

OCTOBER 5, 2021

PAULSBORO. N.J.

6:00 P.M.

REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Stevenson presided at the Regular Teleconference Meeting of Council, held on the above date, place and by going to Zoom, enter Meeting ID: 898 4596 1357 to enter the meeting or at the following link:

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The Borough Hall will not be open to the public for this meeting. The electronic public meeting is being held in lieu of an in-person public meeting due to the state of emergency arising from the current situation involving the COVID-19 virus and to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Mayor Stevenson called the Regular Teleconference Meeting to order.

Mayor Stevenson read the opening statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act. Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.1-1.7 and P.L. 2020, C. 34, adequate notice of this Regular Teleconference Meeting, as

required by said Act, has been provided by contacting each Council Member, posting the scheduled meeting on the Municipal Bulletin Board, and on the Borough's website, emailed and faxed to the South Jersey Times and the Courier Post and filed with the Borough Clerk on September 2, 2021.

Members present were: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd (arrived at 6:22 p.m.).

Mayor Stevenson welcomed Councilman Giampola back from the shore.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Teleconference Regular Meeting – September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meeting.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive, file and approve the above minutes and reports. All were in favor of the motion.

COMMUNICATION – CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Mrs. Monica Garner, Paulsboro High School, requesting permission to conduct the annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive, file the letter and approve the request. All were in favor of the motion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Giampola, Chairman:

Councilman Giampola thanked Administrator Jacobucci while he was out with his surgeries.

Public Works Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes reported the zones will change and brush will be collected a couple days a week next year.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway stated Congressman Donald Norcross will be hosting a Housing Assistance Fair tomorrow at the Gill Memorial Library from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno stated the train situation is a safety issue with the school children and he would like to set up something with Conrail between the hours of 7:00 to 7:45 a.m.

Mayor Stevenson stated he has spoken with Conrail today and a meeting will be set up in the next week or so with Conrail.

Community Betterment Committee – Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd was not present on the Zoom call at this time.

Mayor Stevenson stated Edith Gray has retired from the Gill Memorial Library Board of Trustees and he is recommending the appointment of Jennifer Maden to the unexpired term.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to appoint Jennifer Maden to the unexpired term on the Gill Memorial Library Board of Trustees. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson stated he has walked the whole town and has taken pictures of Code violations. He will be presenting a booklet for the Council and will have it in their mailboxes this week. He saw a lot of issues on West Washington Street but the worst area is West Monroe Street.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Council will need to adopt an Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance in order to secure funding for the historical sites in Paulsboro.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #13.21: ORDINANCE CREATING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-107. Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt O. #13.21 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on November 3, 2021. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS/TRANSFERS – BILLS:

R. #162.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2021 BUDGET FOR SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2021.

R. #163.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2021 BUDGET (October 5, 2021).

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #162.21 and R. #163.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway. Nays: None. **Motion carries.**

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA:

R. #164.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXEMPTION AND CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN. (This Resolution authorizes cancellation of taxes for a totally disabled veteran for Block 98 Lot 9 – 304 West Broad Street.)

R. #165.21: RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR AUDIT REPORT YEAR 2020 IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

R. #166.21: 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). (This Resolution authorizes the insertion of an item revenue in the budget in the amount of \$40,760.00 for the FY2021 – NJ Department of Law & Public Safety Body-Worn Camera Grant.)

R. #167.21: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2022-JUNE 2023. (This Resolution authorizes the submission of funding through the County of Gloucester in the amount not to exceed \$9,000 for the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program.)

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #164.21, R. #165.21, R. #166.21 and R. #167.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Raffles/Permits/Firemen's Association Membership Applications:

Application for an off-premise merchandise Raffle License, RA-679, for Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580 on November 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Application for a Bingo License, BA-680, for PVFA #1 for their 2022 annual Bingo events.

Application for an Instant Raffle License, RA-681, for PVFA #1 for their 2022 annual instant raffles sold during Bingo.

Councilman Haynes moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to receive, file the applications and approve the above raffle/Bingo licenses. All were in favor of the motion except Councilman DiTonno abstained on the raffle for the Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580 and Councilman Giampola abstained on all of the raffle/Bingo licenses.

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:

There wasn't any Resolutions not on consent at this time.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #06.21: ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO CODE, CHAPTER 54, ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE"; AND AMENDING CHAPTERS 19, "BUILDING NUMBERING"; 32 "FENCES"; 40B "LITTERING"; 42 "LOT MAINTENANCE"; 44 "NUISANCES"; AND CHAPTER 61A, "STORM SEWER", IN ORDER TO CONFORM AND CROSS REFERENCE THE AMENDED CHAPTER 54, "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" AND AMENDING CHAPTER 68 "STORMWATER CONTROL". Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to open the floor to the public in regards to this Ordinance.

Administrator Jacobucci explained this Ordinance. It consolidates all property maintenance codes including the National Property Maintenance Code under one code and it also includes the amendment to the stormwater control ordinances as requested by the County.

Councilman Kidd arrived on the Zoom conference call at 6:22 p.m.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to close the floor to the public and adopt O. #06.21 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes:

Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilman Kidd. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Stevenson asked Councilman Kidd if he had any Community Betterment Report.

Councilman Kidd stated no, but questioned the appointment to the Gill Memorial Library Board of Trustees. He stated Edith Gray resigned and wanted to know why the appointment wasn't filled by a minority and there is only one (1) minority on the Board.

Mayor Stevenson stated he made that same remark to the Board. The next appointment will be a minority. The questioned was addressed by him to the Board.

O. #09.21: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO ESTABLISHING ALL-WAY (FOUR-WAY) STOP INTERSECTIONS AT VARIOUS STREETS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 76, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 76-21, "ENTITLED STOP INTERSECTIONS" OF THE BOROUGH CODE. Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to open the floor to the public in regards to this Ordinance.

There wasn't any public participation.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to close the floor to the public and adopt O. #09.21 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

O. #10.21: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF BLOCK 51, LOT 2, ALSO KNOWN AS CLONMELL ROAD; BLOCK 121, LOT 26, ALSO KNOWN AS 1703 DAYTON AVENUE; BLOCK 121, LOT 27, ALSO KNOWN AS 1707 DAYTON AVENUE; BLOCK 119, LOT 30, ALSO KNOWN AS 1253 BERKLEY ROAD; BLOCK 44, LOT 1, ALSO KNOWN AS 300 BILLINGSPOORT ROAD; BLOCK 110, LOT 1, KNOWN AS 264 THOMSON AVENUE AND THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

O. #11.21: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF BLOCK 88, LOT 11 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, ALSO KNOWN AS 1212 COMMERCE STREET AND THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to open the floor to the public in regards to Ordinances #10.21 and #11.21.

There wasn't any public participation.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to close the floor to the public and adopt O. #10.21 and O. #11.21 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

O. #12.21: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE BOROUGH'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$6,491,850 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$6,491,850; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to open the floor to the public in regards to this Ordinance.

There wasn't any public participation.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to close the floor to the public and adopt O. #12.21 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Jacobucci stated October 16th is Shred Day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All Covid-19 precautions are being followed. There are to be no paper bags. It is also Fall Clean Up Day. The Borough will supply the bags, gloves and grabbers. Any group or individual interested to call Janet Byrd at the Municipal Building. Also, the National Lighthouse Challenge will be held from October 16th to October 17th, 2021.

Administrator Jacobucci stated there will be a housing event at the Gill Memorial Library from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. This is an event for housing. It will be posted on the website and on Facebook.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the Borough will be holding its Tax Sale on Tuesday and there are 24 properties listed for tax sale. She commended the Tax Office as it has received a 956% collection rate.

Administrator Jacobucci stated she has met with Gary Goss from the Paulsboro Little League regarding what the Borough is planning for next year. She informed him the Borough is concentrating on football at this time.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the Committee is redoing the Recycling Booklet and the Borough is doing away with zones.

Engineer's Report:

Borough Engineer Biermann stated he would like to receive authorization to go out for bids for the Thomson and Paul project and the West Washington Street project.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to authorize the bids go out for both the above projects. All were in favor of the motion.

Borough Engineer Biermann reported they are in the close out phase of the Billingsport Water Main project and they had a meeting with EEW contractor at the Port. The first building has been completed.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding Recommended Halloween Curfew 2021.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding request to hire Full-Time Police Officer. (Andrew Burkhardt).

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding Volunteers of America I.M.P.A.C.T. Program.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to receive and file all above memos. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Kille recommended trick or treating hours to end 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to authorize trick or treating hours to end at 7:00 p.m. at recommended by the Chief. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #168.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO ISSUE CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO ANDREW BURKHARDT AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to adopt R. #168.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Giampola, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Chief Kille discussed the Volunteers of America I.M.P.A.C.T. Program. The Department is the 14th police department to bring this program to its citizens. There is no cost to the Borough and he feels it will be a huge success. There will be a soft opening in mid-November with a grand opening in December or January.

Chief Kille discussed an off-duty injury to a Patrolman. The rehabilitation could be six (6) to eight (8) weeks and then an evaluation. The contract states the Borough could grant up to six (6) months of unpaid leave of absence.

Councilman Giampola questioned if the Borough put the Patrolman through the Academy.

Chief Kille answered yes.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to grant up to a six (6) month unpaid leave of absence to the Patrolman with a progress report at the next meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Councilman DiTonno excused himself from the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to open the floor to the public at 6:49 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.

Marc Kamp, 250 West Broad Street, discussed the Lighthouse Challenge. There was a 25% increase last year and there were 2,300 people who visited the lighthouse in 2019. He invited Mayor and Council to visit during the Challenge weekend. It will be held the Weekend of October 16th and 17th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday there will be a night climb from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

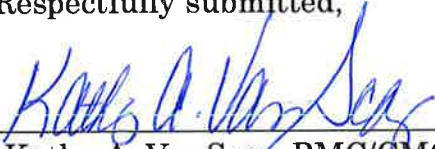
Jennifer Turner, West Buck Street, gave a thumbs up to Chief Kille for the Volunteers of America program.

There wasn't any further public participation.

Councilman Giampola moved and Councilman Haynes seconded to close the floor to the public and adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Teleconference Zoom Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on October 5, 2021 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