

MAY 16, 2011

PAULSBORO, N.J.

5:00 P.M.

WORK SESSION MEETING

Council Chamber:

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

Members present were: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina. Absent: Tedeski (excused).

Mayor Burzichelli called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor Burzichelli opened the floor to the public.

Douglas Scherrer, 405 West Broad Street, discussed the apartment upstairs of his property and the drug activity taking place there. He feels that the town is not a town that welcomes people and he made a mistake in coming to Paulsboro. He further discussed a business he has as well as a business of his neighbor.

Mayor Burzichelli stated he will talk with the Chief regarding the drug activity.

There wasn't any further public participation.

R. #75.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2011 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #75.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #76.11: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO DENYING THE APPLICATION OF BILLINGSPORT SPIRITS INC. T/A BENNY'S ON THE RAIL FOR A PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER (EXPANSION OF PREMISES) OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 0814-32-010-003. Kidd moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #76.11. Roll call: Ayes: Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina. Nays: None. Abstained: Haynes. **Motion carried.**

R. #77.11: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ACCEPTABLE USE

DETERMINATION FOR DREDGED MATERIAL: CONSENT AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #77.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #08.11: ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 2006-14 OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to close the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt O. #08.11 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #09.11: ORDINANCE RATIFYING ACQUISITION OF LAND AND AUTHORIZING LEASE OF LAND AND EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt O. #09.11 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on June 8, 2011. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Received Raffle License Application, RA-550, for Paulsboro Day Committee to hold an Off-Premise 50/50 raffle on September 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the application and approve the above raffle license. All were in favor of the motion.

Discussion regarding Letter from Gerard Velazquez, Triad Associates, regarding Paulsboro Library – USDA Grant and Loan Projects Implementation Services (held over from the last meeting).

Mayor Burzichelli stated this matter will be held as there is going to be a presentation regarding the Library expansion a little later in the meeting with Dr. Walter Quint and Board of Trustees member, Rita Kelly.

Letter from Margaret A. Steffen, Horn, Turnbach & Rybar, LLC, regarding 2011 Property Tax Appeal, Block 56, Lot 11, 1048 Penn Line Avenue. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the letter and turn it over to the Solicitor. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Margaret A. Steffen, Horn, Turnbach & Rybar, LLC, regarding 2011 Property Tax Appeal, Block 52.01, Lot 7, 446 Billingsport Road. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the letter and turn it over to the Solicitor. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Liquor License Renewal applications for the 2011-2012 License term from the following:

George D. Patton, Jr. VFW Post 678	Greater Paulsboro Lodge No. 575
Paulsboro Sportsmen's Assoc., Inc.	Woodbury Moose Lodge No. 2585
Burt's Liquor Store	Hany's Liquors
Frank's Pub	Alibi Inn
Billingsport Spirits	The Office Bar & Grill
Nino Gervasi Restaurant	Rocking Stone Irish Pub & Grill
Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580	Jolly Raj, Inc.
Riverfront Pub	

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the applications and turn them over to the Police Department for review and recommendation. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor and Council discussed the Library Expansion Project and Agreement with Dr. Quint and Rita Kelly (Library Board of Trustees Chairperson).

Mayor Burzichelli stated the Borough borrowed money to acquire the Paul House and received a grant in the amount of \$75,000 to stabilize the Paul House. There is additional money available through a Federal Grant in the amount of \$300,000 with the Borough using \$90,000 but the grant calls for a match which the Borough is not in a position to match. The Library Board has the matching money for the grant.

Dr. Quint stated the Borough owns the Paul House and the Gill Memorial Library. The grant would be for the Paul House only. The Library has \$390,000. If an addition was added to the Paul House the grant money would cover that and then the Paul House would convert to be the Municipal Library and the Gill Memorial Library would become the historic annex. This would entail moving the Library across the street. The Library can match \$435,000 but also can produce \$623,000 and also renovate the Gill Library Building. The grant would include a large addition in the back of the Paul House which the agreement memorializes this. The Library needs some assurances from the Borough. The total cost of the project would be \$1.1 million dollars with little cost from the taxpayers.

Councilman Kidd questioned the Library trust fund and if all has been involved in the discussions for this project.

Mrs. Rita Kelly, Chairperson of the Gill Memorial Library Board of Trustees, stated that everyone has been involved in these discussions. Furthermore, the Paulsboro House would be accessible to wheelchairs and the Borough would be able to save two (2) historical

buildings. The Gill Memorial Library doesn't have the room it will need.

There was further discussion regarding this project.

Mrs. Kelly further stated the Board of Trustees has met as a group and not individually.

Mayor Burzichelli stated there will be further discussion at the Special Meeting that is to be scheduled to also discuss the 2011 Budget.

Police Chief's Report:

Mayor Burzichelli stated the Chief would like to start the bid specification process for new Police cars.

Chief Grogan stated he would like to get started as it could take six (6) or seven (7) weeks. He further discussed which vehicles to prepare specifications for as he would prefer to stick with the Dodges but he will find out raw prices as well as what the guarantees are and report back to Council in two (2) weeks.

Memo from Chief Grogan regarding Temporary Traffic Signage for Port Project.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Grogan suggested installing temporary stop signs at the ends of Mantua and Riverview Avenues.

R. #78.11: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY STOP SIGNS AT MANTUA AND RIVERVIEW AVENUES IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #78.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Memo from Chief Grogan requesting hiring two (2) Alternate Crossing Guards. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Grogan recommended appointing two (2) alternate crossing guards.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to authorize Chief Grogan to appoint two (2) alternate crossing guards. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Grogan requesting commencing of Sgt. Promotional process. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Grogan stated he would like to begin the Sergeant's promotional process. He questioned if Council would like the testing to be written, oral or both and then they would

be assessed by the Department and Mayor and Council. There are ten (10) eligible candidates. He recommended both the oral and written testing which could cost \$5,000 to \$6,000 and would come out of the Police operating budget.

Memo from Chief Grogan regarding Morton Avenue parking. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Lieutenant Wachter gave the presentation regarding the issue involved with the parking situation on Morton Avenue. He stated the road is not wide enough to accommodate the trash trucks as well as the snow plow when there is parking on both sides and he recommended to have parking on one side and no parking on the North side of Morton Avenue. There are already three (3) no parking signs there.

Mayor Burzichelli questioned if Council wanted to adopt an Ordinance or to wait about one (1) month.

Councilman Kidd felt the Police Department should talk with the residents for their view.

Mayor Burzichelli stated to let it go for a couple of weeks as a trial run mode; have the Police Department send a nice letter to the residents and then prepare the ordinance.

Mayor Burzichelli stated the Department has been busy the past few days with issues of younger females fighting.

Chief Grogan stated the Department has put an officer in the school temporarily and the school is paying half (1/2) of the cost.

Mayor and Council discussed with Chief Grogan the option of placing an officer in the school full time.

Chief Grogan stated it would be too disruptive to the Department to put one (1) officer scheduled in the school. He further stated the school has not valued having a School Resource Officer and it is not fair for the Borough to pay all the costs.

Mayor Burzichelli suggested Councilman Kidd discuss this matter with Dr. Scambia at the School.

Mayor Burzichelli stated a Special Meeting has to be scheduled to discuss the 2011 Budget as well as the Library expansion project. He suggested scheduling the meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to schedule the Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the 2011 Budget and the Library Expansion project. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Morina. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 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 May 16, 2011 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

John J. Burzichelli, Mayor