

MAY 17, 2016

PAULSBORO, N.J.

7:00 P.M.

WORK SESSION MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Stevenson presided at a Work Session Meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

Mayor Stevenson called the meeting to order.

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

Members present were: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd. Absent: Councilman Holloway

Privilege of the Floor:

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

Mayor Stevenson 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.

Linda Weber, 600 King Street, stated it has been one (1) year since the hump by her house on the street has been fixed and it is working as her basement doesn't flood anymore. It has made a difference and she thanked Mayor and Council.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:05 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #96.16: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2016 BUDGET. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #96.16.

Councilman Kidd questioned a bill for the Fire Department for a 55" Large Screen Television.

Councilman Giampola stated it is to replace the television that previously went black and it shows the calls coming into the station and who is responding to the calls.

Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola (abstained on all Fire Department bills), Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

R. #97.16: RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #57.16 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES CORPORATION FOR THE 1638 SWEDESBORO AVENUE PROJECT. (This Resolution rescinds R. #57.16 which authorized agreement with Triad Associates and now authorizes agreement with Housing Opportunities Corporation for the 1638 Swedesboro Avenue Project.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #97.16.

Councilman Kidd stated he has a concern with mold at this house. He further stated this project came up in 2015 but it should have been in 2016.

Mayor Stevenson stated he is not privy to what was done in 2015 but it wasn't followed up on.

Councilman President Giovannitti stated the project didn't get done in 2015 and it wasn't moved forward.

Mayor Stevenson stated he brought it up in 2016 at Phase I and it was agreed to by the Council to do the project.

Councilman Kidd stated there was a meeting in 2015 regarding this project.

Mayor Stevenson reported ServPro is coming in and reviewing the project and the contractors are in and will soon finish the house and then the Borough will sell it.

Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes. Nays: Councilman Kidd. **Motion carried.**

R. #98.16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO GRANTING THE PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER APPLICATION OF BILLINGSPORT SPIRITS, INC. T/A BOURBON AND BREWS #0814-32-010-004. (This Resolution transfers the Liquor License from 30 East Monroe Street to 2001 South Delaware Street.)

Laura Gilmore (Mackay) owns Benny's on the Rail. The Rocking Stone closed their doors as they had licensing issues. She would like to move her license to the Rocking Stone location. Her intention is to turn the Banquet Room into a Liquor Store. She doesn't have any gripe with the restrictions placed on her renewal last year especially closing at midnight. She closed Benny's on the Rail as she wants the clientele to think she closed permanently.

Councilman Giampola questioned what was going to be done with the 30 East Monroe Street location.

Miss Gilmore stated she will list the property with a realtor. There is still a rental upstairs and she will keep up the appearance on the property,

Mayor Stevenson questioned when she would plan on a grand opening.

Miss Gilmore stated she is not sure but is hoping for June. She again stated she is okay with the restrictions and closing at midnight.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #98.16 with the current restrictions that were placed on the 2015-2016 Renewal. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #99.16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$4,370,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2016, 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 Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #99.16. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman

DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Erica Highley, Billingsport Elementary School, requesting waiver of the application fee for the use of Fort Billings Park on Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive, file the letter and grant waiving of the fee. All were in favor of the motion except Council President Giovannitti abstained.

Councilman Kidd felt it the Ordinance should be amended to include that the application fee for all non-profit organizations should be exempted from the fee.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Marino was not present as he had a family matter to attend to but Lt. Gary Kille was present and gave the report.

Lt. Kille stated they have a possible suspect in the shooting at Rite Aid and the suspect will be in custody soon.

Mayor Stevenson discussed the Chamber of Commerce spearheading the Fourth of July Parade. He received a letter from the Chamber and turned it over to Councilman Kidd who is the Chairman of the Community Betterment Committee.

Councilman Kidd stated he knew nothing about this.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Board of Directors asked to once again organize the 4th of July parade and he asked the Chamber to write a letter. The Chamber of Commerce has always spearheaded the parade since 1991. In 2004, Paulsboro marked 100 years of incorporation and the Chamber worked with the Borough to celebrate this milestone. The Chamber handed the organization of the 4th of July Parade, Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony over to the Borough to make it easier for their corporate donors to sponsor these events as part of a package. Many of the same individuals continued to work on these events, but the materials were sent on Borough of Paulsboro letterhead. After the 100th celebration, the parades stayed with the Borough instead of reverting back to the Greater Paulsboro Chamber of Commerce. The parades were the Chamber of Commerce's signature events and after a twelve year hiatus, the Greater Paulsboro Chamber of Commerce would like to again become the organizer of the 4th of July Parade, the Holiday Parade and the Tree Lighting Ceremony. They would still need the support of the Borough police, streets and highways and clerical staff for these events. They would like to coordinate the publicity and entertainment for the events and again send the information regarding the parades on Greater Paulsboro Chamber of Commerce letterhead.

Councilman Kidd stated the same people are volunteering to assist with these events and the Chamber wants to transfer the organization of the events back to the Chamber. There should have been a transition with the Chamber. He questioned if everything will still go like before with all the parades. He has watched the Recreation Committee expand.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Chamber wanted to participate in the parades and the Recreation Committee doesn't have to run all events.

Marc Kamp explained in 1991, the Chamber started the 4th of July Parade until 2004 for the Borough's centennial celebration. After the centennial celebration, the Chamber should have taken it back but the President at that time did not want to handle them. Jennifer Turner, Recreation Committee Chairperson, will be involved and he has spoken with Ms. Turner. Ms. Turner already has a couple of bands lined up.

Mayor Stevenson suggested getting the Chamber of Commerce, Recreation Committee, Councilman Kidd and Mayor Stevenson together to see how the group interacts.

Mr. Kamp stated the Chamber would organize the parade.

Council President Giovannitti stated the Borough didn't pay for anything regarding the parade until 2004. The Chamber of Commerce should be the lead agency with the Recreation Committee for the 4th of July parade and the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Mayor Stevenson stated the meeting should be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Kamp stated he will talk with Judy MacKenzie of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Stevenson asked to keep him informed.

Council President Giovannitti discussed the purchase of a vehicle not to exceed \$17,500.00 for use by the Code Office. The Code Office has received quotes. The vehicle is a 2013 Ford Escape and then he would like to get the car striped as the Code Office vehicle. The Code Office has been driving bad vehicles and they usually come of attrition. The money was placed in the budget. He needed authorization to pick up the vehicle

Councilman Kidd questioned if this was all included in the amount.

Council President Giovannitti stated it would cost around \$400.00 to get the car striped and that is on the high end. He thanked Mayor and Council for the purchase of the vehicle.

Mayor Stevenson stated it is a used vehicle not brand new vehicle.

R. #100.16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE CODE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500.00. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #100.16 and to include the striping on the car. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Councilman Kidd reported on the “Serenity in Christ Outreach Program” – Community Betterment Meeting. He met with the young lady of the Program and she is in attendance to present the Program to the Mayor and Council.

Marquita Howell, President of the Serenity in Christ Outreach; Mommy & Me Program, stated this program is a homeless prevention program that was developed for the sole purpose of keeping children together with their families. The Program offers single mother families with children under the age of 10 year and/or pregnant women ages 13 to 30 years, with temporary shelter, food and basic necessities. She is asking for Mayor and Council’s support as well as the communities for the program as well as purchasing the property at 1602 Swedesboro Avenue.

Mayor Stevenson questioned if this project would have to go to the Land Use Board for approval as it is a change of use to the property.

Councilman Kidd stated Ms. Howell is just asking for a letter of support at this time.

Councilman Giampola stated Ms. Howell needs a letter from the Borough saying it supported the project and what the organization is doing.

Councilman Giampola moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to send a letter of support to the Serenity in Christ Outreach Program.

Council President Giovannitti questioned if this program is for permanent shelter.

Ms. Howell stated it is for temporary shelter.

Council President Giovannitti questioned if it would be like a shelter.

Ms. Howell stated no, it is just for the mother and children.

All were in favor of the above motion.

There wasn't any further borough business.

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

This is a brief summary of the Executive Session at the Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on May 17, 2016 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk

Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor