

Deputy Mayor Gumbs made a motion to approve the consent Agenda, all items listed under 6B.

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-82 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes the attached vendor be added to the State Contract Vendor List for 2007.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS/CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

Mayor Sobel asked any member of the public wishing to be heard to come forward and to state their name and address.

Paul Rinear
109 Wilson Avenue

Mr. Rinear stated he hears a lot of discussion with the sign ordinance. During the last election, there were some large signs on lawns that people no longer live there, would this be covered.

Mr. McCarthy stated yes it would, it is a temporary sign and can not be place on private property without the permission of the owner. If they didn't have permission it would not be allowed.

Mr. Rinear asked what if it is owned by the Township.

Mr. McCarthy stated it is considered public property.

Mr. Rinear stated there seems to be an abundance of signs on private property.

Mr. Rinear stated on the Newsletter, everytime a statement is made by a Councilmember the name is bolded, is there a reason for that. It looks like campaign literature.

Mayor Sobel asked how it would that be political material.

Mr. Rinear stated what you write you do not do.

Mayor Sobel stated he objects to that.

Councilman Drapkin stated he prints a lot of newsletters and when someone is quoted it is bold or italicized.

Mr. Rinear stated that was his impression he got when he read it. He stated it is no offense.

Councilman Perry stated he has the recent newsletter, Adeline Arnold is in bold print, Darryl Richardson is bold, Bob Brady. It is a community identifying other community members.

Phil Petrognani
178 Wilson Avenue

Mr. Petrognani stated it would be a good idea to put in the newsletter who is running for the election.

Mayor Sobel stated we do not want the newsletter being political. We try to report on what is going on around town, public events, etc.

Mr. Petrognani asked if it is possible to put a time limit on putting the signs up and taking them down. Who would be responsible for the signs.

Mr. McCarthy stated it is the candidates responsibility.

Mr. Brown stated when the sign ordinance is introduced it will be forwarded to all candidates.

Mr. Petrognani stated there seems to be issues with people receiving their water bills. Last time the water bills went out there was a problem with the post office which caused a lot of late fees.

Mr. Brown stated we found out a significant number of residents did not receive the last water bill and the late fees were reversed. Hopefully, this is an isolated problem and will not happen again.

Mr. Petrognani stated the website needs to be updated. The calendar portion has nothing on there. It would be a big help of residents.

Mr. Brown stated he is right, we did make a bunch of corrections and the Township Code will be on the website shortly.

Mr. Petrognani stated permits should be online, it would be easier.

Mr. Petrognani asked when the paving will take place on Wilson Avenue.

Mr. Brown stated we will be doing that in-house and to call him and he will find out for him.

Mr. Petrognani stated now that the bridge is open the speeding is bad on Wilson Avenue. We could use a sign.

Mr. Brown stated we will get police out there and look into signs.

Mr. Petrognani stated there are no guardrails at the bridge and with the people speeding someone is going to get hurt. He tried to get in touch with the County. All that needs to be done is to enforce the speed limit.

Joe Pauciello
Cliffwood Beach

Mr. Pauciello stated the Road Department did a nice job on Lakeshore Drive, but now we have a racetrack. From Lakeshore Drive to the beach there is not one speed sign. It is getting bad.

Mr. Brown stated we will look at signs and enforcement. Lakeshore Drive is one of our in-house improvement projects for the summer.

Vito Turchiano
863 South Concourse

Mr. Turchiano asked when we are going to start doing something with the beach.

Mr. Brown stated we applied for a Community Development Block Grant from the County to put a railing and level walking surface on the seawall and a ADA ramp to the Beach. We will do a presentation to the County in August.

Mr. Turchiano stated we have nothing.

Councilman Perry stated we do recognize the beach has been ignored. We are trying to take steps.

Mr. Pauciello stated years ago we had lights at the beach and bathrooms. They are not there anymore.

Mr. Turchiano stated kids destroyed it.

There being no one else present wishing to be heard, Mayor Sobel closed the public portion.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Vinci made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Drapkin and unanimously concurred by Council.

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007**

Present: Owen Drapkin
Thomas Perry
Vincent Vinci
Wilhelmina Gumbs
David G. Sobel

Absent: Nicholas Minutolo
Joseph Raymond

Also Present: Stuart Brown, Township Manager
Daniel McCarthy, Township Attorney
Colleen Paterson, Township Attorney

Mayor Sobel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that notice of this meeting has been posted and published in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Temporary Sign Ordinance: This sign ordinance covers signs in public right-a-way. This ordinance does not supersede previous ordinances as the Land Use sign ordinance concern. Mr. McCarthy explained you are not permitted under current law to have an outright ban of speech, which is what temporary signs are on considered on public property. You can have reasonable restrictions, for example a health, safety and welfare issue having signs on streets, sidewalks and curbs, but a public park can not have an outright ban on public signs. We can not just say any signs on public property.

Councilman Perry brought pictures of signs within the Township and discussed what is a temporary sign.

Mr. McCarthy stated we can wait to introduce this ordinance and get a definition of what a temporary sign is.

Council agreed to pull this ordinance for further attorney review.

Adding Vendor to the State Contract Vendor List: James Lauro, Public Works Director request adding Commercial Interiors Direct Inc. to the State Contract Vendor List and for carpeting at Town Hall. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Mr. Brown stated DooWop night is Thursday night, July 19th and the next event is August 9th the Jazz Lobster concert.

Mr. Brown stated he met with the State Department of Transportation and CME Associates regarding Route 35, they have a new concept plan and will be at the Council Meeting of August 21, 2007 to make a presentation to Council.

Mr. Brown stated construction on the intersection of Route 34 and Lloyd Road will take place in 2009. This project is fully funded.

Mr. Brown stated over the last year we have had complaints on Oxford and Cypress of cars cutting through at high speeds. These two streets can be test projects for new road humps which is approved with State standards. They are low humps with signs and a lot of paint.

Mayor Sobel stated Oxford Lane needs speed limit signs.

Mr. Brown stated speed limits on residential street are 25 mph with or without the signs.

Councilman Perry stated if we do it for these roads are we setting a precedent throughout town. We should look at speeding as a whole and not be a town of all speed bumps.

Councilman Vinci stated maybe we should take a survey and see what the residents want.

Mr. Brown will be sending a letter to all residents on those streets for their input on the speed humps.

Mr. McCarthy stated there is no need for an Executive Session this even.

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David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk