the program compares to surrounding communities, and the advertising and public hearing process.

#### *PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE*

Ms. Compitello stated that the plan has been finalized and has been submitted to the State for review.

#### *MULTI-MUNICIPAL ZONING PROJECT UPDATE*

Ms. Compitello noted that Ingram Borough has also voted to select the project consultant. She added that the next steps will be setting up a steering committee.

#### *BROADHEAD SEWER SEPARATION*

Mr. Levasseur stated that the Borough will be applying for a 6.5-million-dollar project through ALCOSAN for potential Grow Grant funds. He added that this project will include full depth reconstruction of roadways, bump outs, and streetscaping.

Engineer Minsterman added that this project falls well within the requirements for the ALCOSAN Grants.

Ms. Compitello noted that a few of the focal points for this project include added safety measures and accessibility improvements.

#### *DUQUESNE LIGHT CHARGING*

Mr. Levasseur stated that there are no cost recovery options at this time. He added that he hopes to work with the school district going forward on this project.

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

#### *2022 POOL OPERATING SCHEDULE*

Interim Manager Sample stated that the Pool will be opening Memorial Day weekend.

#### *UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS*

Mr. Oliverio stated that these will be announced later in the meeting.

*AMPHITHEATER USAGE*

Interim Manager Sample stated that there had been an overwhelming number of people and organizations requesting rental of the Park and/or Amphitheater. He added that the committee has suggested that the amphitheater should not be available for public or private rental and will only be used for Borough purposes or by the Crafton Performing Arts Association.

*NEWSLETTER*

Mayor Perry stated that there was no update on the newsletter at this time.

*VACANCY COMMISSION*

Mr. Chandler stated that the Commission continues to accept applications for the open vacant seats.

*ZONING HEARING BOARD*

**MOTION #5:** It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Bollenbacher*) to appoint Stephen Palchowski to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3- year term to expire December 31, 2024.

**MOTION #5** carries by a Unanimous Vote: (6-0).

**MOTION #6:** It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Bollenbacher*) to appoint Lisa Smith as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term to expire December 31, 2024.

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

*CHARTIERS VALLEY DISTRICT FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY*

**MOTION #7:** It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Bollenbacher*) to adopt Resolution 2022-17 appointing Philip Levasseur and Douglas Sample to the Board of Chartiers Valley District Flood Control Authority.

**MOTION #7** carries by a Unanimous Vote: (6-0).

Mr. Oliverio commended the committee on their timely work filling these seats.

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)**

Mr. Ridilla announced that the next COG meeting will be next Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM in Carnegie. He stated that he is unable to attend and asked if anyone would be willing to attend in his absence.

**12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Upcoming Council Meeting – Thursday, May 26th, 2022, at 7:15 PM.
- Seasonal pool pass memberships are now on sale. Please go to <https://www.craftonborough.com/crafton-pool> to complete the Pre-Application. Pool memberships can be picked up in the Borough Office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Questions can be directed to the Administrative Office at (412) 921-0752 x 10.
- Vendor Fair& Car Cruise – Join the Parks & Recreation Board for a fun evening of shopping and voting on your favorite car on June 4th! There is more information to come. If you are interested in applying for a vendor spot or registering for the car cruise, please visit <https://www.craftonborough.com/vendor-fair-car-cruise> for more information.
- Crafton voting locations have changed - the American Legion is no longer a polling place. Please confirm your voting location at <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx>. The May Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

### **13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no citizens signed up to speak on non-agenda items.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted  
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary