

DECEMBER 7, 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 Haynes, Councilman Holloway. Absent: Councilman Giampola, Councilman Kidd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Teleconference Regular Meeting – November 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Teleconference Special Meeting – November 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meeting.

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

COMMUNICATION – CORRESPONDENCE:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno stated the Paulsboro Midget Football Freshman Team has won the championship. There was a total of 200 kids from players and cheerleaders. There are five (5) teams from Peewee to Senior divisions.

Public Works Committee: Councilman Haynes, Chairman:

Councilman Haynes recommended the hiring of a Full Time Employee in the Public Works Department. He recommended Donald Keen to start in January 2022.

R. #196.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZNG THE HIRING OF DONALD KEEN AS A FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE. Councilman Haynes moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #196.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Councilman Haynes thanked everyone for their support and look forward to the future. He asked that the communication continues and if anyone on Council needed any assistance, to contact him.

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway stated the January 4th, 2022 Council meeting will be in person. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. He also stated Councilman Haynes will be missed on Council.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti echoed Councilman Holloway's comments regarding Council, wished everyone Happy Holidays and congratulated the Football team on their Championship win.

Council President Giovannitti stated additional personnel is needed in the Code Office. There were two (2) candidates who applied. He recommended hiring Jeff Leach as a Part-Time Employee in the Code Office to start January 2022.

R. #197.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JEFFREY LEACH AS A PART-TIME CODE OFFICER. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #197.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Stevenson stated the two (2) other Council members were not on the Zoom meeting to be admitted.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Council who run their committees deserve credit. Councilman Haynes has run his committee very well and he appreciated him. He thanked Councilman Haynes for all he has done on Council.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Marc Kamp and all who were involved with the Tree Lighting. Hopefully next year the tree lighting will be back to normal.

Mayor Stevenson stated he will have some positive things to report in January.

ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

RESOLUTIONS/TRANSFERS – BILLS:

R. #187.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2021 BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 16TH, 2021.

R. #188.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2021 BUDGET (December 7, 2021).

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #187.21 and R. #188.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA:

R. #189.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISALLOWANCE OF SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION. (This Resolution authorizes the charge back of prorated deduction of \$81.51 due to change in ownership.)

R. #190.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY WELLS FARGO TAX SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021. (This Resolution authorizes refund of \$2,003.39 due to overpayment of tax due to the resale of property at 602 Beacon Avenue, Block 16 Lot 1.)

R. #191.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF AN ONLINE PAYMENT MADE BY SHAMEKA CRITE IN ERROR FROM TAXES TO WATER/SEWER. (This Resolution authorizes the transfer of \$300.00 from the tax payment to the water/sewer account for 14 Roosevelt Street, Block 40 Lot 3.)

R. #192.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIENS ON PROPERTIES THAT HAVE FAILED TO COMPLY WITH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SUMMONSES. (This Resolution authorizes liens on property that have not complied with property maintenance.)

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #189.21 to R. #192.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Raffles/Permits/Firemen's Association Membership Applications:

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

Administrator's Report:

Engineer's Report:

Borough Engineer Biermann reported he did not have any action items but wanted to inform everyone that South Jersey Gas will be back out, there are design

projects in the works and he reported the Water Main at the Port is complete and the buildings are also being completed.

Borough Engineer Biermann wished everyone Happy Holidays.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding recommendation to next level Patrolman.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding request to hire SLEO II Police Officer.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding request to hire Alternate (Part-Time) Crossing Guards.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive and file the above memos. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #193.21: RESOLUTION PROMOTING GARY LOWELL TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PATROLMAN THIRD CLASS IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #193.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #194.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CLASS II SLEO FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #194.21. Roll call Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #195.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS.

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to adopt R. #195.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Haynes, Councilman Holloway. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Councilman Holloway moved and Council President Giovannitti seconded to open the floor to the public at 6:32 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.

There wasn't any public participation.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public at 6:33 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Kille thanked St. Paul's United Methodist Church for providing lunch to the Officers.

Chief Kille discussed the progress of the Volunteers of America Program and he is ecstatic to have helped thirty people from housing, rehabilitation, etc.

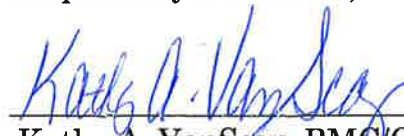
Mayor Stevenson stated it is a very good program and he encouraged Council to meet with Joe from the Volunteers of America Program.

Mayor Stevenson also stated he is looking forward to working with Councilwomen Elect Karen Armistead and Jennifer Turner. He thanked Councilmen Larry Haynes and Alfonso Giampola for their service on Council.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 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 December 7, 2021 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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



Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor