

WORK SESSION MINUTES – July 23, 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: July 23, 2013

CAUCUS ROOM

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Council Members:

Amato
Bellinger
Lagana
Nazziola
Verile
Warburton

1. Resolution No: 13-7-473: Notification of meetings as required by "The Open Public Meetings Act."
-Read by the Municipal Clerk at 7:07 P.M.

Roll Call

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

2. BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT:
-None

3. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
-For Closed Session

4. BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT:
-None

5. MAYOR'S REPORT:
-Would like to reschedule the August 6th work session to August 13th due to National Night Out. Council agrees.

6. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Councilman Amato

-Nothing for Work Session

Councilwoman Bellinger

-Heart scans for incoming freshman through the Rotary Club, called woman and asked if it was something that people could come and pay for. The woman indicated that they can set up an appointment and pay for it at their discounted rate. Wants to know if the Mayor and Council wants to take the step and advertise this through the Health Dept. Mayor says that this is something that the School District should work on with the Rotary. Mrs. Warburton asks what the difference is between bringing their child to their doctor or pediatrician compared to what these people do. Mrs. Bellinger answers that this is not a scan that is done by the doctor or covered by insurance. Mayor says that the School District should continue to handle this. Mrs. Bellinger also brings up the Recreation discount question and how it would be applied in the RecTrack online system. Mayor says that perhaps some of those people the wish to take advantage of the discount may have to come to register in person. Mr. D'Arco says that they would have to be entered in manually. Will have Tony from IT meet with the company. Questions Scholarship Families, Mr. D'Arco indicates that he will meet with Sue Regan from Recreation.

Councilman Lagana

-One item for Closed Session; A resident approached Mr. Lagana about the overpasses and the overgrown vegetation on the highways and what the Borough was doing about it. Mr. Lagana informed them that it is state property, specifically the Midland

Avenue overpass. Mayor says this is a recurring problem. Mr. D'Arco says that the state has a website that the Quality of Life officers have and they send reports to the state through that website on a daily basis.

Councilman Nazzola

-Asks Mr. D'Arco if Supt. of DPW Guy Picone had a chance to walk through the Human Services building. Mr. D'Arco indicates that he did and that they are bringing in a contractor to get an exact cost, building does need renovation, once he receives an estimate, Mr. D'Arco will meet with the Mayor and Council to discuss. Board of Health passed a resolution changing the location of the smoking area to be away from the building.

Councilman Verile

-Cultural arts concert started three weeks ago. Had about 1,500 people the first week and about 1,000 people last week. There are two more concerts left. 4th of July ran smooth, largest one ever, 800 marchers, 105 cars, great crowd.

Councilwoman Warburton

-Nothing for the Work Session

7. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Health Department presentation Stygma Free Zone:

-Director of Health Department Judy Migliaccio explains that about 2 months ago, Mrs. Marianne Uzi met with the Mayor and her and wants Paramus to become the second community in the country to become a Stygma Free Zone. Has secured partnerships from the Chamber of Commerce and the Community. Gives facts about mental illness. Mrs. Uzi speaks, states that she has always been proud of Paramus but never more proud than the last two months due to the response to this program. Had no idea about mental illness until she started volunteering. Recent tragic events have gotten people's attention regarding mental illness. Wants people to be able to talk about mental illness freely. Care One willing to help to create awareness and educate the community in regards to mental illness. After first meeting, Paramus Patch did an article, received a letter from a former student supporting program. Put out signs, performances, town hall meetings, numerous projects in mind. Mayor received numerous e-mails regarding this program. Thinks it's a step in the right direction and commends Judy for a great job.

8. RESOLUTION No. 13-7-474: Closing the Meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

Matters permitted by law

- a. Banks v Borough of Paramus - Litigation
- b. Leib – potential settlement
- c. Mazzo – potential settlement
- d. Cell Tower – litigation
- e. MOU-PEA

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:45 P.M.

Motion: Councilman Lagana Second: Councilman Verile

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

Nays: None

9. 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.

Jack Cancelosi – [REDACTED]

-Concerned about the American Dream project in East Rutherford and the possible threat to Paramus' Blue Laws. Is Paramus trying to be proactive to reduce this threat? What type of protection do we have in place?

-Mr. Kaufman explains that Blue Laws are a creature of the state legislature and have been delegated on a county wide basis. Bergen County has had referendums, most recently in 1993, when the Blue Laws were upheld. The Paramus Ordinance is a part of the county wide legislation to have Blue Laws. The State legislature can change the law. We have been in touch with our legislators and county officials regarding the Blue Laws. Mayor explains that we're always on the defensive but have solidified our position regarding the Blue Laws.

Joe Payoczkowski

-Applauds the Smoke free zones and agrees with Councilman Lagana that the overpasses are disgraceful. State should be doing a better job of maintenance. Mayor applauds county for working with us on this problem.

10. RECESS AT PM

Respectfully submitted

Annemarie Krusznis, RMC,
Borough Clerk