

Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

6:00 pm

MINUTES

Committee: Chairperson, Ms. Burckley, Mr. Strenfel, and Mr. Weiss

Mayor Urscheler

Staff: Mr. Krack, Ms. Getzfread, Chief Marshall, Chief Brazunas, and Ms. Donato (as needed). Deputy Chief Dixon – TowerDIRECT

I. Call to Order at 6:12 pm

II. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

There was no public participation.

III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions.

Ms. Burckley stated that she has had several reported concerns regarding pedestrian safety at various intersection but most specifically at Bridge and Starr and Bridge and Main.

Mr. Krack reported the intersection of Bridge and Starr is in the stage of finalizing plans to PennDOT and that Staff has asked that an “all stop” be included in the signal design which would allow all traffic to stop and provide a safer crossing opportunity for pedestrians. He stated this topic has been broached with PennDOT before and did not receive a favorable response. Staff is hoping that by including it in the overall design, it might get a better safety review. Should that occur, then that would give Staff the opportunity to submit a second recommendation for Bridge and Main Street. He anticipates the final design should be approved by the end of the year.

Mr. Weiss asked a similar question with regard to the intersection of Bridge and Wheatland.

Mr. Krack reported that in a somewhat similar instance, the Steelworks Project is going through design review with PennDOT and their response has been to located a crosswalk closer to Buchanan Street. Staff will continue to monitor the PennDOT safety reviews.

IV. New Business

A. Review Monthly Fire and Ambulance Reports.

Ms. Burckley noted receipt of the various reports and asked whether there were any questions or additional information to be provided. There were none.

B. Consider request from Will Davis for appointment to the Human Relations Commission for the open vacancy with term expiring March 31, 2026.

C. Consider request from Kevin Zwick for appointment to the Human Relations Commission for the open vacancy with term expiring March 31, 2026.

Ms. Burckley asked each person to provide background on why they were interested in applying for the HRC Board.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Borough Council appoint Kevin Zwick to the HRC Board. Seconded by Mr. Strenfel. Motion passed 3-0.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend Borough Council appoint Will Davis to the HRC Board. Seconded by Mr. Strenfel.

Mr. Strenfel questioned why the committee would nominate two persons for the single opening.

Mr. Davis stated that since the committee already nominated Mr. Zwick, he would pull his application and look at other opportunities.

Ms. Burckley rescinded her motion as did Mr. Strenfel his second.

- D. Call for Residents interested in being appointed to various Boards and Commissions. Current vacancies exist on the, Civil Service Commission, Human Relations Commission, and Tree Advisory Commission.

- E. Discussion regarding National Night Out.

Chief Marshall provided background on National Night Out and how difficult it has been to get participation when so many other municipalities are all doing the same thing. He recommended the Borough consider an Annual First Responders event on a different date to allow for more participation and recognition.

Staff will discuss internally and bring a recommendation to the next committee meeting.

- F. Discussion regarding Fillmore Village/Renaissance Academy traffic.

Chief Marshall reported that his department began issuing citations for violations along Fillmore Street in response to the lack of support from Renaissance Academy Staff. His department will monitor for effectiveness over the next several weeks.

V. Old Business

- A. PXV Inside Out. Nothing new to report.
- B. Emergency Management. Nothing new to report.
- C. Community Policing. Nothing new to report.
- D. Retention/Recruitment Update

Mr. Krack stated staff was prepared to discuss in Executive Session after adjournment.

VI. Public Participation No public participation.

VII. Adjournment at 6:55 pm by Mr. Strenfel.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 6:00 pm