JULY 21, 2020

PAULSBORO, N.J.

5:00 P.M.

SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Stevenson presided at the Special Teleconference Meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

Mayor Stevenson called the Special Meeting to order.

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

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

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #14.20: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF BLOCK 56.01 LOTS 3 & 5, ALSO KNOWN AS 309 OLIVE STREET, AND THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to open the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn’t any public participation.


O. #15.20: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF BLOCK 121, LOTS 34, ALSO KNOWN AS 1735 DAYTON AVENUE, AND THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to open the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn’t any public participation.
Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to close the floor to the public and adopt O. #15.20 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator Jacobucci requested authorization to advertise the Technical Assistant position in the Code Office. The Technical Assistant class will be held in September and she will advertise the position in August. Council can approve the hire after the class.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to authorize Administrator Jacobucci to advertise the position of Technical Assistant for the Code Office.

Councilman Giampola questioned if Ms. Moran was definitely retiring and if she has put in her retirement papers.

Administrator Jacobucci stated yes, Ms. Moran is definitely retiring but she hasn’t put in her retirement papers yet.

Mayor Stevenson stated he has talked with Ms. Moran and she is retiring at the end of the year.

There was further discussion regarding the Technical Assistant class and hiring a resident from Paulsboro.

Administrator Jacobucci stated she wants to hire someone who has taken the class and they would have to take a leap of faith as the Borough would reimburse them for the class.

Councilman Giampola questioned if it is a requirement to take the class.

Administrator Jacobucci stated yes.

Councilman Haynes stated there is a job opening and he would like to see someone hired within the town and this would mean the Borough would outsource the position. He is sure someone in town would take the position.

Mayor Stevenson stated someone would need the class to do the job therefore, they must take the class.

Administrator Jacobucci stated they could close the date of the applications after the September class.
Councilman Haynes stated he would like to see the requirement for the class in writing.

Administrator Jacobucci stated okay.

Councilman Kidd stated the Borough has to start hiring residents. The Borough has an Ordinance on the books that employees have to reside in town to work for the Borough.

All were in favor of the above motion.


Privilege of the Floor:

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to open the floor to the public at 5:15 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson opened the floor to the public and asked anyone speaking to give their name, address and reminded everyone there was a five (5) minute time limit.

Elizabeth Deen, 1 East Lake Circle, Medford, NJ, stated she owns a rental at 120 West Broad Street and questioned the status of the burned out building next door on the right.

Mayor Stevenson stated it is the old “Esposito” house and it caught fire in January of 2016. He would have liked to have it torn down for a long time. The Borough looked to tear it down at a cost of $40,000 but it has been in and out of court as it has changed owners.

Solicitor Michael Maley stated he would have to review the files as it doesn’t sound familiar.

Mayor Stevenson asked Ms. Deen for her telephone number and he will call first thing tomorrow morning.
Councilman Giampola stated this property has been back and forth with Code Enforcement Officer Marra. The property is going on its third owner. There was going to be a condemnation proceeding and the Judge has to rule on it. He will forward the emails to Mayor Stevenson.

Council President Giovannitti stated complaints have been received on this property.

Mayor Stevenson stated he will call Ms. Deen around 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

There wasn't any further business for the Special Meeting.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Giampola seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 5:25 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on July 21, 2020 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A. VanScoy, RMC/CMC/CMR
Borough Clerk

Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor