[ARCHIVED] Recent Action Report: Monday, March 19, Borough Council Regular Meeting

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Special Business and Reports
Borough Council adopted a resolution in support of local students’ “March for our Lives” rally and march scheduled for March 24.

Consent Items
The Council approved the following items:

- Approved Payroll and Accounts Payable vouchers for the month of February in the amount of $2,911,969.21.
- Awarded the contract for refuse containers to Valley Can Custom Container, in the amount of $29,950.00.
- Approved the closure of Locust Lane, between East College Avenue and Wilson Alley, for the Tuesday Farmers’ Market, to be held every week from May 15 until November 6, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Approved the use of Sidney Friedman Park, the closing of D Alley (between South Allen Street and Highland Alley) and the use of various sidewalks from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the closing of Fraser Street (between Sidney Friedman Park and East Fairmount) with conditions for the annual American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Walk – Out of the Darkness, on Sunday, April 29, 2018.
A. Request for an Exception to the Open Container Ordinance and Approve the Pop-Up Ave Spring Market Event

Pop-Up Ave submitted an application for a Special Activity Permit and a request for an open container exception for the Pop-Up Ave Spring Market event planned for the 100 block of South Fraser Street and Martin Luther King Plaza on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Council approved the Special Activity Permit and the Exception to the Open Container Ordinance.

B. Action Sports Park Report

On August 7, 2017, Borough Council appointed the Ad-Hoc Action Sports Park (ASP) Committee. The 15-person committee consisted of representatives of the various Borough neighborhood associations as well as other at-large members. Council President Evan Myers served as chairman of the ASP Committee. The charge for the committee included researching the feasibility of an action sports park, consider what elements or activities might be included in such a park and identify possible locations for the action sports park. During Monday’s meeting the ASP committee members presented a report on the committee’s work.

Council directed staff to forward a copy of the final report to the Centre Region Council of Governments requesting the topic of an Action Sports Park be placed on a future COG General Forum agenda for presentation and discussion.

C. UPUA's Request to Modify Student Representative Resolution

The University Park Undergraduate Association has requested that Council consider several amendments to Resolution 1030 adopted by Council on October 18, 2010. Resolution 1030 established the position of Student Representative and set forth requirements and process for the appointment of the Student Representative. The Resolution also provided criteria for the Student Representative and provisions for the removal of the representative for enumerated reasons.

Council adopted a resolution making the following modifications to Resolution 1030:

- Sections Six and Seven to provide that the UPUA Assembly shall identify and present the name of a candidate rather than a list of candidates
- Section Nine to provide that a Student Representative that has consecutive unexcused absences from Council meetings may be removed by Council.

Planning and Zoning

A. Traffic Pattern Changes to West Calder Way, New Alley and Cresson Alley during Construction of The Residences
The developers for the Residences at Atherton & College are requesting approval to alter traffic patterns on various alleys to assist with construction.

Council approved the following traffic pattern changes:

- Closure of one-half of West Calder Way along the entire length of the property.
- One-Way traffic east for traffic exiting the Atherton Hotel to Cresson Alley as well as One-Way traffic west from Burrowes Street.
- Reversing direction of travel on New Alley (Burrowes Street to Cresson Alley) from One-Way west to One-Way east.
- "Open" the access of West Calder Way at Atherton Street as a backup plan for exiting traffic from Atherton Hotel at times when Calder Way must be closed for utility work.

These traffic changes will not exceed 24 months.

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