

NOVEMBER 5, 2014

PAULSBORO, N.J.

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber:

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

The Opening Prayer was given by Mayor Hamilton.

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

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order.

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

Members present were: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner.

Mayor Hamilton opened the floor to the public, asked anyone speaking to give their name and address and reminded everyone there was a five (5) minute time limit. He also asked everyone to turn off their electronic devices or put them on vibrate.

Theodore Holloway, 333 West Adams Street, thanked everyone for coming out to vote and he is looking forward to working with Mayor and Council.

Mayor Hamilton congratulated Mr. Holloway and Councilman Kidd on their election wins.

Linda Pilger, 600 King Street, gave 'kudos' to the Police Department regarding Officer John Sierocinski. He was at the Billingsport School and walked the Halloween Parade with the students and he was also out when the children were trick or treating.

Mrs. Pilger questioned the status of the flooding issue on her street.

Mayor Hamilton stated this was going to be discussed under old business. He further stated the Summit Avenue issue was a quick fix and the Borough is still working on Mrs. Pilger's problem.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, stated he saw where the Plaza is changing their site plan regarding the Acme building and the foot print of the other phases.

Mayor Hamilton stated yes, the Plaza is changing the site plan and will have to come before the Land Use Board for approval. More details will be available at the Land Use Board meetings.

Mr. Corradetti discussed the water contamination and he heard the Borough was close to resolving the issues. He questioned what the issues were.

Mayor Hamilton stated it was still in the hands of the legal team.

Solicitor Angelini stated it is still an ongoing settlement discussion but it is getting close to being resolved.

Mr. Corradetti discussed the condition of the roads from South Jersey Gas tearing them up for the gas lines. He questioned if they will be put back the way they were.

Mayor Hamilton stated the Borough is working with South Jersey Gas but as for South Delaware Street, that is a County Road and they will be speaking directly with the County.

Cheryl Chandler, 1014 Spruce Street, stated after the election she could not get to her house and was told it was due to a police shooting. She questioned if the shooting was gang related.

Mayor Hamilton stated it was not random.

Shirley Chandler, 1014 Spruce Street, questioned if it was safe in her area.

Mayor Hamilton informed Mrs. Chandler that it was safe.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:13 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of an Executive Session Meeting held on June 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of an Executive Session Meeting held on June 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on September 29, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on October 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on October 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #179.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2014 BUDGET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #179.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #180.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #180.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #181.14: RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A 2015 GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT UPON APPROVAL WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SPRUCE STREET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #181.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meetings. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive and file. All were in favor of the motion.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #09.14: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$32,150 FOR ENGINEERING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BEACON AVENUE. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to open the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to close the floor to the public and to adopt O. #09.14 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

CY2014 Best Practice Inventory Program Worksheet. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive and file the worksheet. All were in favor of the motion.

Proposal from Sickels and Associates, regarding Professional Services for Thomson Avenue Utility Reconstruction, NJEIT Letters of Intent, Planning Document and Level 1 Environmental Assessment (Document on file with the Administrator). Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive and file the proposal. All were in favor of the motion.

Receipt of Bids: Municipal Building Parking Lot Improvements:

1. GWP Enterprises, Inc.	\$64,977.00
2. Bud Concrete, Inc.	\$77,387.50
3. Charles Marandino, LLC	\$79,225.00
4. American Asphalt	\$95,702.50

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file, accept the bids and spread the bids in the minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #182.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING THE AWARDING OF BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND GWP ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE PROJECT

KNOWN AS “MUNICIPAL BUILDING PARKLING LOT IMPROVEMENTS”. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #182.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Gloucester County Senior & Disability Services requesting the shuttle bus to transport the Senior Citizens to the annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Auletto Caterers in Almonesson. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file the letter, grant the request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion except Councilman Haynes abstained.

OLD BUSINESS: 600 King Street
423 Summit Avenue

Mayor Hamilton stated the above items in Old Business have already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Construction and Licensing Committee: Councilman Giampola, Chairman:

Recommendation to hire Accounting Clerk/Deputy Clerk with action:

Mayor Hamilton stated, at this time, Council would not be going forth with the recommendation until it has been satisfied and he was lifting it from the agenda.

Councilman Giampola questioned why this wasn't discussed with him prior to the meeting.

Mayor Hamilton stated there were three (3) members of the Governing Body who was supposed to attend the interviews and Councilman Giampola chose not to attend. He questioned why Councilman Giampola would bring it up.

Councilman Giampola stated he was the last one on the Finance Committee and spoke with the Administrator and Councilwoman Turner and they recommended a name.

Mayor Hamilton stated the Borough will go with the most qualified person who has all the information that the Borough requested and at this time this will not be on the agenda.

Councilman Giampola felt the Mayor was wrong.

Councilman Giampola congratulated Mr. Holloway and Mr. Kidd on their election wins.

Mayor Hamilton questioned if Councilman Giampola could give an update on the Blue Code Policy that is done by the County.

Councilman Giampola stated himself and the Deputy Management Coordinator, Chief Wachter, have a meeting tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. to review the plan and update it. He will give it to Mayor and Council to adopt and then forward it to the State of New Jersey.

Public Property Committee/Community Betterment Committee:
Councilwoman Turner, Chair:

Councilwoman Turner informed Council that the Borough will be holding its first annual Black History Program on February 20, 2015 at the Paulsboro High School and the Committee is shopping for performances. If there is anyone who wishes to volunteer and perform that evening, they are welcome to sign up.

Councilwoman Turner discussed the Smoke Free Draft Ordinance and she wanted to make sure that Council was still working on adding it to the parks and playgrounds Ordinance. She spoke with the Solicitor and she wanted to add it to the Parks and Recreation Ordinance and several other pieces to it.

Solicitor Angelini stated the only piece he had to add was the prohibition on chewing tobacco.

Councilwoman Turner also felt to add all public spaces such as the Borough parking lots. She questioned if this could be added to the Ordinance or would it be a separate piece.

Solicitor Angelini stated the ordinance includes the public parks and he thought it included recreational spaces but he didn't think it included parking lots. He will have to go back and check it. It would have to be added but it is really under the guide of the public parks section of the ordinance. He thought it was discussed to include recreational areas like parks.

Councilwoman Turner also wanted to include all Borough property.

Solicitor Angelini will check into it.

Councilwoman Turner informed of the Holiday programs coming up in December and the one that is held at the Borough Hall called the Tree Lighting Ceremony on

Saturday, December 6th, she would like to re-direct the traffic where it comes through the entrance from the Police Department instead of the front entrance so there can be crowd control because the event is out growing the space.

Chief Wachter stated he can make that happen.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Stevenson, Chairman:

Councilman Stevenson congratulated Councilman Kidd and Mr. Holloway on their election wins.

Councilman Stevenson thanked the Police Department for their response and their investigation going on regarding the shooting and he knows they will get to the bottom of it and solve the issue.

Finance Committee/School Board Liaison: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd congratulated the School Board and he felt everyone is still trying to get used to the school election being the same date as the General Election. He thanked everyone for coming out and voting. He stated he is working on a couple of other things and he is speaking to industries about a couple of things and once he is closer, he will let everyone know. He further stated it is nice to say what Council is going to do and do a lot of things but at the end of the day Council has to pay for it. The Borough is trying to improve things and trying to take a step forward and then move back. It has been a rough year. He hoped this winter is not like last winter.

Utilities Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes stated he did not have a Committee Report but he would like to congratulate Mr. Holloway and Councilman Kidd on their election wins as well as the School Board, Irma Stevenson, Joe Lisa, Mrs. Dunn and Paula Giampola.

Councilman Haynes stated he brought this up before, the procedure on pulling things off the agenda and he questioned it before. This position went through an interview process, had input, interviews were done and it was on the Agenda since Thursday. If there was any questions about either the name or any questions on the whole process, and Council waits until the night of the meeting to pull it off the agenda. It doesn't seem right. If there are questions regarding something on the Agenda, that person should meet with those people prior to the meeting and have it approved. It doesn't make sense as there was plenty of time to discuss any issues before it came up on the agenda and he still thinks it's wrong and he doesn't think anyone has the right to pull something off the agenda. Once an item has been listed

on the agenda, the person should have that opportunity to move it forward and there is plenty of time prior to that to have it discussed and agreed upon between whoever is asking the questions and the person who put it on the agenda and then they can put it on hold or have it removed. It is the wrong policy that is being done and it needs to be corrected.

Street and Highway Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti also congratulated Mr. Holloway, Councilman Kidd and the School Board on their election wins.

Council President Giovannitti reiterated what Mrs. Pilger stated about Officer John Sierocinski as the kids love him and he gave credit to the Chief for using Officer Sierocinski in this position. He felt it was amazing how well Officer Sierocinski works with the kids.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Borough has received some real good news in reference to the Paulsboro Plaza but the Borough wants to make sure it is what the Borough wants and needs in the Borough and he is cautiously optimistic but it is positive. He further stated the Port Presentation is coming again and the Borough is getting good news with the water. The Borough has made a lot of progress. The street sweeper was out and the vacuum machine was cleaning the catch basins and it seemed to work. The Borough has applied for grants to do Spruce Street, Beacon Avenue is being done, the parking lot and a grant for Thomson Avenue. He gave 'kudos' to Administrator/CFO Ruggeri for her hard work and efforts in working with the Engineers, Lawyers, etc. Councilman Kidd is right as there is a lot happening this year and there have been a lot of dark clouds but the Borough will pull through it.

Council President Giovannitti also stated the Borough will miss Councilman Giampola but he will still be involved in this community through the Fire or Emergency Management Departments.

Mayor Hamilton congratulated all the State, Federal, County and Local Governments for their election success. He felt a letter should be sent to all candidates at the County, State and Federal Level.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to send letters of congratulations to the County, State and Federal Representatives. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hamilton stated the Borough had received some good news in regards to the Paulsboro Plaza. The Engineer met with the residents and all involved in the Development and questions were asked about the elevations as it was felt if it was

elevated the water would run off into Gibbstown. It is not going to be elevated at all. The plans have changed so they will be coming back to the Land Use Board and that should take place in December or early January.

Mayor Hamilton stated there was an announcement regarding the Port and the Borough is supposed to be getting 100 – 125 jobs to get started and Holtz announced they are coming to the Port. One of the things is working together and the GCIA has done a lot and also the State and Federal Governments have given out a lot of grants.

Mayor Hamilton stated the water restrictions have ended and November 1st was the last day. With that being said the Borough's water is very good and the NJDEP standards claim the water is drinkable and they didn't feel the need to give out the water anymore.

Mayor Hamilton further stated the vacuum truck was out and he has noticed one of the streets is not flooding anymore. Also the street sweeper was out and was working on cleaning up the streets. He also stated the residents should keep calling 911 and the Police Department if anything is seen. The Police Department and Borough workers are doing the best they can but to keep calling in as the Borough doesn't know of an issue if it is not called in.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Haynes moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 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 5, 2014 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

W. Jeffery Hamilton, Mayor