

NOVEMBER 4, 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 resident Marc Kamp entitled, "Prayer for Our Leaders".

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 Gatewood, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Absent: Councilman Giovannitti (excused).

Mayor Hamilton presented a Proclamation to the family of John V. Byrd, III.

Dolores Byrd, wife of John V. Byrd, III, thanked Mayor and Council for the honor of receiving the proclamation. She stated her husband was a true Paulsboro resident even though he did not live in Paulsboro.

Mayor Hamilton congratulated all the candidates who won their elections.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

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.

Emma Hackley, 201 West Buck Street, questioned if there were any grants to assist the Borough with trimming of trees as it is very dark even with the street

lights due to the trees needing to be trimmed. There are shadows and it is a health and safety issue. The electric company and telephone company has trimmed the trees around their lines.

Mayor Hamilton stated he didn't know but he will find out.

Marc Kamp, 250 West Broad Street, stated on October 17th and 18th the annual Lighthouse tour was held and there were 1,269 visitors at the Tincum Rear Range Lighthouse. People from 26 different states attended. He thanked Councilman Giovannitti for attending this event.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Holloway 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 September 15, 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 Regular Meeting held on October 6, 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 Work Session Meeting held on October 20, 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.

R. #201.15: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CERTAIN ACCOUNTS TO OTHER ACCOUNTS IN THE 2015 BUDGET.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #201.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Gatewood, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #202.15: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2015 BUDGET. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #202.15.

Council President Kidd questioned the bill for Continental Fire for fire hose in the amount of \$2,620.00.

Fire Chief Giampola stated the Fire Company ordered 500 feet of 5-inch hose. There is also a bill for \$5,000.00 for two (2) gas meters to detect VOCs.

Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Gatewood, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #203.15: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #203.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Gatewood, 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 Stevenson seconded to receive and file. All were in favor of the motion.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #11.15: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 51: POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO INCLUDE ARTICLE III ENTITLED “POLICE CHAPLAIN PROGRAM”. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to open the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hamilton explained that there will be two (2) Chaplains including one (1) man and one (1) woman who will assist the Police Department during any tragedies that may occur.

There wasn't any further 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. #11.15 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Gatewood, Councilman Holloway recused himself from this vote, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #12.15: AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson 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. #12.15 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Gatewood, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Received Bingo License Application, BA-591, St. Clare of Assisi Parish for their 2016 annual bingos.

Received Bingo License Application, BA-592, Guardian Angels Regional School Board for their 2016 annual bingos.

Received Bingo License Application, BA-593, Paulsboro Volunteer Fire Association #1 for a Coach Bag Bingo on February 5, 2016.

Received Raffles License Application, RA-594, Paulsboro Volunteer Fire Association #1, for an on premise merchandise raffle on February 5, 2015.

Received Raffles License Application, RA-595, Paulsboro Volunteer Fire Association #1, for an on premise merchandise raffle (Chinese Auction) on February 5, 2016.

Received Raffles License Application, RA-596, Paulsboro Volunteer Fire Association #1, for an on premise cash raffle on February 5, 2016.

Received Raffles License Application, RA-597, PTA Guardian Angels Regional School, for an off premise merchandise raffle on December 16, 2015.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file and approve the above Bingo/Raffle License Nos. BA-591, BA-592, BA-593, RA-594, RA-595, RA-596 & RA-597. All were in favor of the motion except Councilman Stevenson abstained on BA-593, RA-594, RA-595 & RA-596.

Letter from Fire Official Joan M. Silbaugh regarding resignation as Fire Official. Councilman Stevenson moved and Council President Kidd seconded to receive, file and accept the letter of resignation. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hamilton thanked Fire Official Silbaugh as she has served the Borough of Paulsboro as the Fire Official for a couple of years but has served 24 years as a Firefighter.

Letter from Gloucester County Senior & Disability Services requesting the shuttle bus to transport the Senior Citizens to the annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Auletto Caterers in Almonesson. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to receive, file the letter, grant the request and notify the proper departments. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from J. Wesley Geiselman, Acting Director, State of New Jersey, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, regarding Billingsport Spirits, Lic. No. 0814-32-010-004. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #204.15: RESOLUTION AMENDING R. #181.15 PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0814-32- 010-004 BILLINGSPORT SPIRITS t/a BENNY'S ON THE RAIL. Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #204.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Kidd, Councilman Gatewood, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report: There wasn't anything to report at this time as CFO/Administrator Boyer was not present as she is sick.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

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

Councilman Holloway congratulated Mayor Elect Stevenson and Council Elect Giampola and Haynes.

Councilman Holloway stated he did not have anything to report on the School Board as he missed the last meeting due to work.

Councilman Holloway gave an update on the sweeper. The Department decided to cut ties with Thesing Sweeper Company due to lack of service and other issues. The Department is going to rent a sweep and use the department employees to assume the task. The department believes that not only will this move give the Borough a more efficient job but will also be saving the Borough a thousand dollars.

Councilman Holloway also stated leaf collection starts this month and they are only doing the leaves and not the brush. He asked everyone to visit the Borough's

website for any additional information. The Administrator and the department heads are planning on doing an event calendar or sheet to send out to the residents to give more insight to the dates of any special events such as e-waste collection, Christmas tree collection, etc. With the funds received from the JIF, the Administrator and the department heads will be purchasing street safety equipment such as signs, cones, barrels, etc. The bids for the Trash and Recycling Collection will be opened on December 7th. The Bids are out now for a new backhoe loader for 2016.

Councilman Holloway further stated he received a call from the Borough Engineers, T&M Associates, and he is pleased to report that the bid for Spruce Street Construction project is being advertised tomorrow. Construction will begin in the spring of 2016. He reported last month that it was going to take two phases but that original plan has been changed to a more community and cost effective plan of doing the entire street instead of rushing to do a partial job, stop due to the weather and then continue. He believes this was a better plan. He thanked T&M for putting the Borough's overall financial concerns over company financial gain. This is appreciated and shouldn't go unnoticed.

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

Councilwoman Turner discussed the PHS 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2016 Centennial Committee to request the Borough's support with hanging a "Centennial Banner" at Broad & Delaware Streets. She would like to have more conversations regarding this and ask the Departments to get more involved.

Council President Kidd asked Councilwoman Turner to check with Chief Marino regarding the intersection being a state highway.

Chief Marino stated he will make a few phone calls but he believes State approval is required.

Councilwoman Turner asked the Chief if he would put magnets or decals on the Police vehicles regarding the anniversary but that is for further discussion.

Councilwoman Turner discussed the 2016 Tree Lighting Ceremony to include hanging red and white lights on the tree and various ornaments made by the students from Loudenslager, Billingsport and PHS for the PHS Centennial anniversary.

Borough Foreman Tinder stated Axeon and NuStar has decorated the tree before and has provided the lights and decorations for the tree but maybe the Borough could request certain colors.

Councilwoman Turner moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to continue the conversation to support the hanging of the banner. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Gatewood seconded to discuss changing the lighting on the Holiday tree. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Turner also discussed the Jerome Beverly commemorative as the banner is ready to be hung but it is very heavy.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to authorize Borough Foreman Tinder to assess the Beverly banner project and see what has to be done to have the sign hung up. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Turner further stated the first youth meeting was held and it was good meeting. There should be a steering committee and parents need to get involved. The Youth Meetings will be held every 4th Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. She asked if anyone knows anyone who would like to be involved.

Councilwoman Turner thanked Fire Official Silbaugh and Code Enforcement Bender.

Councilwoman Turner reported the Borough held the Multicultural event which was a small event and she thanked Mayor and Council who came. There are T-Shirts for sale. Twenty-two vendors signed up and eighteen showed up.

Councilwoman Turner discussed seeing signs on Borough property without permission and that concerns her as there should be permission to post a sign on Borough property.

Councilwoman Turner thanked everyone who worked the Election Polls. She congratulated Mayor Elect Stevenson and Council Elect Haynes and Giampola. She looks forward to continue to work with them.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Stevenson, Chairman:

Councilman Stevenson extended his sincere thanks to Fire Official Silbaugh as she is the epitome of what a firefighter should be and she has done a great job as the Fire Official.

Councilman Stevenson moved and Council President Kidd seconded to send a thank you letter to Fire Official Silbaugh. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Stevenson stated a discussion should be held regarding replacement of the Fire Official and possibly going with the County. He asked if someone from the County should be here to discuss this.

Fire Official Silbaugh stated the Borough would have to appoint someone to the position 45 days from the resignation date. The new quarter would be January. The Borough could appoint an individual from the County to the position until the County took over.

Fire Chief Giampola stated according to the Borough's Code, the Fire Official is appointed by the Governing Body from a recommendation from the Fire Chief, the Borough Administrator and the Chairperson of the Code Committee of the Council.

Council President Kidd suggested the members of the Fire Company should also discuss the appointment.

Councilman Stevenson stated he will go through the Council President to put it on the Agenda.

Councilman Stevenson thanked the Election Poll workers as they make the process run smoothly and it was a great turnout in the County. He congratulated Council Elect Haynes and Giampola. He is looking forward to working with all of the Council. He thanked Mayor Hamilton for his phone call last night.

Fire Chief Giampola stated Chief Marino and himself will be in school on Saturday in Galloway for the Emergency Managers schooling. He wanted everyone to know that the American Red Cross will be in town installing smoke detectors on Saturday and they will be starting from the Fire House down Thomson Avenue towards Berkley Road. They are installing smoke detectors in about 75 homes. It is free and breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Utilities Committee: Councilman Gatewood, Chairman:

Councilman Gatewood stated the Borough flushed hydrants a couple of weeks ago and only one (1) complaint was received and that complaint was taken care of.

Councilman Gatewood asked to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

R. #205.15: 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 Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #205.15. Roll call: Ayes: Council

President Kidd, Councilman Gatewood, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Finance Committee: Council President Kidd, Chairman:

Council President Kidd congratulated Mayor Elect Gary Stevenson and Council Elect Larry Haynes and Alfonso Giampola.

Council President Kidd stated Borough Foreman Tinder and the Street and Highway Department put in the line from Penn Line to Monroe Street and took the other line out. This was done in house and they did a good job. He will get with Conrail and the other industries to clean out the ditch.

Council President Kidd also stated Mobil Research is talking about moving to North Jersey. He is asking all of Mayor and Council to get together to discuss and try to persuade Mobil not to move. Mayor and Council have to work together on this.

Council President Kidd reported CFO/Administrator Boyer is out sick and she mentioned she will be talking with the Department Heads regarding the 2016 budget.

Council President Kidd apologized as he is being short and very cautious on what to discuss and say due to the gag order because of a law suit.

Mayor Hamilton thanked the Paulsboro crew on the new endeavors and congratulated Mayor Elect Gary Stevenson and Council Elect Larry Haynes and Alfonso Giampola. He stated the democrats gained two (2) more seats in New Jersey.

Council President Kidd moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to send congratulation letters to the Borough's State Representatives on their Election victory. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor and Council recessed at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor and Council went into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

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

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

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Councilman Stevenson moved and Council President Kidd seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 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 November 4, 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