

Borough of Carlisle
Workshop Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2023

Present at the meeting: Councilors Crampsie, Hicks, Mellen, Perry, Stuby, Deputy Mayor Landis and Mayor Shultz. Also present were: Borough Manager Armstrong, Assistant Borough Manager Snyder, Water Resources Director Malarich, Sustainable Community and Economic Planning Director Woolston, Human Resource/Risk Management Manager Berrier, Fire Chief O'Donnell, Public Information Coordinator Taylor, Dickinson College Student Ambassador Fisher-Henson, Penn State Law Student Ambassador Powers and Borough Secretary Stone

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Shultz called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Citizens to be Heard

No Citizens were heard.

III. Meeting Minutes

A. Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve the April 5, 2023 Workshop Meeting Minutes. (Landis/Hicks)

IV. Citizens to be Heard

A. Joe Shane, 51 West High Street, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, announced that Carlisle Pride Committee will hold events in Carlisle on June 9 – 11, 2023. The Mayor was asked to present a proclamation on Saturday, June 10th.

Tina Ziegler, 120 East Louther Street, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, remarked that Carlisle Pride is organized by individuals and organizations who are dedicated to making Carlisle an affirming, accepting, and safe place for all. There will be events held during Pride Week throughout the community.

V. Presentations

A. Vision Zero

Mitch Shiles provided a description of Vision Zero as a network of cities that are working to end traffic violence, to reduce fatalities and severe injuries down to zero. Cities such as Bethlehem, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Lancaster are setting goals to end severe injuries and deaths from traffic accidents. The data from these cities show less accidents since implementing Vision Zero strategies. Data was provided that displayed Carlisle having a large cycling population and that there has been a high increase in serious injury accidents of pedestrian and cyclist. Areas in Carlisle that were reported having a high frequency of cycle crashes were Pomfret Street and North Hanover Street. Mr. Shiles presented various methods of reducing speed limits in the Borough and suggested an active transportation plan as the next step.

Councilor Crampsie inquired why a few of the larger cities have less accidents and seem safer. Mr. Shiles responded that those cities have implemented Vision Zero strategies and have shown a slowdown in the progression of vehicles to make it more welcoming for pedestrians and cyclists.

Mayor Shultz recommended committing to Vision Zero with a resolution, then incorporating the plan into future goals and initiatives.

B. 20th Anniversary of the Carlisle Borough Student Ambassador Position

Ms. Anne Fisher-Henson presented a 20-year timeline of the Borough's Dickinson College Student Ambassador position. Her presentation included the names of each ambassador along with significant initiatives that were implemented over 20 years in partnership with Dickinson College and the Borough.

Following Ms. Fisher-Henson's presentation, Professor Jim Hepler, 227 Moorland Ave, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, presented the outstanding Political Science Junior award to Ms. Fisher-Henson. This award is given to a junior year student majoring in political science and demonstrating academic achievement with a strong interest in the American political process. Professor Hepler praised Ms. Fisher-Henson with accolades and noted in his 33 years of teaching she is in the top one half percent of gifted students that he has taught.

VI. Public Safety Committee

A. Street Closure Request

After discussion and motion amendment, the following motion was adopted by Borough Council by a vote of 7-0 to authorized reserved parking on the 200 block of West Louthier Street between the hours of 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM on Saturday May 6, 2023, for a Borough sponsored event honoring former Fire Chief David Boyles at St. Paul's Evangelical Church. (Shultz/Hicks)

VII. Public Works Committee

A. Noble Boulevard Potential Safety Enhancements: *Staff Update*

Water Resources Director Malarich spoke of previous discussions that were held on possible safety improvements along the Noble Boulevard corridor from Ridge Street to South Hanover Street. These improvements would coincide with a road repaving project that would provide low-cost quick upgrades to allow for storm water management, traffic calming, and dedicated bicycle lanes. In those discussions, Council provided suggestions that required postponing the repaving project until 2024 to allow additional time for staff to evaluate the other improvements and to apply for potential grant funds to support this project.

Assistant Engineer Jeff Bergsten presented an overview of the traffic data that was used to determine the reconfiguration of the Noble Boulevard corridor. He noted the highest traffic volume near South Hanover Street and Noble Blvd is 11,000 vehicles per day. Traffic volume on Noble Blvd. traveling to Ridge Street is about 1,700 vehicles per day. The improvements would include the narrowing of four lanes down to two lanes and allowing for additional green space, which will help with stormwater concerns at College and Walnut Bottom Road. He recommended to postpone repaving, evaluate alternatives and seek outside funding.

Mr. Brian McDermott, 343 G Street, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, suggested extending the bike lane on South Hanover Street to connect to the Noble Boulevard bike lane.

VIII. New Business

No new business was heard.

IX. Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Brenda S. Landis, Deputy Mayor

Joyce E. Stone, Borough Secretary