

SEPTEMBER 14, 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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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 Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Absent: Councilman Giampola and Councilman Haynes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Teleconference Regular Meeting – July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Special Meeting – August 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Special Teleconference Meeting – August 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meeting.

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

COMMUNICATION – CORRESPONDENCE:

Certification of Mailing of Tax Bills by Tax Collector Widener. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive and file the certification. All were in favor of the motion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Property Committee: Councilman Holloway, II, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway thanked MarC Kamp and the Paulsboro Day Committee for a successful Paulsboro Day.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno congratulated the Paulsboro Midget Football Organization on their winning opening weekend.

Community Betterment Committee – Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd stated Paulsboro was blessed with the storm. He discussed the storm drains especially “Commissioner’s Ditch” by the Union Hall.

Mayor Stevenson thanked the Paulsboro Day Committee and Marc Kamp as it was an honor to speak on the 20th Anniversary of 911. He also thanked Marc for the 4th of July Parade.

Mayor Stevenson stated Congressman Hoyer from Maryland was in Paulsboro to tour the Port and the Wind Turbine facility. Senator Booker was also in Paulsboro at Cam Care and he thanked Council President Giovannitti for meeting with Senator Booker in his absence.

Mayor Stevenson reported the Port was going to build the Wind Turbine Facility in two (2) phases however, they are building all six (6) buildings at one time and will take about two (2) years. They will be hiring after that possibly, early next year. They will be reaching out to the community regarding hiring and training.

Mayor Stevenson asked everyone to send prayers for all those affected by the tornado especially in New Orleans where there were 40 deaths. The towns affected by the storms in Gloucester County were Mullica Hill, Wenonah and Deptford.

Mayor Stevenson stated he has been walking the streets for the last couple of days and he has seen some code issues that he is not happy with. He immediately had a Borough worker take care of some of the safety issues. He has taken pictures and will be submitting them to Council.

Construction and Licensing Committee – Council President Giovannitti,
Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti stated the Committee is working on the Code Ordinance. It is a big project. It will be finalized and sent to the Borough Solicitor for his review. Most of the Borough's problem is manpower. Residents can report a concern on the website. He thanked Marc Kamp for the event held at the Lighthouse and also Paulsboro Day. He especially thanked Jack Henderson. He felt it was a good weekend for Paulsboro.

ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

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. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt O. #11.21 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on October 5, 2021. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, 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. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt O. #12.21 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on October 5, 2021. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE RE-INTRODUCTION (Re-advertise Introduction/Untimely Newspaper requirements):

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. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to re-introduce O. #09.21 and schedule the second reading and public hearing on October 5, 2021. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, 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 BILLINGSPORT ROAD; BLOCK 110, LOT 1, KNOWN AS 264 THOMSON AVENUE AND THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to re-introduce O. #10.21 and schedule the second reading and public hearing on October 5, 2021. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS/TRANSFERS – BILLS:

R. #146.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2021 BUDGET FOR AUGUST 3RD & 17TH, 2021.

R. #147.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2021 BUDGET (September 7, 2021).

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #145.21 and R. #146.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA:

R. #148.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021. (This Resolution authorizes a refund of an overpayment of tax due to the resale of property at Block 129 Lot 9, S. Chestnut Street, in the amount of \$191.61.)

R. 149.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A DUPLICATE PAYMENT BY LERETA TAX SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021. (This Resolution authorizes a refund of an overpayment of tax at Block 111, Lot 14, 1541 Paul Avenue, in the amount of \$1,050.66.)

R. #R. #150.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE YAX YEAR 2021. (This Resolution authorizes a refund of an overpayment of tax due to the resale of the property, Block 91 Lot 17, 325 W. Broad Street, in the amount of \$1,119.85.)

R. #151.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE/DISALLOWANCE OF VETERANS, SENIOR CITIZENS OR DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS. (This Resolution allows or disallows the tax deduction for Veteran, Disability or Senior Citizens.)

R. #152.21: RESOLUTION ALLOWING EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR THIRD QUARTER TAXES 2021. (This Resolution grace period for third quarter taxes is extended to August 17, 2021.)

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #148.21 to 152.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Letter from Nick L. Petroni, Petroni & Associates, LLC, regarding 2020 Audit.

Receipt of 2020 Audit.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive and file the letter and the 2020 Audit. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #153.21: RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL AUDIT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #153.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Raffles/Permits/Firemen's Association Membership Applications:

Received Amusement Games License Applications from the following:

Bourbon and Brews	Woodbury Moose Lodge No. 2585
Greater Paulsboro Elks Lodge #575	The Office Bar & Grill
Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580 Sons of Italy	Riverside Inn

Application for an off-premise merchandise Raffle License for Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580 on October 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file the applications and approve the licenses.

All were in favor of the motion except Councilman DiTonno abstained on the Carmel S. Morina Lodge #2580 Sons of Italy amusement games and raffle license.

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:

R. #154.21: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE. (This Resolution is the loan resolution for funding for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project in the amount of \$2,800,000.) Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #154.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Jacobucci thanked everyone who was involved with Paulsboro Day and the Paulsboro Midget Football.

Administrator Jacobucci stated O. #06.21 Amending the Code Ordinance has to be re-introduced which amends property maintenance and consolidates and modernizes the Code.

RE-INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE 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”. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt O. #06.21 on re-introduction and schedule the second reading and public hearing on October 5, 2021. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the Shred Day and Fall Clean Up events will be held in October. She is asking the neighborhoods to get out to clean up their streets and the Borough will supply the gloves, brooms and trash bags.

Administrator Jacobucci stated the Borough is trying to correct Code violations and informed everyone if they have a concern to report it on the website as it gets a quicker action.

Engineer’s Report:

R. #155.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 6 FOR THE BILLINGSPOORT & PAULSBORO MARINE TERMINAL WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (This Resolution authorizes partial payment #6 in the amount of \$920,971.03.)

R. #156.21: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN CONNECTION WITH THE BILLINGSPOORT & PAULSBORO MARINE TERMINAL WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. (This Resolution authorizes an increase in the Contract amount by \$454,392.10 to include water main sizing alignment, and length changes necessary to accommodate development of the EEW wind turbine monopile manufacturing facility at the Paulsboro Marine Terminal.)

R. #157.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE BILLINGSPORT WATER MAIN PROJECT AND AS REQUIRED BY THE USDA WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM.

Councilman Holloway moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #155.21, R. #156.21 and R. #157.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None.

Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding resignation of Ptl. Ryan Kennedy.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding recommendation of Promotion to next level Patrolman (Arthur Ettore).

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding recommendation of Promotion to next level Patrolman (Anthony Pierce).

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding recommendation to advertise for SLEO I and SLEO II Officers. Chief Kille will present names at the October meeting and interviews will take place next week.

Memo From Chief Gary Kille request to hire Full-Time Police Officer.

Memo from Chief Gary Kille regarding request to begin Sergeant's Promotional Process.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to receive, file and approve all the above memos. All were in favor of the motion.

R. #158.21: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #158.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #159.21: RESOLUTION PROMOTING ARTHUR ETTORE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PATROLMAN SIXTH CLASS IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

R. #160.21: RESOLUTION PROMOTING ANTHONY PIERCE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PATROLMAN THIRD CLASS IN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #159.21 and R. #160.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #161.21: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO EMPLOY BRYAN BRENNAN AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #161.21. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Chief Kille discussed the Sergeant's Promotional Process. He explained there is an open position and it will take 12 weeks to go through the process. There are five (5) Officers who are eligible. The cost for the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police testing is as follows:

- Written for 1 to 10 candidates - \$2750.00
- Oral for 1 to 5 candidates - \$2000.00 and \$400.00 each additional candidate
- Town specific questions – an additional minimum of \$1000.00

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to approve the process and cost. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson discussed the Meetings of the Governing Body. The goal was to have in person meetings; however, the COVID-19 and variant numbers have increased. He did not want to put safety on the back burner and wanted to be proactive. He felt safe and isolated at the Municipal Building holding these meetings on Zoom.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to schedule the rest of the Governing Body's Meetings for the year on Zoom up until January 1st, 2021. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to open the floor to the public at 6:30p.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, Paulsboro Day Committee, thanked the Borough for their support of Paulsboro Day. He stated the Public Works Department and Officer Sierocinski did a great job. This was Paulsboro Day's 25th year.

Mr. Kamp stated the Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey will be held on October 16th and 17th and there will be about 1,500 to 2,200 people from all over the world who will be visiting the Tinicum Rear Range Lighthouse.

Mayor Stevenson stated the discussion regarding an Historical Preservation Commission Ordinance will be held in October.

Chuck Murtaugh, Gloucester County OEM, gave a report on the tornado damage. It is the worst storm since 2015. Gloucester County OEM are sending care packages out by request.

Mayor Stevenson asked if they are requesting donations.

Mr. Murtaugh stated the donation information is on the County's website.

Mayor Stevenson thanked the County OEMS.

Karen Armistead, 108 West Washington Street, questioned when the West Washington Street project will be starting.

Borough Engineer Biermann answered the project is moving forward, and they are working with USDA and NJDEP to get final approval to bid the project.

Mrs. Armistead questioned a time frame.

Borough Engineer Biermann stated it should be complete in 2022.

Mrs. Armistead stated no one knew Senator Booker was coming to town so there wasn't any opportunity for the community to speak with him.

Mayor Stevenson stated he received an email from Cam Care a couple of weeks ago and was told Senator Booker was going to the Camden Cam Care. There wasn't anyone invited and he was told at the last minute.

Mrs. Armistead discussed the violence. The businesses won't come to Paulsboro until the violence and crime is brought under control. She doesn't see a police presence unless they are called.

Mayor Stevenson stated there is also an abundance of trash in the roadways.

Mrs. Armistead agreed with Mayor Stevenson.

Mayor Stevenson asked Mrs. Armistead to send him an email.

Jennifer Turner, West Buck Street, thanked all involved with Paulsboro Day. She thanked Mayor Stevenson for addressing the issues and she also thanked Mayor and Council for their sympathy card to the Muse family. She didn't know what the criteria was for a Proclamation for Kerrica Whitsett.

Mayor Stevenson extended his condolences to the Muse family.

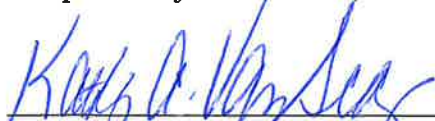
There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public at 6:58 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 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 September 14, 2021 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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



Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor

