

JUNE 3, 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 Councilman Holloway.

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.

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.

Linda Weber, 600 King Street, thanked everyone involved in fixing the hump in the street in front of her house. She especially thanked Administrator Ruggeri who came out while they were working on it and also came out after the fact.

Mary Harris, 265 Vanneman Boulevard, questioned where she was supposed to park when the street is being swept.

Borough Foreman Tinder stated the sweeper will be in the area from June 15th to the 19th and they will start in the Route 295 area and work across the Borough. The Borough is not asking her to get off the street but if she wants her area swept, she will park her car off the street until the street sweeper is done.

Jackie Johnson, 433 Summit Avenue, thanked Mayor and Council for the sweeper.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, questioned the Budget.

Mayor Hamilton stated Council had a budget meeting earlier this evening and the budget is ready.

Mr. Corradetti questioned the liquor license for Benny's on the Rail as he hasn't heard of any complaints.

Mayor Hamilton stated he wasn't aware of any incidents at Benny's on the Rail.

Mr. Corradetti stated if there were any incidents, they would probably be addressed during the renewal period.

Borough Clerk VanScoy stated the renewal period has been extended by the State as the State is rolling out an online renewal process and have extended the renewal deadline to September 18th.

Danielle Green, 620 Delaware Street, stated she is the minor league softball coach and her team went 16 and 0 this season. She would like the team to be recognized.

Mayor Hamilton informed Ms. Green to get all information about the team to Borough Clerk VanScoy to prepare a Proclamation to honor the team and the Mayor and Council will present the Proclamation to the team at its meeting on July 7th.

Ms. Green questioned if it was true the Borough would be repairing the fields.

Councilwoman Turner stated the Borough has been chipping away at the complex to make upgrades and improvements which some have been done but it takes time. She hoped Ms. Green has noticed some improvements.

Ms. Green stated she has noticed the improvements but questioned the fields.

Councilwoman Turner stated the Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month and asked Mrs. Green to attend the meetings to discuss the fields. She asked Ms. Green for her contact information.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Councilman Stevenson moved and Council President Kidd seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:15 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of a Work Session Meeting held on May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

R. #107.15: 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. #107.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #108.15: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF CHECKS OVER ONE (1) YEAR OLD FROM THE VARIOUS BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #108.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council President Kidd asked CMFO Boyer to explain the above Resolution.

CMFO Boyer stated the Borough has to cancel checks that are over one (1) year old or older such as checks that were lost or already paid. It is just cleaning up old paperwork.

R. #109.15: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE/DISALLOWANCE OF SENIOR CITIZENS OR DISABILITY OR VETERANS DEDUCTIONS. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #109.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #110.15: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #110.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Walter Quint from the Gill Memorial Library was present to discuss the following Resolution and update Mayor and Council on the project. The project will be completed close to on time and under budget. There were very few change orders. Some of the change orders included shutters and a section of stucco. The Library had \$107,000 for contingencies. They have spent \$26,000. The Library will need a security system and he is asking to use some of the contingency money to install a security system. Also, the Library Board of Trustees has reserved \$55,000 to use to purchase furniture but it will not be enough. He also asked to use the contingency money to fund the furniture but he will not go over budget.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to authorize the use of the contingency funds to install a security system and purchase furniture for the Library. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #111.15: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 IN CONNECTION WITH THE GILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #111.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #112.15: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND REQUIRING THE MAINTENANCE BOND BY LANDBERG CONTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BEACON AVENUE PROJECT IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #112.15. 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 Giovannitti seconded to receive and file. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Steven S. Glickman, Ruderman & Glickman, P.C., regarding the existence of Ruderman and Glickman and opening the Law Office of Steven S. Glickman, LLC. He is requesting Council prepare whatever is necessary (revised resolution and/or contract) to reflect the change. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Solicitor Angelini explained that the Law Office of Ruderman and Glickman are disbanding and Mr. Glickman is the Borough Special Labor Relations Counsel. Mr.

Glickman is opening his own law firm. Council would have to amend the previous Resolution from the beginning of the year to retain Mr. Glickman.

R. #113.15: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AMENDING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION #41.15 AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNDER A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS TO STEVEN GLICKMAN, ESQUIRE AS SPECIAL LABOR RELATIONS COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #113.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Jamie Fox, NJDOT regarding funding approval for FY2015 Municipal Aid Program for the Reconstruction of Spruce Street in the amount of \$170,000.00. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Received Proposal from T& M Associates for the Spruce Street Project. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive, file and approve the proposal. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Destiny Jiles-DeBerry requesting permission to partially block Railroad Avenue. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive, file the letter, approve the request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Greater Paulsboro Lodge No. 575 and Catherine J. Walker Temple No. 353 requesting permission to block Buck Street. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive, file the letter, approve the request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter of retirement from William K. Virden, Street and Highway Department Work Leader. Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Haynes moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to authorize Borough Clerk VanScoy to prepare a proclamation to thank Mr. Virden for his service and congratulate Mr. Virden on his retirement and present it at the next Regular Meeting held on July 7th. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Wachter requesting Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #114.15: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSORO. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #114.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Chief Wachter stated he is requesting the Mayor and Council pass a Resolution requesting participation with the State of New Jersey's 2015 Safe and Secure Grant which for 2015 will be for the amount of \$28,633.00. This has been a continuous grant for the police department, which partially funds one (1) Police Officers yearly salary. The Borough has received this grant since the 1990s.

R. #115.15: RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #115.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor Angelini discussed the Joseph C. Cameli vs. the Borough of Paulsboro litigation which arose as a result of the Borough's demolishing 762 Delaware Street including a common stairway used by the adjoining property owner, Joseph Cameli at 764 and 766 Delaware Street. The litigation was resolved by way of payment to Mr. Cameli of \$50,000.00 with an agreement that he would rebuild the stairs and a portion of the Borough property would be subdivided off and given to Mr. Cameli with a deed modification filed to relieve the Borough of any further obligation to maintain the stairway. The \$50,000 was paid half by the Borough and half by the Borough's insurance carrier with the initial \$25,000 payment made directly to Mr. Cameli and an additional \$25,000 given to Mr. Cameli's attorney to be held in trust and disbursed to Mr. Cameli provided the stairs were completed. The stairway has now been completed and was signed off by the Borough Code Office on April 30, 2015. Counsel for Mr. Cameli has now requested authorization to release the monies held in his trust account. Solicitor Angelini recommended release of the funds as any further litigation would undoubtedly result in a court order authorization release of the funds and needless expenditure of attorney's fees.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to authorize the funds be released. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hamilton stated that 600 King Street has been repaired.

Borough Foreman Tinder discussed the complaint at 3rd and Nassau Avenue. He stated he has met with South Jersey Gas and they have discussed the concerns and some concerns have already been addressed.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Utilities Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes stated he will be meeting with the Committee and the Water and Sewer Engineer to discuss the industrial rates. He will bring this matter back to the Council.

Councilman Haynes thanked the residents of Paulsboro on his re-election. This is his tenth three (3) year term.

Councilman Haynes wished Mayor Hamilton and Councilwoman Turner the best in whatever path they take but they will not be lost. He wished Councilman Stevenson and Alfonso Giampola the best of luck and he looked forward to working alongside both of them.

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

Councilman Holloway congratulated Councilmen Stevenson and Haynes and Alfonso Giampola on their election win and he informed Mayor Hamilton and Councilwoman Turner that they will be missed.

Councilman Holloway reported that the school board interviewed two (2) candidates for the Superintendent position. They have narrowed it down to one (1) candidate where they will interview again and then decide if this is the right person for the Borough or they will hire an interim superintendent to fill the opening. Also, he reminded everyone that this is graduation month and the young men and ladies will be celebrating their accomplishments as all has done who have graduated. He urged the parents to remind the children about the curfew laws and that they are in effect and to be mindful of the time they walk the streets.

Councilman Holloway also reported the Street and Highway Committee conducted their monthly meeting and all members were present as well as the CMFO and Administrator. The property at 600 King Street belonging to Ms. Weber was repaired as per the specifications of the Engineer and the work was completed by the Borough Street and Highway Department. It seems the water is not standing anymore and is running as it is intended which is away from Ms. Weber's property.

Councilman Holloway stated the South Jersey Gas reported that the issue at the property of 3rd and Nassau Avenue was repaired and they are and have been working to repair all areas damaged due to the work they performed last year in the Borough.

Councilman Holloway stated in the next 30 days, the Borough will be bidding out the trash and recycling contract.

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Kidd seconded to authorize the Administrator to advertise the bid specifications for the collection of trash and recycling. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Holloway stated he had a resident ask him about mosquito control in his residential area and his committee discussed this and will be looking into the issue. He also suggested adding the parks, fields and heavily wooded areas to be put on the Counties mosquito spray list. He further stated he has a telephone number if anyone would want it to see him.

Councilman Holloway also stated the Borough will be doing their tri-annual street sweeping and it will begin June 15th to the 19th from 295 to the river. There isn't a set time or date that each street will be done but the Borough has and will be putting signs up prior to the sweeping. He urged the residents to be mindful of the signs and please comply with what the signs say to ensure the street they live on will be cleaned properly.

Councilman Holloway further stated it has come to the Borough's attention that someone has been stealing metal objects from the playgrounds such as metal plates from the sliding board platform, nuts and bolts from the benches. The Borough has repaired them but this cannot continue. He urged the residents that if they see any suspicious activity in or on any public areas to please don't hesitate to call the police so they can catch and arrest this person or persons. The Borough doesn't have much but what it does have, the Borough must take care of it. Lastly, the trash cans are working but he is still seeing standing litter still standing. He also urged the residents that if they see trash to please make an effort and pick it up. If it is not picked up then they are no better than those who littered in the first place. It takes more energy to complain then it does to bend over and throw the trash away. This is a group effort and he knows these changes will take time.

Mayor Hamilton questioned if there was something the Borough could do to mark the equipment so when it goes to the scrap yard, the Borough is notified.

Chief Wachter stated yes there is and he will work with the Borough Foreman regarding this.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Stevenson, Chairman:

Councilman Stevenson thanked Fire Chief Giampola as the Firemen's Funeral for Ed McMahon was a great send off.

Councilman Stevenson thanked the residents for voting no matter who they voted for. He also thanked the poll workers as it can be a long day. He congratulated Councilman Haynes and Mr. Giampola on their election win. He has communicated to Councilwoman Turner for all she has done and hopes she sticks around as she has done a great job. He thanked Mayor Hamilton for a clean and positive campaign. It was an honor to run against him and he is worn out but Mayor Hamilton is still the Mayor for many months.

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

Councilwoman Turner thanked the poll workers and the residents.

Councilwoman Turner stated she has been very dedicated to the town throughout her term and beyond. Council is a mode for the young people and they have to set an example. She feels very strongly about her work. It was an honor to work under Mayor Hamilton as her experiences and what she has learned will go a long way. She appreciates the relationships she has made. The residents will continue to see her face and hear her voice and she thanked the residents for her seat on Council.

Councilwoman Turner stated the July 4th Parade is coming up and the letters from the Friends of the 4th have been mailed.

Councilwoman Turner asked Chief Wachter and/or Deputy Chief Marino regarding children at play signs. She asked if it was illegal for residents to put out these signs.

Chief Wachter stated yes for a resident to put out the signs but not for the Borough. The resident would have to request a sign through the Mayor and Council and then work through the Police Department and the Department of Public Works.

Councilwoman Turner explained she is talking about signs like election signs. She has seen little plastic people holding children at play signs.

Chief Wachter stated the residents can place those signs.

Councilwoman Turner stated the Paulsboro Midget Football Organization would like to hold a coin drop.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to approve the coin drop for the Paulsboro Midget Football Organization. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Turner stated she would have Mrs. Farrow contact Chief Wachter regarding the details of the coin drop.

Councilwoman Turner stated she has received a Fort Billings Park Application from the Billingsport School requesting to waive the application fee for Billingsport School on June 12, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Turner moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to waive the park application fee for the Billingsport School. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Turner asked the Borough to consider adding more signs regarding dog waste at the Park and Damminger Complex. She will discuss this with Borough Foreman Tinder and CMFO Boyer.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Councilman Giovannitti, Chairman:

Councilman Giovannitti stated his committee has been working with the Mayor of Collingswood and he will be meeting with Mr. Bender regarding abandoned homes. They will come up with a grid of vacant properties. Mr. Bender and Councilman Stevenson have gone to a couple of seminars regarding this and the problem is all over the country. Mayor Maley's expertise comes in handy.

Councilman Giovannitti recognized Danielle Green and informed everyone Ms. Green also became the coach to the 8th and 9th graders as well.

Councilman Giovannitti recognized Dr. Quint and Rita Kelly from the Gill Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

Councilman Giovannitti informed Councilwoman Turner she has done an excellent job and to Mayor Hamilton he has performed excellent service.

Councilman Giovannitti congratulated Councilmen Stevenson and Haynes and Mr. Giampola on their election wins.

Finance Committee: Council President Kidd, Chairman:

Council President Kidd stated he wasn't aware of Ms. Green until he read the article in the newspaper. She has taught the kids how to work together and to be proud.

Council President Kidd also congratulated Councilmen Stevenson and Haynes and Mr. Giampola. He stated Mayor Hamilton and Councilwoman Turner will be missed.

Council President Kidd stated Council passed a motion to introduce the 2015 Budget at a two (2) cents increase. The increase started at 14 cents and ended up at two (2) cents. He appreciated the hard work CMFO Boyer has done and now that she has a permanent home, she has done a lot.

CMFO Boyer stated she appreciated the opportunity.

Council President Kidd stated Tracey Robinson will be attending school for the Deputy Registrar position on June 11th and 12th.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to approve Mrs. Robinson's schooling. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hamilton congratulated Councilmen Stevenson and Haynes and Mr. Giampola and he informed them to keep up the good work.

Mayor Hamilton asked Dr. Quint how long it would take to get the books back into the Library.

Dr. Quint stated the project should be done by the end of June and once everything is put back there will be a grand opening in September.

Mayor Hamilton stated the County is having clean community projects being completed. The Clean-up projects will be from June to the first week in August.

Mayor Hamilton asked for a moment of silence for Ed McMahon who was a former Councilman and former Fire Chief.

Council President Kidd stated he saw where the Lube Oil Plant is hiring for Technicians and Laborers. He would like to get in touch with the Plant as when they first located in Paulsboro, Paulsboro residents were to be considered first for any jobs.

Mayor and Council recessed at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor and Council convened in Executive Session at 8:26 p.m.

Mayor and Council reconvened the Work Session Meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to schedule a Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel in reference to interviews for the Lieutenant position. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 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 June 3, 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