

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Special Meeting of Council
August 8, 2007

The special meeting of Council was called to order by President Militzer at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Green and Council Members Cmar, King, Militzer, Oskin, Serapiglia and Weir answered to roll call. Engineer Omer and Interim Manager Arndt were present. Solicitor Brimmeier arrived at 7:08 p.m. and Police Chief Reagan arrived at 7:12 p.m. Public Service Coordinator McVicker was absent.

Dr. Kulish moved to deny authorizing the Solicitor to advertise Council's intention to enact an ordinance granting the re-zoning of 59 acres on Route 51, High and Ridge Roads from B-P Business Park to C-1 Highway Commercial as requested by McHolme Development, seconded by Mr. Oskin. Mr. King thanked everyone for their patience during this long process. Solicitor Brimmeier arrived. Mr. King reported he went on the Wal-Mart website and found they are efficiently run and the #1 retailer in the world. It mentioned participation in the local communities, and stated a typical superstore will donate up to \$50,000 every year towards local recreation programs and other charities. With Dick Corporation and other businesses leaving Jefferson Hills, and the Economic Development Commission trying to bring in new development, he thought Council should think about that. Chief Reagan arrived. Mr. King advised when he attended the Local Government Academy when he was voted a Councilman, he learned 80% of a community's tax revenues should come from local business tax. He advised Jefferson Hills is the complete opposite. Mr. Weir stated he was concerned about losing control of this issue to Clairton if we voted against it and he did not want to see that happen. He was concerned the problems for us, as a whole community, will be 100% worse if we give up control of this project and it is placed on our border. Motion passed on a 6-1 roll call vote. Council Members Cmar, King, Kulish, Oskin, Serapiglia and Militzer voted yes. Council Member Weir voted no.

Mr. Militzer adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m. on motion by Mr. Weir, seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

Saundra J. Mortle
Secretary/Treasurer