

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:40 p.m. at the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sampogna said that Council had just met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, in particular, the public works and police contracts.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Mark Sampogna, President
Daniel Behanna
John Novak
Janine Palmer
Ron Panza
Arthur Tintori

Also Present:

W. David Montz, Borough Manager
Peter Molinaro, Jr., Borough Solicitor
Deborah N. Gawryla, Stenographer

Absent:

C. F. Hammer, Mayor
Edward Schenck

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

January 4, 2010 | January 18, 2010

Motion:

Mr. Behanna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 and January 18, 2010 Council meetings with the following correction to the January 4th minutes:

p. 7 Correct: "First National Bank and official Borough depositories for 2010" to
"First National Bank as official Borough depositories for 2010."

Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Marilyn Albitz, 1061 Greenlawn Drive

Mrs. Albitz asked Council when the streetscape work would be completed this year. Mr. Montz replied that there would be minimal work on the streetscape in the coming year. She asked if the work on Green Tree Park had been completed. Mr. Sampogna said that the work that had been scheduled as part of the grant had been completed. However, this year Council has budgeted for fencing around the soccer field.

Mr. Sampogna requested that Mrs. Albitz ask if there would be any volunteers interested in working at the Farmers' Market this year at this week's Green Tree Seniors' meeting. More people are needed for the committee.

Mrs. Albitz said that the dates for events for Green Tree's 125th Anniversary Celebration have been selected and she provided Council with a list.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Hammer

In the absence of Mayor Hammer, there was no report.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PLANNING & ZONING - Ms. Palmer

1. Set Public Hearing Date - CU-01-10

Applicant, Clearwire, U.S., LLC, c/o American Tower Corporation requesting public hearing for conditional use application regarding the placement of antennas on the roof of Foster Plaza Building #8.

Following a discussion, Council agreed to schedule the public hearing for the conditional use application for March 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

2. Appointment to Planning Commission

Ms. Palmer requested that the appointment of a new Planning Commission member be tabled until the Planning & Zoning Committee reviews the applications that are on file at their meeting next week.

Motion:

Ms. Palmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Panza, to table the appointment to the Planning Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. PUBLIC PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - Mr. Tintori

1. Resolution #1131

Authorizing the disposition of public records

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer, to adopt Resolution #1131 authorizing the disposition of public records.

Mr. Tintori stated that the documents being disposed are old insurance forms, public works forms dating back to 1989 and community events records.

Mr. Molinaro read Resolution #1131 by title only.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Tintori	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Ms. Palmer	Yes
Mr. Behanna	Yes
Mr. Novak	Yes
Mr. Sampogna	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Authorize Borough Manager to dispose of unused Police Department VHS vehicle recording systems.

Mr. Tintori stated that there is some older VHS recording equipment in the Police Department that has not been used by the department for a number of years. The Pleasant Hills Police Department would like this equipment and there is no real value for

this equipment. Chief Lisiecki, who was in the audience, stated that the Versailles Police Department was recently reinstated and they have contacted nearby police departments requesting donations of any unused equipment as well. He suggested that the VHS recording equipment be donated to both the Pleasant Hills and Versailles Police Departments.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Behanna, to authorize the Borough Manager to dispose of the unused Police Department VHS vehicle recording systems to the Pleasant Hills and/or Versailles Police Departments.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Mr. Tintori reported that the new lights are on along Greentree Road and on Mansfield Avenue.
4. Mr. Tintori said that there would be a Public Property Committee meeting next Monday evening.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Schenck

1. Ordinance #1637

Stop Sign - Terminus of Sheldon at Parkedge

Motion:

Ms. Palmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Behanna, to place Ordinance #1637 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1637 by title only.

Motion:

Ms. Palmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Behanna, to pass Ordinance #1637 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

Ms. Palmer	Yes
Mr. Behanna	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Novak	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes
Mr. Sampogna	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Ms. Palmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Behanna, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinance #1637 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Authorize participation for Fire and Police Departments in the SHACOG Emergency Response Program.**

Motion:

Ms. Palmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to authorize participation for fire and police departments in the SHACOG Emergency Response Program.

Mr. Panza asked if Char West COG also provided the same emergency response programs as SHACOG. Mr. Sampogna replied that they do not have the same programs. The police chiefs in Char West COG have just started meeting and do not have as many ongoing programs.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Mr. Montz said that the Public Safety Committee would be meeting next Monday evening.

D. RECREATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Mr. Panza

1. **Use of Fields - Greentree Athletic Association**

Mr. Panza said that this is the GAA's standard annual request for the use of fields.

Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Behanna, to approve the Greentree Athletic Association's request for the use of fields as outlined in their letter of January 15, 2010.

Motion carried, 5-0-1, with Ms. Palmer abstaining from the vote because she is the Secretary of the GAA.

2. **Appointment of delegates to the CONNECT Congress**

Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Behanna, to appoint Mr. Mark Sampogna and Ms. Janine Palmer as delegates to the CONNECT Congress.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bartell, from the audience, asked what the CONNECT Congress was. Mr. Sampogna replied that the CONNECT Congress is a new organization, started in 2009, consisting of the City of Pittsburgh and all municipalities that have a common boundary with the City of Pittsburgh. There are many issues that need to be coordinated between these municipalities and the city and this group will provide the forum to do so.

3. **Green Tree's 125th Anniversary Celebration Events**

Mr. Panza said the following events have been planned as part of Green Tree's 125th Anniversary Celebration in 2010:

April 16	Balloon release from Aiken and St. Margaret's Schools.
May 14	Historical Society Presentation at Fire Hall
June 18	Pitt Alumni Band Concert in Green Tree Park
July 17	Anniversary Dinner at Green Tree Radisson
July 23	Community Band South Band Concert at Green Tree Park
August 15	Community Family Picnic / Church Program / Fireworks
September 18	Community Day Exhibits at Fire Hall / Wine & Cheese Party

E. STREETS & PUBLIC HEALTH - Mr. Novak

1. **Authorize the Borough Manager to participate in a Joint Flow Isolation Study for the Whiskey Run Watershed with Mt. Lebanon and Scott Township.**

Motion:

Mr. Novak made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer, to authorize the Borough Manager to participate in a Joint Flow Isolation Study for the Whiskey Run Watershed with Mr. Lebanon and Scott Township at a cost of approximately \$6,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. FINANCE - Mr. Behanna

1. **Motion:**

Mr. Behanna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the January 2010 General Fund EFT payments totaling \$12,574.94, Payroll Account totaling \$176,734.94, Educational Service Agency totaling \$3,425.85, 2002/2009 Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$7,723.39, and other bills on the bill sheet totaling \$33,286.57.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Motion:**

Mr. Behanna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to approve payment of the February 2010 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$38,471.88, Capital Projects totaling \$8,851.22 and 2002/2009 Sanitary Sewer Bond totaling \$15,552.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Appointment of alternate delegate to Tax Collection Committee for the Allegheny Southwest Tax Collection District.**

Mr. Behanna said that this appointment is for the new centralized tax collection committee for local tax collection throughout the county. Mr. Montz is the delegate to this committee, but an alternate is needed.

Motion:

Mr. Behanna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to appoint Mrs. Babette Legler as the alternate delegate to the Tax Collection Committee for the Allegheny Southwest Tax Collection District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Montz said this committee held its first meeting recently and adopted by-laws. Mr. Montz was nominated to be the assistant treasurer of the group. This will allow him to attend the management committee meetings where the guidelines will be established to hire a collection agency. Since the Borough will only have a very small vote in the establishment of this committee because it is a weighted vote based upon the size of the community and its taxes, Mr. Montz felt it would be important to lobby and be involved in the groundwork of this committee that is currently being established.

4. Change in Administrative Staff

Mr. Behanna said that the current full-time administrative assistant in the Police Department will now only spend half her day at the Police Department and the other half in the Administrative Office.

Motion:

Mr. Behanna made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer, that in accordance with Section 242.01, Council has determined that the Police Department has to provide an administrative employee one-half of each working day. Additionally, the Borough Manager must begin managing that process, beginning immediately.

Motion carried unanimously.

LIAISON REPORTS**1. MRTSA - Mr. Montz**

Mr. Montz reported that for the first time in a number of years MRTSA operated in the black with a surplus of approximately \$131,000. However, the communities who utilize MRTSA's services will have to continue to fund MRTSA.

2. Char West COG - Mr. Behanna

Mr. Behanna said that the most recent COG meeting was held in Green Tree. The COG golf outing will be held on June 21 at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Behanna said that Rosslyn Farms Borough is working on an ordinance regarding the use of portable storage containers, called PODs. He suggested that the Borough see if there are any ordinances in place that would prevent long-term placement of these containers. Mr. Panza suggested that the Solicitor see what type of ordinance Rosslyn Farms is proposing. Mr. Montz said it might be covered under the Borough's storage shed ordinance.

3. Library - Mr. Sampogna

Mr. Sampogna reported that the library will be closed on Tuesday, September 14 for in-house staff training. This will also coincide with the week before the Friends of the Library's book sale.

Mr. Sampogna said that the library has booked the return of the Yo-Yo Guy again because he was such a huge success. He will be doing a program on tops for kids.

4. Junior Council Person - Mr. Helt

Mr. Sampogna said that Mr. Helt could not attend this evening because of a conflict.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Sampogna**1. Borough Council Committees**

Mr. Sampogna announced the members of the following Council committees:

Public Safety Committee - Mr. Schenck (Chair), Ms. Palmer, Mr. Panza

Recreation & Community Affairs - Mr. Panza (Chair), Mr. Novak, Mr. Tintori

Planning & Zoning - Ms. Palmer (Chair), Mr. Schenck, Mr. Novak

Streets & Public Health - Mr. Novak (Chair), Mr. Panza, Mr. Behanna

Public Property & Equipment - Mr. Tintori (Chair), Mr. Behanna, Ms. Palmer

Finance - Mr. Behanna (Chair), Mr. Tintori, Mr. Schenck

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Molinaro

Mr. Molinaro had nothing to report at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Montz

1. Mr. Montz reported that the Borough's salt supplies are at full capacity. He suggested that the Borough remain with the COG's salt contract next year and not continue with the CoStars salt delivery.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Behanna, to adjourn the meeting to an Executive Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Sampogna, President

W. David Montz, Manager

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