Sellersville Borough Council's Public Management Committee 140 East Church Street Sellersville, PA 18960

June 26, 2024 7:00 p.m.

The June 26, 2024 Meeting of Sellersville Borough Council's Public Management Committee (PMC) was called to order by Chair Lois Dodson at Borough Hall, 140 E. Church Street at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Councilpersons: Mayor Thomas C. Hufnagle

Lois A. Dodson, Chair James G. Hull, Vice-Chair

Donald Crouthamel, First Alternate

Kathleen J. Hallman Marie G. Howells Lynne A. Saylor David A. O'Donnell

Manager: Eileen M. Bradley Solicitor: Vicki Kushto, Esq.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There was no public comment at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parking Permits:

Ms. Bradley reviewed the status of parking at the W. Temple municipal lot. There have been no parking complaints since the building at 35 Maple had been fully occupied. The level of use by tenants at 35 Maple was significantly less than the level prior to its redevelopment.

Ms. Bradley noted that employees of the Sellersville Theater might have difficulty meeting the 11:00 p.m. curfew for the parking lot, as shows typically end around 10:00. More monitoring of this traffic would be needed. She reminded Council that the Maple Lofts building owner paid real estate taxes and the residents paid earned income tax to the Borough.

Ms. Bradley reviewed the costs and procedures for instituting paid parking and permit parking through a mobile phone application, used by many local Boroughs. The software license fees ranged between \$1,500 to \$3,000 per month. Income from the sixty parking spots and ticketing would not even cover the license fees, let alone credit card charges, maintenance, staff payroll, etc.

Ms. Bradley added that there were not enough businesses in town yet to warrant the need for metered on-street parking, which could drive away the customers the existing businesses had. Given the population of the town and the current level of businesses in the business district, the level of local business may never reach the need for metered on-street parking. She suggested revisiting paid parking once the Lawn Avenue PennDOT lot was installed.

There were incidents of overnight parking in the lot that should be discouraged, however, regardless of who was parking in the lot.

Mr. O'Donnell suggested issuing in-house permits for overnight parking from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. only. There would be no guarantee of a parking spot during daytime hours, but there would be a guaranteed overnight parking spot. The Borough would issue placards for daily, monthly, and annual overnight parking. Fees for the placards were discussed at length.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by Mrs. Howells, to set overnight parking rates at \$10.00 per day; \$20.00 per month; and \$200.00 annually. The motion passed on a vote of five to two (Ms. Saylor and Mr. Crouthamel dissenting).

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

60 Noble Street:

Ms. Bradley stated that the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority was getting an appraisal and title search for the property at 60 Noble Street.

Mayor Hufnagle noted that he had spoken to the Moose Lodge, and they had offered to the residents on W. Clymer Avenue the ability to use their parking lot during repaving of W. Clymer Avenue.

Ms. Dodson reminded Council that the Annual Bell Ringing would take place at the Sellersville Museum at 10:30 sharp on July 4.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business or discussion, Ms. Dodson declared the meeting duly adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next regular Public Management Committee Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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