

**OCTOBER 21, 2014**

**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 Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner.

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order.

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

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.

Linda Pilger, 600 King Street, stated the street sweeper did not come all the way down her street and asked if it could come back to her street. She thanked Water and Sewer Superintendent Daly, Borough Foreman Tinder and Mr. Virden regarding the flooding problem. She was wondering what was going to be done and what would be the timetable to get the issue resolved.

Mayor Hamilton stated it would be looked into and a report and answer will be given.

Ken Norris, 445 Summit Avenue, discussed the curfew and that it is a constitutional problem. He felt Child Services could get involved when a child is found on the street.

Solicitor Angelini stated he is looking to re-do the Ordinance and he is in the process of reviewing another ordinance that may withstand the constitutional rights.

Mr. Norris questioned the hours for Halloween.

Solicitor Angelini stated he will be suggesting Council pass a Resolution to set certain hours for Trick or Treating.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:07 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #172.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2014 BUDGET.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #172.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**R. #173.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) (Body Armor).** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt R. #173.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**R. #174.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN INSPECTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECTION 8 EXISTING HOUSING PROGRAM.**

Councilman Giampola stated the Borough is no longer doing these inspections and suggested tabling this resolution and re-negotiate the agreement once the Borough starts doing the inspections again.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to table R. #174.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Stevenson. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Motion carried.

Letter from William G. Dressel, Jr., New Jersey State League of Municipalities, regarding notice of proposed membership dues. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from New Jersey Division of Taxation regarding 2014 Director's Table of Equalized Valuations. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Letter from Freeholder Director Robert M. Damminger regarding "Capital Transit Investment Plan (CTIP) to assist municipalities with the replacement of municipal buses. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive, file the letter, and move forward with the possible purchase of a bus by sending a letter of interest to Gloucester County by October 31<sup>st</sup>. All were in favor of the motion.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri's Report:

Water and Sewer Engineer Erik Biermann and David Pearce from Sickels and Associates gave a presentation and recommendation to upgrade the Damminger Complex and their proposal to complete the project. He stated the Borough could be eligible for NJDOT funding next year. The project could be done in phases and some of the project could be handled by Borough employees or volunteers.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri discussed the Nassau Avenue Water Tower Drainage Issue. She has received proposals from T&M Associates and Sickels Associates. She received one from Sickels because it was thought the drainage issue was coming from the Water Tower. She will talk with the Street and Highway and Utility Committees and come back with a report.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri stated a Capital Ordinance has to be introduced and adopted for the Beacon Avenue Project.

#### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:**

O. #09.14: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$32,150 FOR ENGINEERING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BEACON AVENUE. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adopt O. #09.14 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on November 5, 2014. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri stated a Special Meeting was needed to discuss pending litigation involving Solvay Solexis with Attorney Brad Campbell.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to schedule a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss with Attorney Brad Campbell pending litigation involving Solvay Solexis. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri stated she has received the AFSCME Agreement.

Councilman Haynes stated he would like to discuss the agreement before adopting the Resolution and asked to add this item to Executive Session for discussion.

Police Chief's Report:

Letter from Thelma Kelly, 10 West Wood Street, requesting handicap Parking. Councilman Stevenson moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the letter. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Captain V. Marino regarding handicap parking 10 West Wood Street. Councilman Stevenson moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Captain Marino discussed the above parking request. He stated there isn't always availability to the front door and he recommended approving the handicap parking spot request. He suggested the first parking spot after the stop sign to be the handicap parking spot. He stated anyone with a handicap placard is able to park in that spot not just the resident who requested it. These types of request are on a case by case basis and the previous request had off street parking.

Councilman Giampola questioned if Mrs. Kelly vacates the apartment, would the handicap spot remain.

Chief Wachter stated that would be up to the Mayor and Council.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to approve the handicap parking request made by Mrs. Kelly at 10 West Wood Street. All were in favor of the motion.

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding recommendation for the 2014 Halloween Holiday. Councilman Stevenson moved and Councilman Giovannitti seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Wachter also recommended adopting a Resolution to set the hours of Trick or Treating from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He suggested advertising the hours and posting on the Borough's website. He also will ask the School to add to their school phone blast system.

**R. #175.14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO ESTABLISHING HOURS FOR "TRICK OR TREATING" IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Councilman Stevenson moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #175.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Chief Wachter stated he is reviewing a sample curfew ordinance from West New York, New Jersey and the redrafting of the curfew ordinance is a work in progress.

Memo from Chief Chris T. Wachter regarding Body Worn Camera's – Presentation and Request to Purchase. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to receive and file the memo. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Wachter stated Adam Carne from Taser International is present to give a presentation on the Body Worn Cameras. These cameras will raise the bar for the officers but they are very expensive. The cameras are worn on the chest and have a 12 hour battery life. He wants to purchase 14 cameras. The cameras do not have infrared or night vision. It is important the residents trust the Police Officers. The purchase of the cameras is a five (5) year program.

Mr. Carne stated there is a camera for each Officer and there isn't anything that isn't covered in the cost. There would be no additional costs and the cameras are updated every two and a half (2 ½) years.

Mayor Hamilton questioned what would happen if the officer didn't record.

Chief Wachter stated they would be administratively disciplined.

Councilman Giampola questioned the battery life.

Mr. Carne stated they have a stand by battery of 16 hours.

Captain Marino discussed the "Back Office" for the Administrative aspect.

Council President Giovannitti gave kudos to Chief Wachter, Captain Marino, Mayor Hamilton and the Department.

Mr. Carne discussed the financial aspect and the proposal for the cameras and all other equipment, storage, etc. involved. It consists of five (5) annual payments with the first payment in the amount of \$25,000 and \$12,000 each year after the first year. It is a state contract.

Councilman Giampola asked if Drunk Driving Funds could be used for the purchase.

Chief Wachter stated it they could be but there aren't any.

Councilman Stevenson stated it was an impressive demonstration by Taser and the Police Department. He further stated \$75,000 is a lot of money but it is worth it as everything is all inclusive even the Lawyer to represent the Borough with equipment issues.

Councilman Kidd stated the cameras are neutral for everybody and they will help a lot.

Chief Wachter also stated that once installed it may even bring JIF premiums down and he hoped it would reduce the citizens' complaints.

Councilman Giampola questioned if the Borough has the money to purchase the cameras.

Administrator/CFO Ruggeri stated it would have to be bonded.

Councilman Stevenson moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to purchase the Body Cameras and authorize the Chief and the Administrator/CFO to work out the financing. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hamilton appointed Erva Macauley to the Land Use Board as an Alternate #4 member.

Council President Giovannitti stated he has met with the Street and Highway Committee and there are concerns regarding the Trash and Recycling Guide. He gave "kudos" to Borough Foreman Tinder for getting the new street sweeper and the jet machine as the Department is doing the catch basins and manholes for the next couple of weeks.

Council President Giovannitti discussed the concerns regarding the Trash and Recycling Guide. One concern is the scheduling of the chipper. They would work off a list for chipping as the residents call or email and another area of concern is the white goods and televisions. There will be times for the residents to drop off

white goods. He will meet with the Committee one more time and put the guide in Mayor and Council's mailboxes for everyone to review.

Mayor Hamilton stated the County will fine an individual if someone takes white goods or televisions from the curbs.

Council President Giovannitti discussed repealing the Residency Ordinance. He stated over the years the ordinance hasn't been enforced and he felt it should be repealed but felt there should still be a "residence preference".

Councilman Kidd felt the ordinance shouldn't be repealed.

Council President Giovannitti and Councilman Kidd further discussed the residency ordinance.

Council President Giovannitti moved to eliminate the Ordinance.

Mayor Hamilton stated there would be no further discussion regarding the above ordinance and Council should think about it.

Council President Giovannitti rescinded the above motion.

Councilman Stevenson stated he would like to discuss it now.

Mayor Hamilton stated it was not going to be discussed as there isn't going to be any action at the present time.

Executive Session: Pending Litigation involving NTSB (Conrail), Solvay Solexis and AFSCME Contract Negotiations.

Councilman Stevenson left the meeting at 8:43p.m.

**R. #176.14: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSORO.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #176.14. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Councilwoman Turner left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor and Council convened in Executive Session at 8:47 p.m. to discuss pending litigation involving NTSB (Conrail), Solvay Solexis and AFSCME contract negotiations.

(Both Councilman Stevenson and Councilwoman Turner returned to the meeting.)

At 9:27 p.m., Mayor and Council opened the meeting to the public.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to reconvene the Work Session Meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

**R. #170.14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) LOCAL 3303-C AND THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO.** Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adopt R. #170.14 contingent upon Mr. Glickman's review of the Opt out Insurance option in the contract. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Kidd, Councilman Stevenson, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

There wasn't any further Borough business.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Stevenson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 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 October 21, 2014 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk

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W. Jeffery Hamilton, Mayor