

MAY 5, 2015

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 Deacon Allen Gray.

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 Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner.

Proclamation: Allen Gray

Mayor Hamilton presented resident Allen Gray with a proclamation on the many contributions and volunteer services held by Mr. Gray.

Mr. Gray thanked Mayor and Council for the proclamation and it has been a many good years. He didn't mind doing the service for the Borough but time has a way of working things out. He has met many people and has had some good years but time takes a toll.

Robert DeAngelo, Vice-Chairman of the Land Use Board, presented Mr. Gray with a Resolution for his years of service on the Land Use Board.

Council President Kidd stated his brothers always ask about Mr. Gray as they grew up with him. He remembers when Mr. Gray served on the Recreation Commission, worked as a Crossing Guard and they were on the Land Use Board and GAPCAP together. No one will be able to fill Mr. Gray's shoes.

Councilman Haynes stated to Mr. Gray that he has served on the Land Use Board for many years with Mr. Gray and Mr. Gray also gave advice to make good decisions.

Councilman Stevenson stated it was a privilege to deliver newspapers to Mr. Gray. He thanked Mr. Gray, looks up to Mr. Gray and Mr. Gray has given back to the community.

Mayor Hamilton thanked Mr. Gray for everything he has done for the community.

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 down their cell phones.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to open the floor to the public at 7:17 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mark Wilgus, Paulsboro Refining Company, resident of Gibbstown, thanked Mayor and Council, the residents and Mr. Gray. He talked about a Scholarship Program that is run by Paulsboro Refining Company. There are four (4) full scholarships per year. They try to generate as many applications as they can but they only received one (1) application. It is a good opportunity. The scholarship involves receiving 62 credits in two years through the Salem Community College. It is a paid internship at \$17.00 per hour. Once the person is in the program, it is 100% tuition but they must maintain a 3.0 GPA. He suggested anyone who is interested, should visit the Guidance Department at the High School or call him at #856-224-4354. He would like to give jobs and get them filled.

Lena Swanson, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Nassau Avenue, discussed the handicap ramps at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Nassau Avenue and questioned when they would be finishing the job.

Mayor Hamilton stated he would get Borough Foreman Tinder to look at it and bring it back to Mayor and Council.

Mrs. Swanson stated she would be back in two (2) weeks.

Mary Harris, 265 Vanneman Boulevard, President of the Paulsboro Senior Citizens, stated she is bewildered as she has heard Administrator Ruggeri's name come up. She further thanked, on behalf of the Paulsboro Senior Citizens, Administrator Ruggeri for all that she has done. The Senior Citizen's Building looks beautiful. Administrator Ruggeri paved the way in getting the building spruced up and she appreciated Administrator Ruggeri.

Linda Weber, 600 King Street, questioned the status of the hump in front of her house.

Councilman Holloway stated that T&M came out and looked at it. The employees are working with the vacuum truck on cleaning the storm sewers and once that is done, Ms. Weber is first on the list.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, questioned the carbon filtration system at the Water Treatment Plant.

Water and Sewer Assistant Mike Reed stated plans are being drawn up and there is a meeting scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Haynes stated he will follow up with the Engineers and let everyone know at the next meeting.

Jackie Johnson, 432 Summit Avenue, questioned when the Borough would be sweeping the curbs and what the Borough was doing with the taxpayers money.

Mayor Hamilton stated the sweeping is in process and coming up soon but everyone will get notice when it is done.

There wasn't any further public participation.

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

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on March 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Kidd 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 April 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on April 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Hamilton stated he is expecting Freeholder Jefferson to come to the meeting to present awards to some children. Once he gets here, he will interrupt the meeting and then once the awards are presented, the meeting will resume.

**R. #96.15: EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET.** Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #96.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**R. #97.15: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET.** Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #97.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(R. #98.15 was skipped by accident due to difference in Agenda and was heard at a later time in the meeting.)

**R. #99.15: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE.** Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #99.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**R. #100.15: RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO REGARDING USAGE OF CERTAIN STAGE UNITS.** (This Resolution allows the Borough to utilize a small stage through Gloucester County for use at the Paulsboro Day Event). Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #100.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

**O. #03.15: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO ABOLISHING THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL TREASURER.** Councilman Stevenson moved and Council President Kidd seconded to open the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

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

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt O. #03.15 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Memo from Borough Clerk Kathy VanScoy regarding amending O. #01.15 Parks, Playgrounds and Recreational Areas. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

#### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:**

**O. #04.15: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 45A: PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt O. #04.15 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on May 19, 2015. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Email from Solicitor Michael Angelini regarding proposed Curfew Ordinance. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive and file the email. All were in favor of the motion.

#### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:**

**O. #05.15: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 50: CURFEW APPLICABLE TO JUVENILES OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt O. #05.15 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on May 19, 2015. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman

Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner.  
Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Tax Collector Georjean Widener regarding statement of Uncollectable Taxes. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Raffle License Application, RA-588, Paulsboro Wrestling Association to hold an Armchair Race on June 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file and approve the Raffle License. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Willie Carroll, Jr., Post Commander, George D. Patton, Jr. Post 678, Inc., requesting purchase of wreaths and donation of \$200.00. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file the letter and approve the request. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Willie Carroll, Jr., Post Commander, George D. Patton, Jr., Post 678, Inc. requesting permission to sell Buddy Poppies at the intersection of Broad and Commerce Street during the 10 day period prior to Memorial Day (May 15, 2015 to May 24, 2015). Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Received the following tax appeals:

1105 Chestnut Street – Block 81 Lot 9  
304 Thomson Avenue – Block 109 Lot 4  
26 Roosevelt Street – Block 40 Lot 6  
319 West Broad Street – Block 91 Lot 18  
3 West Wood Street – Block 103 Lot 5.02  
21 West Adams Street – Block 72 Lot 9  
416 West Broad Street – Block 97 Lot 2  
14 Capitol Street – Block 39 Lot 6.01  
913 Spruce Street – Block 66 Lot 6  
449 West Broad Street – Block 90 Lot 23  
1019 DeVault Street – Block 56 Lot 26  
Universal Road – Block 1 Lot 18  
West Broad Street – Block 56.02 Lot 4

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive and file the appeals. All were in favor of the motion.

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

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

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

Councilwoman Turner stated the Borough has received an application to use Fort Billings Park from Paulsboro Head Start for an end of year picnic on May 21, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. They are requesting waiving the application fee of \$50.00 as they are a non-profit organization.

Councilman Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to waive the application fee for Paulsboro Head Start to use Fort Billings Park. All were in favor of the motion except Council President Kidd abstained.

Councilwoman Turner, as Chairperson of the Recreation Committee, stated to Mr. Gray that she wished she was around for his advice when she became Chairperson. She would like to sit down with Mr. Gray to get his input. She also stated the Recreation Committee needs volunteers.

Councilwoman Turner stated to Mrs. Harris that she also appreciates Administrator Ruggeri for all her hard work and for everything she has done in keeping the properties up to date.

Councilwoman Turner stated she is waiting for Freeholder Jim Jefferson to recognize the students who participated in the Fetal Alcohol Poster Contest through the Arc Gloucester County.

At this time, Freeholder Jim Jefferson arrived to hand out certificates in recognition of the following participants of the Fetal Alcohol Poster Contest:

Paulsboro High School

Nybree Poe Stewart – 1<sup>st</sup> Place & Overall Winner

Regina Thompson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Adara Millner – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Bankbridge School

Dennosia Sanders

Freeholder Jim Jefferson stated it is a pleasure to be in Paulsboro and he will be speaking in Paulsboro on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the High School

Councilwoman Turner thanked Mr. Wilgus regarding the scholarships from the Paulsboro Refinery. She questioned if there was any literature on this scholarship.

Mr. Wilgus answered that anyone can obtain literature through the website or anyone can call him.

At this time, Mayor and Council entertained the Resolution that was skipped.

**R. #98.15: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO  
RESCINDING RESOLUTION #90.15 CANCELING UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF  
2014 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-60.** Council  
President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #98.15. Roll  
call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes,  
Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays:  
None. Motion carried.

Street and Highway Committee/School Board Liaison Committee: Councilman  
Theodore D. Holloway, II:

Councilman Holloway stated the Street and Highway Committee had their  
monthly meeting on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and all committee members were in attendance  
as well as the Department Head and the Administrator. Two (2) public meetings  
ago, he brought up having trash cans placed on some of the more littered blocks to  
try to beautify the streets and get the community more involved in the  
beautification process of the areas they live in. He personally reached out to some  
of the more prominent residents of these areas and he had a heart to heart and they  
agreed to help police their areas for litter and people who litter in their roads and so  
far it seems to be working. He explained to them that when the cans become full  
that the public works street team will come by and empty the cans and replace the  
bags. He believes if this good work continues the Borough will see a huge difference  
from previous years on the roads, sidewalks and drains.

Councilman Holloway announced that this week and some of next week, the  
Borough will be jetting and vacuuming out the drains and sewer boxes. This is  
something the Borough will be doing bi-annually. The truck the workers will  
operate is called a combination truck that jets/washes and vacuums the drains.  
This will help alleviate some of the seasonal stress of dirt, sand, salt, weeds and  
litter in the drains. He is going to have Mr. Tinder give Councilman Holloway and  
the Administrator a full list of all the areas completed so the Borough does not miss  
a single drain/sewer box in town. He knows it takes time but with the two men and  
proper supervision, he believes 1 ½ to 2 weeks is ample time to do the entire town.

Councilman Holloway urged residents to call the Borough Hall and let them  
know when a resident has brush, branches, small limbs, etc. in front their house  
so it can be scheduled to be removed or the residents can go to the local True Value  
and purchase some of the paper lawn debris bags that are made from recyclable  
material and put the brush in the trash for Monday pick up. There can be no more  
than 2-4 bags and to keep in mind the bags are oversized and can become heavy.  
He again asked the residents to call and the Borough will do their best in assisting  
in keeping the town clean.

Councilman Holloway publicly thanked the Boys & Girls Club for cleaning Penn Line Road. He also thanked the Mayor and the County Organization, GCIA, for supplying the tools, PPE and equipment necessary to get the road remediated and for being out there with the Club every step of the way. He would like to send the Paulsboro Boys and Girls Club a letter from the governing body thanking them for the excellent job they did on that road.

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Kidd seconded to send a thank you letter to the Paulsboro Boys and Girls Club for cleaning Penn Line Road. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Holloway also stated as far as the School Board goes, on May 11<sup>th</sup> he was invited by Dr. Quint and the Board to sit in on the interview process for a new Superintendent of Schools. He is humbled and honored that they would include him in on this process as a Councilman and more honestly as a parent of Paulsboro students. In his opinion, he believes this position is one of the most essential parts of having a great education system next to parenting. He firmly believes it all starts at home with education. Also, he asked to publicly congratulate five (5) of the students: Victoria Willets, Brian Zane, Joshua Martini, Saleem Little and Haley Wellington on being selected to the Gloucester County Academic All Stars. To many times in this town, it is forgotten to give the students their just do for educational achievements. Not to take anything away from the athletic prowess but he just feels the more academically advanced students sometime tend to get overlooked. He further stated by the power vested in him as School Board Liaison and on behalf of the rest of the governing body, he would like to put a motion on the floor to give these five (5) students congratulatory letters for their academic achievements and outstanding representation of the Borough of Paulsboro.

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Kidd seconded to send congratulatory letters to the five (5) students named above. All were in favor of the motion.

Utilities Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes stated the filtration system is an ongoing project with Solvay Solexis and he will bring a full update at the next meeting.

Councilman Haynes thanked Mark Wilgus and the Paulsboro Refinery for their contribution to the community.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Stevenson, Chairman:

Councilman Stevenson also thanked Mark Wilgus. He encouraged someone to take the scholarship.

Councilman Stevenson thanked Solicitor Angelini, Chief Wachter and Deputy Chief Vern Marino for their work in presenting a Curfew Ordinance.

Councilman Stevenson stated he is working with the Fire Official in regards to fire pits. People should be cognizant of what they are putting in the fire pits as the smoke is going into their neighbors' house.

Councilman Stevenson thanked the Paulsboro Boys & Girls Club on cleaning Penn Line Road.

Councilman Stevenson further stated he worked with Paulsboro Neighborhood Watch Association to clean up the area behind Lodge Avenue.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Councilman Giovannitti, Chairman:

Councilman Giovannitti recognized American Education Week and the Teachers. He congratulated the kids on their academics award and there is an award dinner this evening for the kids.

Councilman Giovannitti asked Administrator Ruggeri to make sure Mrs. Swanson is taken care of.

Councilman Giovannitti stated the Construction and Licensing Committee sent the County Shared Service on Abandoned properties to Solicitor Angelini. They are also working on the ordinance regarding trash citations and issuing summary offenses instead so that people who work would not have to come to Court.

Councilman Giovannitti thanked Mr. Gray for his years of service; he thanked Mark Wilgus and asked him to make sure the school is aware of the scholarship program and he thanked all the Departments for the wonderful work that they do.

Finance Committee: Council President Kidd, Chairman:

Council President Kidd discussed the scholarship program offered through the Paulsboro Refinery.

Council President Kidd stated the Borough hired a Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) full time but there isn't any more offices available. He tried to get an office trailer but Chapter 80 of the Code doesn't allow trailers. She does not have an office and she has been patient but she is using a portable laptop.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to authorize the CMFO to move into the Administrator's Office in the main office and move the Administrator to the Construction Offices effective tomorrow.

Councilman Giovannitti asked to go into closed session or discuss this at the next work session meeting.

Councilman Stevenson stated he understands the Borough is in a bind and he has offered a temporary solution. The Administrator has to handle very sensitive conversations. Both individuals handle very sensitive situations. He agrees with Councilman Giovannitti and there should be more discussion on this before kicking someone out of their office. He feels this is the wrong way to go and he also agrees the CMFO should not work out of her home.

Councilman Haynes agreed with Councilman Stevenson and stated it is unjust to make a move like this. The Administrator oversees the day to day operations with the residents and the department heads. There should be more discussions.

Council President Kidd stated he has checked with the Property Committee and no one is throwing anyone out. There are records for finance in that office. He felt the person hired for finance should be in the front office.

Councilwoman Turner stated there are a lot of things being discussed and not going through the proper channels. There is the ambulance building. She felt both jobs are important and there should be other options.

Roll call on the above motion: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Holloway, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Stevenson. (Vote tied.)

Solicitor Angelini stated the Mayor can vote in the case of a tie.

Councilman Stevenson moved to table this motion.

Mayor Hamilton voted yes.

**Motion carried.**

Mayor Hamilton stated the Borough approved the Glorious Light Walk-a-thon and Glorious Light is requesting to change the walk-a-thon from May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He would like to turn this over to the Police Department.

Councilman Giovannitti moved and Council President Kidd seconded to approve the change to the Glorious Light Walk-a-thon to May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 and notify all departments. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Giovannitti moved and Council President Kidd seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 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 May 5, 2015 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk

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W. Jeffery Hamilton, Mayor