

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

APRIL 3, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

A Council scheduled worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on March 31, 2017, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Robert Howard, Lou Radkowski, Nedward Jacob, Bob Mohr, Andrew Mohny, Manager Timothy Pearson and Solicitor Thomas Wagner. Gregory Gebauer Gary Anderson were excused.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Roger Ovell, JoAnn Seltzer, Tim Ruffner, Michele and Don Hockman, Matt Young, Amy Cherry Richard Sadley, Warren Stewart, Allan Groll and Chris Pletcher.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Howard stated an Executive Session was held March 20, 2017, regarding real estate matters. No decisions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 20, 2017
Motion Passed

Lou Radkowski made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2017, seconded by Bob Mohr and all were in favor.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

There were no additional topics for discussion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:
Request for free parking for the
Speak Up! Reach Out! Suicide
Awareness Walk

Don and Michele Hockman presented a request for free parking on May 20, 2017 for the 2nd annual Speak Up! Reach Out! Suicide Awareness Walk.

Mr. Hockman thanked Council and the community for the overwhelming support for last year's walk. He again provided a very heartfelt history of why this event was necessary and explained its purpose was to raise awareness of suicide prevention to the residents of the City. The funds raised would go toward a scholarship fund that has been established in memory of his son, Seth Hockman.

Mrs. Hockman provided a map of the proposed route.

It was confirmed the City Police and Fire Police would assist with roadway crossings.

Motion Passed

Nedward Jacob made a motion to provide free parking on May 20th, 2017 in the City including the parking garage, seconded by Andrew Mohny and all were in favor.

Consider for publication:
An Ordinance amending Chapter
21, Part 5 of City Code relating to
snow and ice removal on City
sidewalks

Manager Pearson explained Council had previously reviewed the following four proposed ordinances and they were now being presented for publication.

An Ordinance amending Chapter 21, Part 5 of City Code relating to snow and ice removal on City sidewalks

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An Ordinance amending City Code regarding the regulations of Outdoor Fires

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An Ordinance revising the definition of leaf waste under the Curbside Recycling Ordinance

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Solicitor Wagner explained the first ordinance change was to make sure residents expeditiously cleared snow and ice from their sidewalk after a winter storm. The ordinance now provides a remedy to allow the City to clear the street (sidewalks) where people do not and to post municipal claims against the property. The City was still investigating enforcement similar to a parking ticket process, but it would be a separate ordinance change.

Solicitor Wagner further explained the following three ordinance changes were tied together but needed to be separated. Outdoor Furnaces would be a zoning issue so the ordinance change moves the issue from the Outdoor Fires ordinance to the Zoning ordinance. The issue of burning brush in rural areas of the City was addressed under the Outdoor Fires ordinance, and the curbside recycling ordinance to allow burning with specific limits and reporting requirements. He suggested approval of the first ordinance be separated and the last three could be combined for approval to publish.

Motion Passed

Lou Radkowski made a motion to publish the ordinance amending Chapter 21, Part 5 of City Code relating to snow and ice removal on City sidewalks, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

Motion Passed

Nedward Jacob made a motion to publish the Ordinance amending City Code regarding the regulations of Outdoor Fires, the Ordinance revising the definition of leaf waste under the Curbside Recycling Ordinance the Ordinance amending the regulations relating to Outdoor Furnaces, seconded by Lou Radkowski and all were in favor.

Scheduling a public hearing, re: Inter-Municipal Liquor License Transfer

Solicitor Wagner explained a request was received to transfer a liquor license from Ridgway to St. Marys. The Pennsylvania Liquor Code has limits on how many licenses you can have in a community, but allows additional licenses to be brought into the community with the permission of the governing body and also requires a public hearing be held.

Motion

Andrew Mohney made a motion to schedule a public hearing for the inter-municipal liquor license transfer, seconded by Bob Mohr.

Solicitor Wagner suggested the public hearing be scheduled for the next Council meeting.

Amended Motion

Andrew Mohney amended his motion to schedule a public hearing for the inter-municipal liquor license transfer at the next Council meeting on April 17, 2017, seconded by Lou Radkowski.

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Nedward Jacob questioned the location of 225 Market Street was located and Allan Groll responded the old B & R building right next to Dino's.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to schedule the public hearing.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

There were no topics for discussion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Jacob stated his concerns with Zito Media and the City's new Channel 4.

Manager Pearson responded he would look into it.

Councilman Mohr commented the analog seems to work but not the digital.

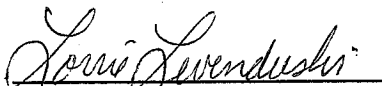
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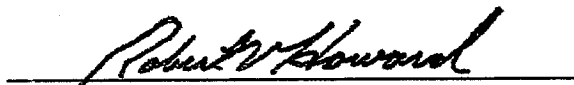
Mayor Howard made the following announcements:

- An Executive Session will be held immediately following adjournment of tonight's meeting regarding real estate matters.
- The next Council meeting will be Monday, April 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Nedward Jacob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Recording Secretary


Mayor