

JUNE 16, 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. Absent: Borough Clerk VanScoy as she was sick.

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order.

Administrator Ruggeri 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.

Linda Weber, 600 King Street, stated she is still happy with the work that was done to alleviate the flooding in front of her house. There isn't any water. She complimented Administrator Ruggeri as she is always out and on top of the projects. She just wanted to mention that as the previous Administrator never did.

Cheryl Chandler, 1014 Spruce Street, stated every night at 10:00 p.m. there is a "curb ball game" that takes place until 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. Also the church across the street goes on three nights a week until 3:00 a.m. She also discussed the littering issue as she spent two (2) hours cleaning around her house which the litter is coming from her neighbors. She questioned when the curfew will start being enforced as the Police need to start enforcing it.

Chief Wachter stated he will send an Officer out to look at the curb ball and he has spoken to the Church and the police will try to resolve the issue. The Police will work with the Code Enforcement Office regarding the litter.

Robert Samuels, on behalf of the Crossing Guards at the Billingsport School, discussed the traffic issue when parents pick up their children. He felt signs were needed at the exits and entrances of the school to get control of the traffic. He stated it is a group effort and different areas should be looked at to put the signs. He hoped this will be done before the school starts in September.

Deputy Chief Marino stated he has spoken with Dr. Quint and they are looking into a plan to help with this issue. He further stated an officer was placed there to help with the traffic. H will be presenting a plan to Mayor and Council in July,

Chief Wachter stated the plan is to include signage.

Deputy Chief Marino also stated the Department will also be speaking with the neighbors to help address the traffic problem around the school.

There wasn't any further public participation.

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

R. #116.15: 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. #116.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #117.15: AMENDED EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET. (\$170,000.00.)

R. #118.15: AMENDED EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET. (\$78,700.00.)

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #117.15 and #118.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Receipt of Bids: Assignment of Rents Under Two (2) Wireless Telecommunications Leases:

1. Landmark Dividend LLC \$805,000.00

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to table the Receipt of Bids. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Jeffrey A. Daniels, Esq., Angelini, Viniar & Freedman, LLP regarding Cell lease assignment solicitation; bid opening, review and award recommendation.

R. #119.15: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARING AN ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS UNDER TWO (2) EXISTING WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION LEASES TO LANDMARK DIVIDEND LLC. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to table R. #119.15. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Jacquie T. Huynh-Linenberg, Esq., Parker McCay, regarding Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, USDA Series 2015. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #120.15: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO: (i) \$445,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, USDA SERIES 2015A; AND (ii) \$113,800 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, USDA SERIES 2015B, OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #120.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Received Raffle License #RA-589, George D. Patton, VFW Post #678 for their annual instant raffle. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive, file and approve the above Raffle License. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Sheila Stanback-Jackson, 1156 Berkley Road, Gibbstown, NJ 08027 requesting permission for parking across the street from her house for a family and friends cookout on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file the

letter, approve the request and notify Mrs. Stanback-Jackson of the approval. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Haynes will notify the Water Department regarding the above.

Chief Wachter will have the officers patrol the area.

Police Chief's Report:

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding recommendation to hire Police Officer: Two (2) Full-Time Police Officers and Two (2) SLEO II Officers. Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Wachter discussed adding Officers to the Police Department. Mayor and Council approved an additional officer to replace Chief Wachter and he would like to hire another additional Officer to fill the "18th Officer" position as well as adding two (2) Full Time SLEO Class II Officers. He originally asked for two (2) Full Time Officers and three (3) SLEO Class II Officers. He is looking for fully trained Police Officers. There were over 204 applicants and interviews were held. It worked out very well as it met the objectives of what they were trying to achieve. On Friday, late afternoon, one (1) of the candidates withdrew. He has three (3) names to recommend for hire. He had originally asked for two (2) SLEO Class II Officers, however, he is going to leave one (1) position open at this time. He is recommending appointment of two (2) Full Time Positions and one (1) SLEO Class II Officer Position. He recommended Adam Chiolan as the Full Time Officer to replace the Chief, Daniel Romero as the second Full Time Officer and Gary Lowell, Jr. as the SLEO Class II Officer.

R. #121.15: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO EMPLOY ADAM SHIOLAN AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #121.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #122.15: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO EMPLOY DANIEL ROMERO AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #122.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #123.15: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (SLEO) CLASS II FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #123.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chief Wachter introduced Patrol Officers Adam Chiolan and Daniel Romero and SLEO II Officer Gary Lowell, Jr.

Chief Wachter stated the Borough hired two (2) retired Officers as SLEO Class II Officers to work the school but because school is coming to a close next week, the Deputy Chief is working on a plan to have these officers out walking in the community. These two (2) Officers have worked out well working the schools and they will again work in the schools next year.

Councilman Stevenson asked if the Officers walking will have cameras.

Chief Wachter answered yes, all Officers will have cameras.

Council President Kidd asked the Chief to explain the cameras.

Chief Wachter stated the Federal Government came out with grant monies for body cameras. Only 16 Agencies received the grants in the amount of \$250,000 each. The Borough could not compete with the cities. Even Camden Metro could not compete. The cameras are a fantastic program and internal affairs have dropped 90%.

Chief Wachter discussed the radios and stated the County is switching to a new frequency. The County is giving the Borough enough portable radios for every full time officer and enough car radios for every front line vehicle which would include all administration and detectives. However, they do not cover the Class II or Class I Officers. The County is even updating the Borough's base station as well. This is a very huge project on the County level. Everyone will be moving to a 500 MHz frequency. The Fire Department will also receive frequency and radios and so does Emergency Management. The Federal Government has sold off the frequency that they told the Borough it would have forever. The police frequency will be encrypted, therefore, no one will be able to hear them and the bad guys won't know they are coming.

Councilman Haynes recommended moving Mike Reed up to Acting Water and Sewer Superintendent at a salary of \$74,000 and retroactive to May 1st, 2015 for a

period of one (1) year. Next year when Council negotiates with Mr. Reed, Council can then bring Mr. Reed up to the Water and Sewer Superintendent position.

R. #124.15: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO PROMOTING MICHAEL REED, ACTING SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT. Councilman Haynes moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #124.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Councilman Haynes stated the Borough has budgeted for an entry position in the Water and Sewer Department. He would also like to have permission to have the Administrator and Mike Reed conduct the interviews and get them completed so the Committee has a name to move forward to Mayor and Council. The position was advertised and applications have been received.

Councilman Haynes moved and Council President Kidd seconded to authorize the Administrator and the Acting Water and Sewer Superintendent to review the resumes'/applications and to conduct the interviews.

Mayor Hamilton felt the interviews should be conducted through the Committee.

Councilman Haynes stated he personally did not want to be involved in the interview process because he felt it should be left to the professionals such as the Administrator and the Acting Water and Sewer Superintendent. It takes the Governing Body out of the mix especially if Council knows or is friends with the individual being interviewed. He further felt they would submit the top name or the top two (2) names to Mayor and Council to review and then move the name forward.

All were in favor of the above motion.

Councilman Haynes stated he is retiring from the County effective July 1st and because of the new pension laws, he has to resign his seat on Council for a six (6) month period so he would not have to pay pension back. However, he is still on Council as of now and he will resign July 1st and he will still be on the ballot as he is not going anywhere. He will get through the General Election in November and he will be re-seated in January which he can take the office back in January. In case anyone thinks they are going to take his seat, forget it as he is around for a while. He has to take the separation because of the pension laws. He will be around and he will be at every Council meeting.

Councilman Haynes questioned when Council was going to sit down and discuss the Administrator's issue.

Mayor Hamilton stated "real soon".

Councilwoman Turner stated if the interviews are scheduled after 3:00 or 4:00 p.m., she would like to be a part of them as she sits on the Committee and she would like to be a part of the interview process.

Councilman Haynes stated there was a motion the floor that passed regarding the interviews which gave the Administrator and the Acting Water and Sewer Superintendent authorization to conduct the interviews.

Councilwoman Turner stated there was a previous motion earlier in the year that the Committee would be involved and now Council passed another motion that the Committee is not involved.

Councilman Haynes stated it wasn't for the Utilities Committee.

Councilwoman Turner questioned if there was a motion some time ago that all Committees would be involved in the interviewing candidates for those departments.

Councilman Haynes stated not that he remembered and if Councilwoman Turner can show him documentation regarding that motion that all Committees would be included in the interviews, he would like to see it.

Council further discussed the interview process involving the Committees.

Solicitor Pierson stated if a motion has been passed then another formal motion would have to be passed to change the previous motion.

Councilman Haynes suggested asking Borough Clerk VanScoy to check the minutes to see if any formal motion was done to involve the Committees in the interview process.

Councilwoman Turner questioned Chief Wachter regarding the 204 applicants and if #4 was a female applicant.

Chief Wachter stated no.

Chief Wachter questioned if everyone received his email regarding the process for the Lieutenant's position and if anyone had any questions to call him.

Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to accept Councilman Haynes' letter of resignation effective July 1st, 2015. All were in favor of the motion.

Water and Sewer Engineer Erik Biermann updated Mayor and Council on the different projects in the Borough.

Water and Sewer Engineer Biermann stated there are three (3) projects. The Thomson Avenue project is ongoing with the State. They are working closely with the State on their environmental review, loan applications and required permits that were submitted and it is moving along. The second project the Judge received last week a set of plans for the Well No. 7 of the new carbon filtration system for Solvay. He is currently reviewing them with Acting Water and Sewer Superintendent Reed. Before he replies to Solvay he will be meeting with the

Administrator and Councilman Haynes to review any of their comments and concerns. The last project he has talked with Councilman Haynes regarding ExxonMobil requests to possibly delivering some of their waste water through the Paulsboro sewer system. When he looked at it, he quickly realized that their flows will be very high. The concern is the imbalance in the rates that the GCUA charges as the fees are higher than the Borough is collecting. That imbalance will leave Paulsboro with a deficit for every single gallon received. He is not saying they are not recommending moving forward with this but they want to open the discussion with the Committee to discuss revising the rates for the high end users who uses waste water service. The Auditor will also have to be involved in this as he will have to review the budget in the Water and Sewer Department and figure out what the appropriate rate schedule should be.

Councilman Stevenson questioned if this is for the Lube Plant or Research or both.

Water and Sewer Engineer Biermann stated it was for both.

Emergency Management Coordinator Alfonso Giampola stated everyone received a copy of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and there are grants in the amount of \$150,000 and he did not know if Paulsboro would qualify. He would like to meet with Water and Sewer Engineer Biermann regarding the Thomson Avenue project in reference to a grant specifically for Hazard Mitigation. The plan is sitting at the State to go to FEMA.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to authorize Emergency Management Coordinator Giampola to meet with the Water and Sewer Engineer about the Hazard Mitigation grants. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Kidd stated Gibbstown has applied for this grant for years and they have received some equipment through the same grant.

Emergency Management Coordinator Giampola explained that Gibbstown applied and received a generator. This is another grant that he has been working for the past 18 months involving putting together the Borough's crippling infrastructure and Thomson Avenue seems to be one of the ones that would include hazard mitigation.

Council President Kidd stated he is glad Mr. Giampola is doing this and he informed him not to get disgusted.

Emergency Management Coordinator Giampola stated he bumped into Congressman Norcross who sent a letter on the Borough's behalf asking for the grant to be put up there for the generator.

Council President Kidd stated he gave Councilman Stevenson the last GAPCAP meeting flyer regarding training for derailments.

Councilman Stevenson explained it is called Transcare and they are an organization that trains responders, residents, etc. and is for training on LPG tanks and residents can go to get trained. It should be posted on the Borough's website. It will be held on Saturday, June 27th, 2015 in Bridgeton, New Jersey, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It is free and lunch will be served.

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 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 June 16, 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