

DECEMBER 16, 2014

PAULSBORO, N.J.

7:00 P.M.

WORK SESSION MEETING

Council Chamber:

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

Members present were: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson (arrived at 7:02 p.m.). Absent: Councilwoman Turner (excused).

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order.

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

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.

Cheryl Chandler, 1014 Spruce Street, stated the recycling containers are not being placed on the sidewalks but are being thrown in the streets.

Borough Foreman Tinder will contact the trash contractor and inform him of this matter.

Ms. Chandler questioned if the curfew is still in effect.

Mayor Hamilton stated the curfew is not in effect and Solicitor Angelini and Chief Wachter are working on an ordinance.

Chief Wachter stated the siren on top of the Municipal Building had defaulted back to its original setting since the roof was being done but it has since been fixed.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:04 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #202.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #202.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson.

The general nature of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be to discuss pending litigation in regards to Solvay Solexis and Conrail, contract negotiations in regards to the PBA Collective Bargaining Union Agreement and personnel in reference to the Pension Retro Reimbursements.

At this time, 7:05 p.m., Mayor and Council convened in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation in regards to the Conrail Train Derailment.

At 7:17 p.m., Mayor and Council reconvened the Work Session Meeting.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to open the meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #197.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CERTAIN ACCOUNTS TO OTHER ACCOUNTS IN THE 2014 BUDGET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #197.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #198.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2014 BUDGET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #198.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #199.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BEACON AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #199.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #200.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO 564 NORTH DELAWARE STREET, PAULSBORO, NEW JERSEY.

Solicitor Angelini explained that in order for the homeowner to reduce her monthly mortgage payment, the Borough has to subordinate the lien.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Kidd seconded to adopt R. #200.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #12.14: AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (This Salary Ordinance will provide salaries for AFSCME and non-union employees for the years 2015 and 2016 as well as the PBA for the years 2014, 2015, & 2016.)

Council President Giovannitti stated there was talk about salary changes within the Street and Highway employees and the SLEO II's to include ranges and questioned if these ranges could be included in this Ordinance.

Borough Clerk VanScoy stated no as this Ordinance is considered for second reading and has been advertised. In order to include the ranges, the Ordinance would have to be re-advertised and an Ordinance cannot be introduced in one year and adopted in the next year.

Solicitor Angelini concurred with Borough Clerk VanScoy's opinion.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola 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 Giampola seconded to close the floor to the public and adopt O. #12.14 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes (abstained on the PBA portion of this Ordinance), Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Presentation by Dr. Walter Quint regarding the Special School Election and status update of the Gill Memorial Library Renovations.

Dr. Quint stated there are biweekly construction meetings for the Gill Memorial Library Project and he sends a report to Administrator/CFO Ruggeri every two (2) weeks. The completion of the project is June 16th and if it is not complete, liquidated damages will be issued. He is expecting another change order regarding electrical receptacles, shelving removed in the room with the fireplace, etc. They have contacted the neighbors as they will be demolishing the house and a study will have to be done as there were oil trucks sitting on the property leaking. He will call Administrator/CFO Ruggeri to request her help with that matter. The Library is operating out of the Paulsboro High School. He has been working with Steve Bresnai, USDA Representative, and the Borough. The Library has to spend the

Borough's money first and then use the grant money but he received a concession to spend the grant money first and then use the Borough's money.

Dr. Quint stated the School is holding a Special Election on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. for a bond referendum as there is an urgent need to undertake maintenance projects to correct significant facilities problems in the school buildings and on the grounds. These projects include such items as roof replacements, brick repairs, heating system repairs and boiler replacement. The Board of Education applied for and received a Regular Operation District (ROD) Grant. As a result, the State of New Jersey will pay approximately 71% of the cost for these projects. The local taxpayer will be responsible to pay the remaining 29% of the costs. There will be two (2) questions on the referendum. One question will seek voter approval for projects eligible for ROD funding and the second question addresses projects not eligible for state aid. The overall financial impact of the projects is a \$67 tax increase per year on the average home. The Board of Education recently made the final payment on the bonds issued in 1995. As a result, the school system is debt free. The final payment was approximately \$118,300 per year. If the voters approve the questions on January 27th, the new bond payment will be approximately \$235,400 per year. The net tax increase is \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This is \$34.00 per year for the average home valued at \$113,387. Also, the second question passes only if the first question is passed. All polling places that are utilized for the General Election will be used for the special election.

Letter from John Salvatore, 38 Riverview Avenue, regarding Pension Retro Remittance for Years 2010, 2011 and partial 2012.

Solicitor Angelini suggested Council receive and file the above letter and discuss this in Executive Session.

Councilman Kidd questioned if the employees should be "riced" under the Rice Act.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri and Borough Clerk VanScoy waived their right to a rice notice.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file the letter and discuss this matter in Executive Session. All were in favor of the motion.

Administrator/CFO's Report:

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri gave an update on Projects such as the Municipal Building Roof Replacement. The roof is 90% complete but the last 10% she is having problems getting done. There are still leaks. T&M will be here tomorrow and was assured it will be taken care of. Once the roof is finished, she will call the Company to get the ceiling tiles up and the carpet will be replaced as well as the

walls in the Construction Office and the Mayor's Office. The Parking Lot project will start on December 22nd and was assured it will take two days to complete.

Police Chief's Report:

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding SLEO II Hiring Recommendation. Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #201.14: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (SLEO) CLASS II FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #201.14. Roll call: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chief Wachter introduced George Marra as the new SLEO II effective Monday, December 22, 2014.

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding request for Agency College Internship.

Chief Wachter requested authorization to provide an internship to a Rowan University Student. He submitted the name of Ashley Pastoriza and there would be no cost to the Borough.

Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file the memo and grant the request. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Wachter stated his tenure as the President of the Gloucester County Chief's Association will end in two (2) days and he thanked Mayor and Council for their support.

Council President Giovannitti gave "kudos" to Chief Wachter for serving in that role and to the community for his class and dignity.

Council President Giovannitti discussed the 2015 professional appointments and suggested a meeting with the members of the Governing Body to further discuss these appointments or have a committee sit down with the Administrator.

Mayor Hamilton suggested a sub-committee.

Council President Giovannitti discussed amending the Salary Ordinance next year.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Committee has met many, many times regarding the Trash and Recycling Guide. He felt it was too difficult to read and

one area of concern was the brush. He suggested residents call in and work off a list to collect the brush and another area was with TVs and metal goods, to have a drop off location. The Administrator/CFO will place a copy in Council's boxes with action to be taken at the January 2015 Work Session Meeting.

Mayor and Council recessed at 8:17 p.m.

Mayor and Council resumed the Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

Mayor and Council reconvened the Work Session Meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #203.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SOLVAY AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SAID AGREEMENT. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #203.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Stevenson moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 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 December 16, 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