

Borough of Crafton
Council Meeting
Thursday, June 9, 2022.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Oliverio called to order the Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 7:15 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Interim Manager Sample recorded seven (7) Members of Council present as follows: Ms. Bollenbacher, Mr. Chandler, Ms. Compitello*, Mr. Levasseur, Mr. Marks, Mr. Oliverio, and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Mayor Perry, Solicitor Korbel, and Engineer Jarquin. **Ms. Compitello joined the meeting at 7:30 PM.*

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Ridilla*) to approve the June 9, 2022, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated May 26, 2022, and the Bill List dated June 9, 2022).

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Palchowski, 11 Bradford Avenue, introduced himself to Council as a recent appointee to the Zoning Hearing Board. He also spoke regarding the Crafton Boulevard construction project and noted that the addition of the new bump-outs will cause a traffic nightmare, specifically when school is in session.

Engineer Jarquin stated that the bump-outs will not cause any change to the traffic pattern and the width of the roadways will not change.

Reece Smith, 50 Walnut Street, spoke regarding the proposed updates to the Fire Inspection Ordinance and stated that these changes will cause a financial burden on the residents and property owners in the Borough of Crafton.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Oliverio spoke regarding the strategy sessions discussed at the previous meetings and noted that he will be meeting with Interim Manager Sample to plan facilitating these meetings.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry had nothing to report.

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Jarquin had nothing to report.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Korbel had nothing to report.

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Manager Sample announced that there will be an executive session following the meeting to discuss real estate matters.

Interim Manager Sample stated that Duquesne Light will no longer be offering the LED Conversion Program and will begin converting all lights to LED over the next five years at no additional costs to the Borough.

Interim Manager Sample added that he is still working with Peoples Gas on the sidewalk repairs at Steuben & W. Crafton.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS, AND ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT UPDATES

Mayor Perry stated that Police Assessment is still underway and added that Chief Mitten has all the information he needed to complete the assessment.

COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mr. Marks stated that the Vendor Fair and Car Cruise was a success with several late registrations for the Car Cruise. He thanked everyone involved and all those who attended the event.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mr. Marks noted that the 4th of July event has been added to the SavvyCitizenApp. He added that the event will begin at 7:00 PM and will close with Fireworks in the Park.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Mr. Marks noted that the newsletter will be in the works beginning in July and added that the expected in-home date will be in October.

VACANCY COMMISSION

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Bollenbacher*) to appoint Vincent Ridilla to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term to expire April 13, 2026.

MOTION #2 carries by a Voice Vote: (5-0-1). Mr. Ridilla Abstained.

Mr. Chandler stated that there are a few vacant seats still open as well as a few expiring in the next few months.

Mr. Oliverio urged residents to consider serving and complete the online application.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Mr. Ridilla announced that the next meeting will be held Thursday, June 16, 2022, at Carnegie Borough.

Mr. Ridilla also stated that there will be a public hearing on June 23, 2022, at 7:15 PM in the Council Chambers, 140 Bradford Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, to discuss the Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast and to identify future cable needs for the Borough.

**Ms. Compitello entered the meeting.*

Mr. Levasseur spoke regarding the lack of maintenance of the utility lines by the cable companies.

Interim Manager Sample noted that the cable companies do not own or maintain the utility poles.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

FIRE INSPECTION ORDINANCE

Ms. Compitello gave a brief review of the ordinance changes and added that the ordinance has been advertised and will be voted on at the June 23, 2022, meeting.

Ms. Compitello spoke in response to the citizen comments earlier in the meeting and noted that the ordinance will require all properties to conform to general best practices for safety and code purposes.

Mr. Oliverio noted that this ordinance will affect multi-family, commercial properties, and businesses.

Mayor Perry clarified that this is an update to the Fire Inspection Ordinance that was passed by Council two years ago.

MULTI MUNICIPAL ZONING PROJECT

Ms. Compitello stated that Ingram Borough is planning to approve the contract this week. She added that there is a walk through planned for June, pending Ingram Borough's approval.

CRAFTON BOULEVARD SEPARATION PROJECT UPDATE

Ms. Compitello noted that construction is underway and added that the changes have been designed to increase safety and slow traffic in the area.

Engineer Jarquin noted that work will begin on the school side of Crafton Boulevard and added that the landscaping and the parking lot is scheduled to be completed before school resumes in the fall.

BROADHEAD SEWER SEPARATION

Mr. Levasseur noted that ALCOSAN is projected to fund 85% of the project costs. He added that there will be additional grant funds available to the Borough. Mr. Levasseur stated that this project has been budgeted and has been under discussion for the past four years.

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Marks*) to adopt Resolution 2022-018 seeking grant funding under ALCOSAN'S GROW Program to fund projects to reduce sewer overflows at the ALCOSAN POC C-22 Sewershed.

MOTION #3 carries by a Unanimous Vote: (7-0).

12. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Upcoming Council Meeting – Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 7:15 PM.
- Crafton Borough will be celebrating Independence Day at Crafton Park on Monday, July 4th starting at 7:00 PM. Food trucks, live music, and fireworks will all be part of the festivities.
- The Crafton Mini-Golf will be open starting on June 10th on FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS each week, from 7PM to 9PM, throughout the Summer. Cost to Play is \$2 per person.
- 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.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Smith, 50 Walnut Street, spoke regarding the traffic and safety issues during drop off and pick up times at Crafton Elementary.

Mayor Perry noted that she will meet with the Chief of Police to discuss potential solutions to the traffic and safety issues.

Ms. Compitello added that a meeting was held the past week with the School District. She noted that they discussed these safety concerns and possible resolutions.

Steve Palchowski, 11 Bradford Avenue, inquired about the Fire Inspection requirements and concerns with coordinating scheduling for properties with multiple tenants.

Interim Manager Sample stated that the Fire Inspections are for the common areas only.

Reece Smith, 50 Walnut Street, also spoke regarding the concerns surrounding the new traffic patterns and the proposed bump-outs on Crafton Boulevard.

Ms. Compitello noted that there was a public meeting held by the Planning Commission two years ago to discuss the safety issues in the area and added that these changes came from public suggestion.

Mr. Levasseur stated that these traffic issues were identified through the Comprehensive Plan and noted that there have been discussions by Borough Council and the Planning Commission for several years. He added that, although it may be difficult for residents to become accustomed to, the changes are following general best practices and the Engineers recommendations.

Engineer Jarquin added that the Contractor for the Woodlawn/Fountain Project stated that they will be back next week to complete the paving.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary