

NOVEMBER 9, 2011

PAULSBORO, N.J.

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Burzichelli presided at the regular meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

Mayor Burzichelli called the meeting to order.

Mayor Burzichelli read the opening statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Burzichelli recited "Harry Truman's Prayer" as the opening prayer.

Mayor Burzichelli asked all those present to join in the salute to the flag, which was conducted by Borough Clerk VanScoy.

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

Proclamation of Retirement was presented by Mayor Burzichelli to former Chief of Police Frank Grogan.

Frank Grogan stated he was shown respect and appreciated Mayor and Council as they have helped him to grow. He also feels it is important to help people.

Mayor Burzichelli opened the floor to the public.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, representing the Paulsboro Neighborhood Watch Association, stated there are 16 pairs of sneakers hanging on the power lines. He has reached out to Atlantic City Electric to assist in removing the sneakers. He hopes it will resolve the problem. He thought he may even have to go through the Police Department, Mayor and Council and the Borough Street and Highway employees to help assist in the removal. He will be sending a formal letter to Mayor and Council and the Police Department but he wanted to make everyone aware.

Larry Sheffield, Swedesboro Avenue, discussed the abandoned property next to his property. He stated it is still in the owner's name and he has an address. He does keep it maintained but wanted to know if something could be done.

Mayor Burzichelli stated his information may be helpful to "unlock the door" and he will

keep following up on this issue.

Sarah Redman, Wert Avenue, discussed the pit bulls in her area. The neighbors leave the pit bulls loose and another property owner leaves two (2) pit bulls on leashes that wouldn't hold a cat. She questioned if there was a law regarding pit bulls.

Mayor Burzichelli stated she should contact the Police Department and they in turn will contact the Gloucester County Animal Control who will take care of the dogs.

Terance Jones, Public Safety Consultant, asked Mayor and Council to look into Police brutality and misconduct. He has asked again for Mayor and Council to come out to the neighborhood to talk with the residents. He further stated no one has gone out to the residents.

Mayor Burzichelli stated Mr. Jones is not a stranger and he is welcomed but because of litigations, lawsuits, investigations, etc, the Mayor and Council can't have this discussion. Mayor Burzichelli was told that Mr. Jones had something for Council.

Mr. Jones questioned who is the Public Safety Committee?

Mayor Burzichelli stated it is structured so that the Mayor and Council as a whole to the Police Department is the Committee and the Mayor serves as the Chair.

Mr. Jones questioned if the Chief submits reports.

Mayor Burzichelli stated yes, monthly and on a daily basis as needed.

Mr. Jones again asked about the Police brutality matter.

Mayor Burzichelli stated he was not going to have this discussion because the Governing Body is the Hearing Officers.

Mr. Jones discussed emails of the Police Department and the possibility if the emails being racist.

Mayor Burzichelli again stated it is not going to be discussed.

Mr. Jones submitted a petition to Mayor and Council regarding Police brutality and misconduct. He questioned if anything is going to be done as he will keep coming here. He had a rally with about 50 people and an NBC Channel 10 News reporter. He stated several Council members hid behind trees.

Mayor Burzichelli stated two (2) Council members had a sub-committee meeting. He further stated he is available to meet with Mr. Jones after the meeting.

Mayor Burzichelli stated he was not going to engage in discussion due to the circumstances. The issue will make it through the system and if found there are issues, they will be handled. When the issues reach Mayor and Council, they will have to be impartial and they will deal with it and will be very serious about it.

Mr. Jones again tried to discuss the issues.

Mayor Burzichelli asked Mr. Jones to stop talking and he formally received the petition.

Evan Lamar, West Adams Street, discussed the illegal drugs being sold.

Mayor Burzichelli stated it is a constant battle between good and bad.

Mr. Lamar stated the corner store is selling illegal cigarettes.

Mayor Burzichelli stated the attention on the operation has been heightened and soon something will give.

Mr. Lamar questioned when the Borough was going to get a street sweeper.

Mayor Burzichelli stated funds come through in the form of grants. The street sweeper is an unhappy story. The Borough was going to get one through Valero but that didn't happen.

Mozelle Dansby, Swedesboro Avenue, stated he was here in October and he questioned if Mayor and Council had any answers.

Mayor Burzichelli stated the Tax Collector has something for him regarding his tax question.

Mr. Dansby discussed speeding and he doesn't see anyone setting up speeding traps.

Mayor Burzichelli stated the Police Department periodically sets up traffic runs and Mr. Dansby is not the first person to complain.

Mr. Dansby stated people are putting their trash out on Friday nights.

Mayor Burzichelli stated those people have gotten citations.

Mr. Dansby also discussed the Paulsboro Gardens and the trash that is behind his property.

Mayor Burzichelli stated that is still unresolved but he wants to get the fence put back up.

At this time, 6:40 p.m., Councilman Morina left the meeting.

Council President Haynes stated he did stop to see the Manager of the Paulsboro Gardens but she wasn't there. He will make another attempt.

Mayor Burzichelli asked Mr. Dansby to call him regarding the fence and he will get it done as it has to be resolved.

Mayor Burzichelli stated this Governing Body takes very seriously when any departments, especially the Police Department, have complaints. There are due processes and after the investigation then action can occur. He wanted the conduct to be correct and proper but that it takes time. He further stated there is decorum to running a meeting.

At this time, Mayor Burzichelli presented a Proclamation of Retirement to Bill Sampson.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on October 17, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file and approve the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #164.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OUT OF THE 2011 BUDGET. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #164.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #165.11: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN INSPECTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECTION 8 EXISTING HOUSING PROGRAM. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #165.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. Abstained: Giovannitti. Motion carried.

R. #166.11: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT MODIFICATION #1 TO FEDERAL AID AGREEMENT #10-DT-BLA-542 BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DECREASE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,050.00, RESULTING IN THE NEW TOTAL AGREEMENT AMOUNT OF \$299,040.00 AS TO FEDERAL PROJECT #FS-4001(161). Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #166.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #167.11: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 128.11 WHICH AUTHORIZES REMINGTON AND VERNICK ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO IN REFERENCE TO THE BUILDING DEMOLITION FOR THE FUTURE PAUL HOUSE PARKING LOT. Haynes moved and Giovannitti

seconded to adopt R. #167.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Tedeski. Nays: Hamilton, Kidd. **Motion carried.**

R. #168.11: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A TRASH CONSULTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Haynes moved and Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #168.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Tedeski. Nays: None. Abstained: Kidd. **Motion carried.**

R. #169.11: RESOLUTION APPOINTING A SUB-RECORD CUSTODIAN OF ALL POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Haynes moved and Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #169.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #170.11: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Haynes moved and Tedeski seconded to adopt R. #170.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meetings. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file. All were in favor of the motion.

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INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

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O. #12.11: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 60, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM. Haynes moved and Giovannitti seconded to adopt O. #12.11 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on December 6, 2011. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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Letter from Anna Docimo, Gloucester County Department of Health and Senior Services, requesting the Shuttle Bus to transport the Paulsboro Senior Citizens to Auletto Caterers for the annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 12th, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the letter and approve the request. All were in favor of the motion.

Email from Pat MacAdams, YMCA of Gloucester County, regarding Mayors' Prayer Breakfast. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the email. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Bingo License Application, BA-550, from St. Clare of Assisi Parish for the 2012 Annual Saturday Bingos. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the application and approve the above Bingo License. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Bingo License Application, BA-551, from Guardian Angels Regional School Board for the 2012 Annual Sunday Bingos. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file the application and approve the above Bingo License. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Borough Clerk VanScoy regarding amending Borough Ordinances as per email from Solicitor Daniels and Engineer Day. Haynes moved and Tedeski seconded to receive, file the memo and introduce the Ordinance at the next Work Session Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Wachter regarding resignation of newly appointed Officer. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Richelle Wormley, NJDEP, regarding Community Early Warning System. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Receipt of Bids: Lease/Purchase of Three (3) 2012 Dodge Charger, Pursuit Model LDDE48, 4dr 5-speed Auto Police RWD Law Enforcement Vehicles:

1. Carman Dodge	\$75,403.47
2. Warnock	\$72,817.16
3. Hertrich Fleet Services	\$73,836.70
4. Chapman Chevrolet LLC	\$74,389.35

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive, file, and spread the bids in the minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Jeff Daniels, Angelini, Viniar & Freedman, regarding review of bid documents and bids. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #171.11: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE AWARDED OF BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND WARNOCK FLEET FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2012 DODGE CHARGER, PURSUIT MODEL LDDE-48, 4DR 5-SPEED AUTO POLICE RWD LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adopt R. #171.11. Roll call: Ayes: Haynes, Giovannitti, Hamilton, Kidd, Tedeski. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Article from Anthony Knestaut regarding Fort Billings Park. Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to receive and file the article. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Tedeski explained that Mr. Knestaut has an idea he wanted to layout in an article in the Paulsboro Record regarding procedures to donate a tree or bench at Fort Billings Park. He wanted Mayor and Council to approve the article. He felt the Borough could use donations and/or volunteers to reach out for donations of a tree or bench but protocol and procedures should be in place. Councilwoman Tedeski felt the applications should go through the Borough Clerk's office and then have Mayor and Council approve it. She would be willing to oversee the project.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to authorize Councilwoman Tedeski to oversee the above project. All were in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS: There wasn't any old business at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Tedeski congratulated Mayor Burzichelli on his Assembly win as well as Celeste Riley and Senator Sweeney. She also congratulated Councilman Kidd, Councilman Morina on their re-election and Councilman Hamilton on his Mayoral win.

Councilwoman Tedeski stated the annual Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on December 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Tedeski stated Councilman Morina asked her to remind everyone of the Christmas Party at the High School on December 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Councilwoman Tedeski commended Councilman Morina, the Art Department and the Community Betterment Committee on the Halloween Open House on Halloween night from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. as it was a big success.

Councilwoman Tedeski thanked NuStar for their donation for the rent of the Economic Development Office.

Councilman Kidd congratulated Councilman Hamilton on his Mayoral win and also Councilman Morina on his re-election as well as all the County and State Officials who won their elections.

Councilman Kidd stated he has received complaints regarding vibrations from the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant. Residents have knick knacks falling off their walls. He felt something should be sent to the residents regarding the construction.

Mayor Burzichelli asked Water and Sewer Superintendent Daly to ask the Engineers to drop a note to the neighbors regarding the timetable for the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant.

Councilman Kidd also stated there is some draining on property on Elizabeth Avenue from the Water Treatment Plant.

Councilman Giovannitti congratulated Councilman Hamilton, Councilman Kidd and Councilman Morina on their successful election campaigns.

Councilman Giovannitti recognized Barry Corradetti for the Neighborhood Watch Association.

Councilman Giovannitti stated he has full faith in the Borough's Department Heads. He also felt former Chief Grogan has never done anything to hurt the community or the residents. He further stated the Governing Body cannot respond to these allegations. He also stated that Councilman Hamilton and himself was not hiding behind trees as they were meeting with the Trash Consultant which he will have more information forthcoming from the Trash Consultant.

Councilman Giovannitti thanked Mayor Burzichelli for serving the community.

Councilman Hamilton thanked the resident for coming out to vote on Election Day. He stated the residents also helped to put Senator Sweeney, Assemblypersons Burzichelli and Riley and County Freeholders Taliferro, Barnes and Simmons in office.

Councilman Hamilton congratulated Councilman Kidd and Councilman Morina as they did a fine job during the election.

Council President Haynes congratulated everyone on their successful election and he is looking forward to working with Councilman Hamilton.

Mayor Burzichelli congratulated Councilmen Kidd and Morina. He congratulated Councilman Hamilton as he will be the next Mayor and will take the reins on January 1, 2012. He hopes Councilman Hamilton will bring the Borough to the next level. He will assist Councilman Hamilton in making the transition smooth.

Haynes moved and Hamilton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on November 9, 2011 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC

John J. Burzichelli, Mayor

Borough Clerk