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Carlisle Borough Looking to Fill Council Member Seat

Carlisle Borough Council to Accept Resumes for the Position of Council Member Following the Resignation of Ms. Connie Bires

Next month, Carlisle Borough Council will take official action to accept the tendered resignation of Councilor Connie Bires. Ms. Bires, who took her seat on Council in January 2016, submitted a letter of resignation to Borough Council last week (December 14) citing personal reasons.

Mayor Scott and Deputy Mayor Shultz have announced plans to seek Bires' successor through a public outreach. PA Borough Code* dictates that applicants for this office must be registered electors of the Borough. Letters of interest and accompanying resumes will be accepted through January 19, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Submissions must be mailed or hand-delivered to: Mayor's Office/ERCP Committee, Attn: Borough Secretary, 53 West South Street, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013. Individuals opting to submit electronically may do so at: jstone@carlislepa.org (Subject line should read: "Carlisle Borough Council Vacancy Submission". Submissions received after the deadline (January 19, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.) will not be considered.

Mayor Scott emphasized, "Borough Council is committed to keeping the process (by which the vacancy is filled) sound. Under the Sunshine Law, Council cannot fill the vacancy of an elected office, or discuss filling the vacancy, in an executive session forum. Council has been advised by legal counsel that interviews of prospective persons, or discussions by a majority of Council on this subject, must be done at a public meeting of Council. This also applies to any committee of Council that could be tasked with interviewing and/or making recommendations of a candidate to the Council as a whole. Deputy Mayor Shultz and I will be discussing the matter in more detail over the course of the next few weeks. We encourage those Borough electors having an interest in serving our great community to submit their letters and accompanying resumes."

In response to Bires' resignation, Deputy Mayor Shultz stated, "We (Council) were saddened to learn of Connie's decision. While Connie's service as a council member has been somewhat brief, her hard work and desire to serve the people of Carlisle are commendable. Her presence and input will be missed on Council, as well as those committees that she served (Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board and Public Works). Even though Connie has resigned from public office, it is our hope that Connie will continue to remain actively engaged within our community."

Questions regarding the position may be directed to Assistant Borough Manager Susan Armstrong at 717-240-6922 or sarmstrong@carlislepa.org.

**NOTE: The Borough's Charter defers to the State Borough Code when a vacancy occurs in the office of a council member. While Council has up to 45 days to formally accept Ms. Bires' tendered resignation, it is anticipated that the item will be placed on the January 12, 2017 Council Meeting Agenda. Once formally accepted, Council will then have 30 days to fill the vacancy.*
