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A regular meeting of Upper Darby Township Council was held on Wednesday evening, January 20th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room #202 of the Municipal Building, 100 Garrett Road, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Donald P. Bonnett with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Donald P. Bonnett, Thomas P. Wagner, Jacob A. Bierling Jr., Sekela Coles, Robert Gwin, Barbarann Keffer, Marc Manfre, Lisa Faraglia, Sheikh M. Siddique, Patrick Spellman

Ed Monaghan, excused

Present at the Meeting

Thomas N. Micozzie, Mayor
Scott Gottel, Esq., Solicitor
Richard G. Nolan, Chief Municipal Clerk

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Bonnett: A motion would be in order for the approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2015.

Mr. Wagner: So moved.

Mr. Spellman: Seconded.

Mr. Bonnett: It has been moved and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? The ayes have it. The next order of business is the approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2015.

Mr. Wagner: So moved.

Ms. Coles: Seconded.

Mr. Bonnett: It has been moved and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? The ayes have it.

Public Forum

Mr. Bonnett: This is the time set aside for the public to speak. When you hear your name come forward to the podium and state your name and address for the records. Comments are limited to five minutes.

Jim Schneller, 4 Schuylkill Avenue, Norristown
Commerce

His comments are filed on tape.

Mr. Bierling: That is our only speaker this evening.

Mr. Bonnett: Thank you Jack. This is the time set aside for our Mayor, the Honorable Thomas N. Micozzie.

Mayor Micozzie**Appointments****Appointment of Deti Hossain and Kate Sweeney-Smith as members of the Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee**

Mayor Micozzie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My first order of business this evening is to submit to Council for their approval the appointment of Deti Hossain as member of the Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee as well as the appointment of Kate Sweeney-Smith as a member of the Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee.

Mr. Bonnett: Is there a motion?

Mr. Bierling: So moved.

Mr. Wagner: Seconded.

Mr. Bonnett: Moved and seconded. Bob, do you have a comment?

Mr. Gwin: What is the duration of the term?

Mayor Micozzie: These are five year terms. The original then...the term is a replacement and that expiration is four years. Thanks for asking. She is replacing a member that resigned.

Mr. Gwin: Thank you.

Mr. Bonnett: OK, any other comments? It has been moved and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? The ayes have it.

Mayor Micozzie: As for my Administration, I would like to submit the following:

Thomas J. Judge Jr.	Chief Administrative Officer
James Maloney	Director of Administrative Services & Public Health
John McMullan	Director of Leisure Services
Michael Chitwood	Police Superintendent
Jeffrey Gentile	Director of License & Inspection & Community Development
James Smith	Director of Finance
Arlene Leaf	Director of Parking Enforcement
Dan Lutz	Director of Public Works & Township Engineer
Joseph Martin	Director of Electrical Department
McNichol, Byrne & Matlawski, PC	Township Solicitor
Holsten & Associates	Assistant Township Solicitor

Mr. Bonnett: A motion would be in order for the approval of the Mayor's appointments.

Mr. Wagner: So moved.

Mr. Spellman: Seconded.

Mr. Bonnett: Moved and seconded. Any comments?

Ms. Keffer: Just that the last ones on here.....

Mayor Micozzie: That comes separately.

Mr. Bonnett: And I will add that all those mentioned are currently sitting in those positions. So, the motion was moved and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? The ayes have it.

Mayor Micozzie: And this is for a matter of information. As you know at the swearing-in that I accepted the retirement papers of Edward Cubler as the Fire Chief and I am appointing Thomas J. Judge Jr., William Holsten, Township Solicitor, Edward Monaghan, Chairman of Public Safety, Lee Fulton, Fire Marshall and Donald P. Bonnett, President of Council as the search committee for the new Fire Chief. Also this evening, I would like to appoint McNichol, Byrne &

Matlawski, PC as our Township Solicitors and Holsten & Associates as Assistant Township Solicitors.

Mr. Bonnett: Therefore a motion would be in order for the appointment of McNichol, Byrne & Matlawski, PC as Township Solicitors and Holsten & Associates as Assistant Township Solicitors.

Mr. Wagner: So moved.

Mr. Spellman: Seconded.

Mr. Bonnett: Any comments? It has been moved and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? The ayes have it.

Mayor Micozzie: One final communication that I think is important to our residents of Upper Darby from the City of Philadelphia Fire Department Division One to Chief Ed Cubler and the Fire Department.

Mayor Micozzie read a letter of thanks from the City of Philadelphia Fire Department to the Upper Darby Fire Department for their assistance in battling the fire at the Cobbs Creek Golf Course Clubhouse.

Mayor Micozzie: That's all I have this evening.

Mr. Bonnett: We have one other appointment to consider this evening and I would request a motion of Council to appoint Richard G. Nolan as the Chief Municipal Clerk.

Mr. Wagner: So moved.

Ms. Coles: Seconded.

Mr. Bonnett: It has been moved and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? The ayes have it.

Councilwoman Coles announced that she is sponsoring a poetry contest for Black History Month for 5th graders.

Ms. Coles: Right now, I have opened it up to Bywood and I wanted to open it up to the entire Council if any other Council members are interested in pursuing that with me. It will be for the 5th graders and the theme is for an unsung hero or role model that is special to that young person's life and my idea was to have two winners, a male and female from the 5th grade class and if we opened it up to each of the elementary schools if Council was interested then obviously since we have 10 elementary schools, it would be a total of 20 children. I have talked to Tom Judge about having the winners present at the March Council meeting.

Mr. Bonnett: Certainly. Obviously this is done in cooperation with the school district.

Ms. Coles: Well, actually right now it would be done with Council but I can also see if the school district....

Mr. Bonnett: Well, how are you going to get the word out?

Ms. Coles: Through the Wednesday folders.

Mr. Bonnett: Great. How will the winners be chosen?

Ms. Coles: We could see if teachers would be interested in selecting the winners or we could select them. It will depend on how many Council members are interested.

Mr. Gwin: Is there an award that you are going to give out for these and the Council could help with the cost?

Ms. Coles: I think we could talk about that. Right now the award is the recognition. We could do our own certificate. The idea was to have them present at the March Council meeting. But, we can talk about an award. I would have to get the OK through Tom Judge.

Mayor Micozzie: We could do a Proclamation.....

Ms. Coles. OK, thank you.

Mr. Bonnett: Does the Solicitor have anything this evening.

Solicitor: I have nothing.

Mr. Bonnett: A motion would be in order for adjournment.

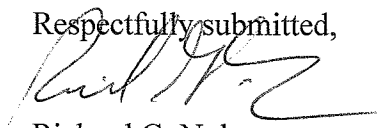
Adjournment

Mr. Wagner: So moved.

Mr. Gwin: Seconded.

Mr. Bonnett: This meeting stands adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard G. Nolan
Chief Municipal Clerk