

MARCH 14, 2011

PAULSBORO, N.J.

5:00 P.M.

WORK SESSION MEETING

Council Chamber:

Council President Haynes presided at a Work Session Meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

Members present were: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Absent: Mayor Burzichelli.

Council President Haynes called the meeting to order.

Borough Clerk VanScoy read the opening statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

Council President Haynes opened the floor to the public.

Mike Licciardello, 520 Beacon Avenue, Fire Chief, discussed the Chief's car as it is no longer in service. He is working with Gibbstown on a borrowed vehicle which is a 1991 Suburban. This vehicle will eventually be donated by Gibbstown and he is waiting on the paperwork to be turned over to Paulsboro. His car is not worth sinking money into it.

Angeline Frisbey, 9 West Washington Street, discussed an incident that occurred on Saturday in reference to her daughter stopping in front of Mrs. Frisbey's house to unload it as she doesn't have a driveway. She received a ticket and that is when it turned into a bad situation. She questioned if this is how things were supposed to go and she felt the Sergeant was out of order.

Council President Haynes informed Mrs. Frisbey to talk with Chief Grogan about this incident.

R. #55.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE 2010 BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNTS. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #55.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #56.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2011 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #56.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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R. #57.11: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING OF THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROJECT FOR 2011. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #57.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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R. #58.11: RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO REGARDING USAGE OF CERTAIN STAGE UNITS. Giovannitti moved and Tedeski seconded to adopt R. #58.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Kidd, Morina, Tedeski. Nays: None. Abstained: Hamilton. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Lori Buckelew, New Jersey State League of Municipalities, regarding sample resolution to exempt the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes from the 2% Cap. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Administrator John S. Salvatore to Burt Lopez of Atlantic Electric regarding abandoned poles. Giovannitti moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the letter and hold this matter over to the next meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Grogan stated Sgt. Suter has submitted his retirement notification for June 1st. The Police Department is down a man or two and with Sgt. Suter retiring it will be down three men. He further stated the Police Department tries to keep involved with housing but had to move the Housing Officer back to Patrol. The Police Department has done a couple of ABC inspections at the Office, Bennie's on the Rail and Riverview Inn. There wasn't anything found to be substantial to forward to the Governing body and the one establishment has cleaned up.

Chief Grogan stated he is working on the Buffer Zone Grant and he is learning to submit paperwork reports. The Department received new radios but will not be using them as the County is going to be changing their frequencies. The County will replace the radios "on their dime" not the Borough's money. He put the radios in storage; they are still in the boxes and hopefully, trade them and get full value in a year. He further stated the Department is receiving their second License Plate Recognition System.

Chief Grogan discussed the maintenance being a little excessive on the patrol cars.

Councilman Giovannitti asked Chief Grogan to discuss the shared service rumor taking place in the neighboring town.

Chief Grogan stated a neighboring community decided to research merging the towns' police departments. It was upsetting to him and his officers and it causes a lot of problems. He was reassured by Mayor and Council that there isn't any validity to the rumor.

Councilman Kidd gave his opinion in regards to merging the police department. He stated merging might work for some towns but not the older towns such as Paulsboro.

Councilman Haynes expressed his concerns through email to Chief Grogan and to Council. He stated for this to happen will not happen overnight. Mayor and Council need to take into consideration the community and the needs of the residents. He will not agree to turn over the reins to another community.

Administrator Salvatore stated for further thought that if the Police Department is dismantled, the Governing Body will not be able to bring it back.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on March 14, 2011 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Borough Clerk

John J. Burzichelli, Mayor