

DECEMBER 2, 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, Councilwoman Turner. Absent: Councilman Stevenson.

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.

Mary Harris, 265 Vanneman Boulevard, on behalf of the Paulsboro Senior Citizens Club, stated she appreciated everything the Borough has done for the Senior Citizen building. She thanked Administrator/CFO Ruggeri as she trusts her and she asked the Mayor and Council to trust her.

Keenan Williams, 1699 Dayton Avenue, discussed the house down the street that is falling down and should be condemned. He further felt the police should patrol the streets in the morning and afternoon when the kids are walking to and from school as the kids are seeing sales taking place and he also felt it would deter the sales from taking place and maybe the kids would not see this type of transaction. Mr. Williams also stated there is a lack of Mayor and Council presence in the community once the election is over.

Councilman Giampola stated the house on Dayton Avenue is on the Code list and he has spoken to the Code Official and the Solicitor regarding this house and it seems there are legal issues involved but the Solicitor is working on it.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:10 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of an Executive Session Meeting held on February 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on October 30, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion except Councilman Haynes abstained.

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on November 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on November 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file and adopt the above minutes. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #191.14: 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. #191.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #192.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2014 BUDGET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #192.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola (abstained on all Fire Department bills), Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #193.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Council President

Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #193.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #194.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #194.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The items for Executive Session are discussions regarding the PBA Contract Negotiations and potential litigation in reference to the Water Tower Project.

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

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #10.14: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$215,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$204,250; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to open the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Theodore Holloway, 333 West Adams Street, asked for this Ordinance to be explained.

Chief Wachter stated this Ordinance is to fund large capital items for the Police Department such as the Body Cameras, three (3) SUV Vehicles, and a Fingerprint System and to install two (2) community cameras. One (1) camera will be installed at the intersection of Adams and Pine Streets and the second camera will be installed at the intersection of Buck and Washington Streets. It also includes the upgrading of the DVD Recording System.

Ken Norris, 445 Summit Avenue, questioned the recording time for the Body Cameras.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to close the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt O. #10.14 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #11.14: AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. 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 Haynes seconded to close the floor to the public and to adopt O. #11.14 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Received Bingo License Application, BA-585, St. Clare of Assisi Parish for their 2015 annual bingos. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive, file and approve the Bingo License. All were in favor of the motion except Council President Giovannitti and Councilman Giampola abstained.

Received Bingo License Application, BA-586, Guardian Angels Regional School Board for their 2015 annual bingos. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive, file and approve the Bingo License. All were in favor of the motion.

Retirement letter from Water/Sewer Superintendent John D. Daly. Councilman Haynes moved and Councilman Kidd seconded to accept the retirement letter and send Mr. Daly a letter of thanks for his many years of service. All were in favor of the motion.

Email from Jeffrey Daniels, Angelini, Viniar & Freedman, regarding Paulsboro Plains Products Terminals Right of Way Agreement. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file the email. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #195.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH AND PLAINS PRODUCTS TERMINALS, LLC. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #195.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Email from Matthew P. Lyons, County Counsel, Gloucester County Legal Department, regarding Shared Services Agreement regarding operation, maintenance and use of Deicer Storage Facility and Deicer Material. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to receive and file the email. All were in favor of the motion.

Solicitor Angelini stated he has reviewed the Shared Service agreement and it is acceptable.

R. #196.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, GLOUCESTER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF A DEICER STORAGE FACILITY AND DEICER MATERIAL. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #196.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilman Haynes. **Motion carried.**

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding SLEO II Hiring Recommendation.

Chief Wachter requested this item be removed from the agenda at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: 600 King Street

Mayor Hamilton stated this matter at 600 King Street will be reviewed at a later date but the Mayor and Council President Giovannitti did look at the property and spoke with Mrs. Pilger.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

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

Councilwoman Turner discussed the possibility of submitting an application for the 2015/2016 AmeriCorps Competitive Grant due December 15th, 2014. The Borough of Paulsboro is applying under the Governor and Mayor's initiative. This Community Grant enlists volunteers for programs for the youth and the senior citizens and requires working with a minimum of two nonprofit organizations. She would like to move forward with the application and asked that the Administrator/CFO write a letter of intent.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Kidd seconded to comply with Councilwoman Turner's request. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Turner stated she is disappointed with the progress with the website. It can be done better such as areas are outdated; the photos are not professional, etc. She suggested establishing a Technology Committee to deal with the website.

Councilwoman Turner invited the residents to the Holiday Tree Lighting event on Saturday, December 6th, at 5:30 p.m. and will commence at the Fire House. She also stated the Christmas Program will be held on December 13th at 10:00 a.m. at the Paulsboro High School.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Councilman Giampola, Chairman:

Councilman Giampola stated Triad is submitting a Firefighter's Assistance Grant for a \$61,000 Generator. He asked the Mayor to submit a letter to the Federal, State and Local Legislators requesting assistance and support to endorse this grant funding.

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to send the above letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Giampola stated the Hazard Mitigation Plan Review will be available on the website and the plan involves natural disasters. The deadline for comments is December 17th.

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

Councilman Kidd stated he did not have anything to report at this time.

Utilities Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes stated he did not have a report at this time but he has one (1) item to be discussed in Executive Session.

Street and Highway Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays.

Council President Giovannitti recognized Water and Sewer Superintendent John Daly on 40 years of service and he thanked him for his service.

Council President Giovannitti also recognized the Street and Highway Department and thanked them as they are ready for winter, they are finishing up leaf collection and he gave kudos on Mr. Virden receiving his official title.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Borough has made a commitment to repair Thomson Avenue.

Council President Giovannitti congratulated the Midget Football League on their comeback as they had one (1) team that was undefeated and one (1) team that won the championship.

Council President Giovannitti thanked Mayor Hamilton for his leadership.

Mayor Hamilton wished everyone a Merry Christmas and asked everyone to be safe. He stated he was at the NJ League of Municipalities and there were seminars on Cyber Mitigation Hackers.

Mayor Hamilton stated the 25th anniversary of the Tree Lighting is this Saturday.

Mayor Hamilton thanked Water and Sewer Superintendent John Daly and he introduced newcomer Tracey Robinson as the Accounting Clerk/Deputy Registrar.

Councilman Kidd asked Mrs. Robinson to stand so everyone can see her.

All of Council welcomed Mrs. Robinson.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor and Council recessed the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor and Council reconvened in Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor and Council returned to open session at 8:27 p.m.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

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 moved and Councilman Kidd seconded to adopt O. #12.14 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on December 16, 2014. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes (abstained on the salaries for the members of the PBA), Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 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 December 2, 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