

MAY 19, 2015

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 Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner (arrived at 7:27 p.m.).

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order.

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

Councilman Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to open the floor to the public at 7:12 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hamilton opened the floor to the public, asked anyone speaking to give their name and address, reminded everyone there was a five (5) minute time limit and to silence all electronic devices.

Leona Mather introduced herself and stated she is the Liaison between the Borough and the Gloucester County Freeholder Board.

George Conaway, 714 Tomlin Station Road, Mullica Hill, stated he frequents the Riverside Inn and likes to sit outside to see the sunset on the river which is after the restrictions that are in place for the Riverside Inn. Mr. Owens, owner of the Riverside Inn, has a letter on this agenda requesting the restrictions be lifted. He would like to see the restrictions lifted as he likes to enjoy the outside.

Roxanne Turiano, 299 Puritan Avenue, West Deptford, also frequents the Riverside Inn and also likes to be able to sit outside later as it is a beautiful setting. She further stated at that time of day it is not a wild crowd and it doesn't seem reasonable to restrict Mr. Owen's license for the outside.

Marvin Hamilton, 913 Chestnut Street, discussed his concern with certification of certain individuals. If the individual is not certified, they shouldn't have the job. He can't understand why there are differences on Council. Council should give the people the opportunity to go to school. He doesn't think Council is doing the right thing and it is a hostile environment. Council should get themselves together and worry about the town people.

Larry Sheffield, 1658 Swedesboro Avenue, discussed an article he saw in the newspaper regarding the CFO and Administrator and the salary involved with both positions. His opinion is to use the funding to fund two (2) additional officers or more Code Enforcement. Council has to be able to make smart, prudent and tough decisions.

Ray Miller, 31 Riverview Avenue, discussed the restrictions on the Riverside Inn. He stated the people who frequent the Riverside Inn does not have to live with the issues. He asked Council to do their due diligence and review the police complaints as people don't know what happens at 1:30 a.m. He asked Council to enforce the restrictions and not change the restrictions as he doesn't want to see it go back to the way it was. He also opposed the annual renewal of the license.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:25 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #101.15: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #101.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #102.15: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 4A:2-26. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #102.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #103.15: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF TWO (2) EXISTING WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION LEASES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDING LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14).

Councilwoman Turner arrived at this time (7:27 p.m.).

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #103.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #104.15: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CASH ESCROW ACCOUNT BALANCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,900.00 IN THE DEVELOPER ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR THE WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION PROJECT – 710 CLONMELL ROAD – BLOCK 53 LOT 1. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #104.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

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 Giovannitti 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 Giovannitti seconded to close the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt O. #04.15 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.**

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

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 Giovannitti seconded to open the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Cheryl Chandler, 1014 Spruce Street, questioned when the Ordinance would take effect and how it would work.

Solicitor Angelini stated it would take effect immediately upon publication and it would pertain to any juvenile under the age of 18 and anyone under the age of 18 cannot be on the streets between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Friday through Sunday. If in violation, there is certain community service and fines. The Ordinance has tougher standards.

Ms. Chandler questioned if a police officer can pick up a juvenile after 10:00 p.m.

Solicitor Angelini stated it would depend on the circumstance. The Officer would have the right to question the individual but there are some exceptions.

Mayor Hamilton questioned if the exceptions included High School sports and activities.

Chief Wachter stated it would be part of the exceptions.

There wasn't any further public participation.

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

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt O. #05.15 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.**

Letter from Owen C. Haynes, Sr., Riverside Inn, requesting a change in the restrictions at the Riverside Inn. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive, file the letter and discuss during the renewal period. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hamilton stated he has spoken with Chief Wachter and he has recommended denying this request until renewal time.

Solicitor Angelini stated the Chief has recommended to do nothing at this time and at the time of renewal Council can rescind, deny or impose more conditions. He stated it was up to the Council to allow Mr. Haynes to address the letter.

Owen Haynes, 65 Casperson Street, Gibbstown, owner of the Riverside Inn, stated he is aware there are some issues between 1:00 and 2:00 a.m. but they are separate issues. His request only pertains to out back. He knows he needs to address the other issue. He has lived up to the 8:00 p.m. restriction and he doesn't

have any problems with outside.

Erik Biermann, Water and Sewer Engineer, gave an update on the Thomson Avenue Project. The Engineer has submitted plans and loan applications to NJDEP for the Thomson Avenue project from Elizabeth Avenue to the Mantua Creek. The loan application has been reviewed and they have received permits from the Gloucester County Soil Conservation and the U.S. Army Corps. They are waiting for some ongoing permits but it is moving forward.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Ruggeri stated the Borough receives a \$30,000 grant from ExxonMobil who partners with the High School to participate in the SYSTEM Program. The students go to school two (2) days and work two (2) days. The program starts June 29th and is for one (1) month. The Borough will have the kids for three weeks. The Borough will receive six (6) kids, three (3) girls and three (3) boys.

Councilwoman Turner questioned their work assignments.

Administrator Ruggeri stated she asks the different departments and she is in the process of talking with the Departments. She absolutely takes the boys in Public Works and the girls will work in the Office.

Council President Kidd stated a majority of the kids are from Gibbstown and questioned why the Borough doesn't have as many kids.

Administrator Ruggeri stated it is the luck of the draw.

Administrator Ruggeri recommended approval for the following students and 2015 graduates of Paulsboro High School to participate in the Summer Youth, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (SYSTEM) program (ExxonMobil Grant Funds):

Nicholas Duca
Haley Schlosser
Victoria Willets
Matthew Casey
Lauren Temple

Nicholas DiPietro
Lin Yang
Emma Dudlick
Melton Leach, III
Justin West

Nikolao Savaiinaea
Abigayle Warren
Dustin Herrera
Liva Savaiinaea

Alternates:

Shanera Morris
Donovan Anderson

Donesha Montgomery

Council President Kidd moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to approve the above students for the SYSTEM Program. All were in favor of the motion.

Administrator Ruggeri requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel and salary issues.

R. #105.15: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #105.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Wachter thanked Solicitor Angelini for the great job in preparing the Curfew Ordinance.

Chief Wachter also thanked Mayor and Council on their continued support with the restrictions on the Riverside Inn.

Mayor Hamilton stated he has received some information for a shared service between Gibbstown and Paulsboro for their 1st responders.

Councilman Stevenson stated there has always been a reciprocal mutual aid agreement but there is another service he will talk with Mayor Hamilton about.

Mayor and Council recessed for five (5) minutes.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to recess the meeting at 7:53 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor and Council went into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor and Council reconvened the Work Session Meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to schedule a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the amendment of the salary ordinance as it pertains to the Administrator's and other personnel salaries. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: Councilman Haynes. **Motion carried.**

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 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 May 19, 2015 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

W. Jeffery Hamilton, Mayor