

WORK SESSION MINUTES – August 20, 2013

All decisions made at a work session are subject to finalization at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council.

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DATE: August 20, 2013

CAUCUS ROOM

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Richard LaBarbiera
Paul Kaufman, Borough Attorney
Joseph D'Arco, Borough Administrator

Council Members:

Amato
Bellinger
Lagana
Nazziola
Verile
Warburton

Bergen County Open Space Public Hearing

1. Resolution No: 13-8-512 Notification of meetings as required by "The Open Public Meetings Act."
-Read at 7:06 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Nazziola, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Warburton

2. Resolution No. 13-8-513: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO SERVE AS ACTING CLERK FOR THE AUGUST 20, 2013 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilman Amato

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Nazziola, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Warburton

-Mayor says that it has been brought to his attention about possible contamination concerns in the area of the Reid Park nature trail and asks Borough Engineer Peter Ten Kate to look into it. He wants to ensure that the public is not exposed to and safety issues, health risks, etc. Mr. Ten Kate responds that during hearings there was a question regarding this subject, he will look into it and report back to the Mayor and Council. Mayor asks Mr. Ten Kate about the status of Midland Ave. Mr. Ten Kate says there are a few more issues to clean up. Mayor also asks about the Spring Valley Road overpass. Mr. Ten Kate states that the engineer for Vornado was compliant. Councilman Nazziola is questions the intersection of Midland Avenue and Farview Avenue and states that there is no left hand turn lane to make a turn from Midland onto Farview. Mr. Ten Kate says he will approach the County on the subject. Mr. Ten Kate states that the police station roof project is almost complete. The library roof was started after Labor Day and also applying for a DOT grant for road resurfacing for next year. All American Ford is getting their money posted to start landscaping around back in the next week or so.

3. BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT:

- Letter from TKL Research requesting conduct a medical research study on several Sundays in late September, October and November –Borough Attorney has addressed already
- Letter from NJ Transit requesting bus stops on Winter Avenue and Mack Centre Drive –Council agrees
- Letter from Westfield Garden State Plaza requesting permission to host a Ride and Drive event on August 21st, 22nd and 23rd -Approved according to past practices
- Letter received from KONE Elevators and Escalators requesting permission to perform preventative maintenance in Kohl's stores on August 24th and 25th. –Approved, public safety issue
- Tax Collector's report of revenues collected for June 2013 and July 2013 -Acknowledged
- Notice received on 8/5/13 from United Water advising of a petition to increase rates for water service and tariff changes. -Acknowledged

- Request received from Spanx Inc. to hold events throughout the year to offer customers champagne or wine. –Discussion ensues regarding this request. Not Approved by Council.
- Request received for a block party on Wynetta Place on September 14, 2013, with a rain date of September 15, 2013. –Approved, coordinate with Police
- Request received from Steinway Piano Gallery to hold a semi-annual NJ Professional Teachers Guild Scholarship Competition on Sunday, December 8, 2013 from 12PM to 4PM –Approved according to past practices

4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

-AR James Media Corporation should have advertisements up for review by October. Mr. Ten Kate is working on specifications for the solar panels for the Pool Complex and the Firehouse. Starting to conclude the Driver's License Policy. Building department part-time clerk position for next meeting. The Court Administrator is advertising for a part-time clerk through the AOC. The DPW staff promotions are on the list for tonight, accommodated the Teamsters by posting position. All positions and titles were discussed during negotiations. Budget to be adopted tonight. Phase II capital to be introduced tonight. Resolution for IT position candidate on for tonight and was interviewed by both IT Director Ljubcich and Asst. IT Director Colombini and candidate has accepted position. Needs authorization to do an RFQ for Police Testing. Finishing the Pool bid for the second floor. Recommendation for Recreation for closed session. Old sidewalk repair project list completed. Budgeted to keep up with sidewalk repair. Senior services survey has been completed and the Intern will be accumulating the data and reporting back on it. Television installed at the Senior Center. Met with DPW Supt. Guy Picone and Shade Tree Supt. Jay Sexton regarding deficiencies identified in the back of the Senior Center, specifically the Bocci courts.

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor LaBarbiera

-Meeting with Washington Township soon. Exploring options for the location of the Ambulance Corps. and possibly relocating to the PVAC building.

Councilman Amato

-For Public Meeting

Councilwoman Bellinger

-Seeking authorization to post for Acting Police Promotions. This will reduce overtime costs and will allow for one detective to be used as a school resource. Council authorizes to post. Also seeking authorization to put out an RFQ for a Police Testing Company. Council authorizes RFQ. She is requesting authorization to make changes to the alarm ordinance, specifically the fees. Council agrees to redraft. Mrs. Bellinger questions the hiring of police officers. The Council is not posting until the status of grants are known. Forming a committee for the Recreation Center. Issues with coaches at Recreation. Mrs. Bellinger's program has agreed to take on the coaching. Mayor says we can make an exception to the coaching requirements. Discussion ensues about possibly rewriting ordinance to allow high school kids to work with recreation kids as long as supervised by a certified coach or teacher.

Councilman Lagana

-For Closed

Councilman Nazziola

-For Public Meeting

Councilman Verile

-For Public Meeting

Councilwoman Warburton

-Mrs. Warburton received about 200 signatures from Paramus Pool members who would like to have the Pool hours extended through Labor Day. The Mayor states that it is unique that school does not start until the 9th of September. She spoke to the

pool manager and because it is so late in the season, a lot of workers have other jobs or prior commitments. The Mayor states that although the intentions are good, there is not enough staff to accommodate request.

6. DISCUSSION:

Biagio's

-Borough Attorney Kaufman states that there was a situation during construction. Biagio's is asking for a temporary C.O. Says that he cannot find any reference to the Mayor and Council having the authority to issue a temporary C.O. Mayor says that the Mayor and Council cannot interfere with the approval process and that it is beyond their authority and the Council agrees.

7. RESOLUTION No. 13-8- 514 closing the Meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

- Personnel - Appointments
- Contractual – Police Chief
- Litigation – Shamrock Creek
- Litigation – Cell Tower
- Contractual – PEA
- Litigation – Ward

Motion to go into Closed Session at 8:04 P.M.

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilman Lagana

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Nazziola, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Warburton

Nays: None

Matters permitted by law

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizens are welcome to address the Mayor and Council on any governmental item of concern to them, whether or not it is scheduled on the agenda above. Comments will be made at the public portion of tonight's Public Meeting in the Council Chambers.

-None

7. RECESS (to resume in Council Chambers)