

Work Session
Mayor and Council
November 19, 2012

A Work Session of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:44 p.m. by Mayor Barra who announced that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act were met by the required posting and notice to publications.

The following individuals answered roll call: Council members Bernstein, McSwiggan, Strauch, White, and Mayor Barra. Ms. LaMonica and Mrs. Wilczynski were absent from the Work Session. Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Bole were also present.

Public Comments

Mr. Barra opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There were none.

Administration

Mayor's Report

Mayor Barra said today was the ribbon cutting for the Crescent Commons development. There were two hundred people present for the occasion. Mr. Barra did not review the events of the day but he reiterated his earlier comments thanking the Council for their wonderful support of the Crescent Commons project.

2013 Brookside School Yearbook Ad

Mr. Barra said in previous years the Council has placed an advertisement in the 2013 Brookside School yearbook.

The Council unanimously agreed to place an ad in the yearbook again in 2013.

Legal

Cell Tower Update

Mr. Bole said Allendale was approached by AT&T with regard to the cellular tower. They want to upgrade their antennas on the tower from six to nine. Mr. Bole noted that once previously the lease was amended to increase users. AT&T will provide Allendale with a structural analysis to show that the tower can handle the increased number of antennas.

A letter was received from Crown Castle which is the lead agency on the tower. They want Sprint to substitute three new antennas by way of an upgrade. The process will involve taking down the existing antennas, putting up temporary antennas, and after a period of a few months,

taking down the temporary antennas to put up new permanent antennas. There will not be a net increase on the tower with respect to Sprint. They too will provide a structural analysis of the tower.

Crown Castle also wants to sublease two new carriers on the tower. They have provided a structural analysis that will have to be reviewed.

Mr. Bole said the Borough previously approved of subleasing an additional carrier to Crown Castle. The agreement we have with Crown Castle allows for additional revenue for the Borough if the subtenant is paying an increased lease amount to them. We need to find out what the subtenant is paying so we can evaluate that issue.

Any structural analysis must be evaluated by our Engineer. Previously Dewberry has had a conflict and another firm had to be used. If this is the case, the applicant should pay for this analysis. The last time this situation occurred, the Borough used the Schwanewede Hals firm. Mr. Bole will be in contact with Mr. Hals.

If Crown Castle's two sub tenants are approved, they will need to have equipment installed on the ground. If this results in an increased footprint, variances and site plan approval may be required.

Mr. Bole said there are six carriers presently on the tower and there is the potential for eight. With regard to AT&T, if they increase their antennas their revenue should also be increased.

Sunesys Right of Way Agreement

Mr. Bole said another fiber optic cable company, Sunesys, would like to add more wire to our poles on Franklin Turnpike. The Telecommunications Act says we cannot deny them outright, but they can be controlled which we have done with other companies by way of an agreement. Based upon the storm and other issues, we want to make sure we have adequate emergency contacts if we run into a problem with their wires coming down. If that is the case, they must restore their own wire.

Mrs. McSwiggan said she thinks the companies that are on the telephone poles should be audited to determine what lines are on what poles and who owns them.

She also commented that she was told by a Cablevision representative that if a tree is on wires it is the homeowner's responsibility to take the tree down.

On a motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. McSwiggan, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn to Regular Session at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk