

MARCH 22, 2022

PAULSBORO. N.J.

5:00 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber:

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

Mayor Stevenson called the Special Meeting to order.

Mayor Stevenson read the opening statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

Members present were: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to open the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson 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.

There wasn't any public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

Presentation by Fire Chief Michael Licciardello.

Fire Chief Licciardello stated he has made all the necessary requirements and regulations to move the Fire Department forward and in the right direction. They are experiencing a decline of volunteerism. He has been working with a couple of the mutual aid towns, Greenwich and East Greenwich Townships to discuss a program called the "Weekday Stipend Duty Crew". It would be the first in the State. It would provide daytime coverage from Monday to Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to

4:00 p.m. The towns would be on a rotating basis. The total cost for the three (3) towns is \$125,000 and Paulsboro's share of the cost is \$41,800.00. This program would be done through a shared service. East Greenwich has offered to manage the funds. Once the program is up and running, then the towns could apply for a "SAFER" Federal Grant to assist with funding this program. It is not a forever grant.

Mayor Stevenson felt this was something Council should consider as there aren't many volunteer fire fighters.

Councilwoman Armistead felt this program is necessary. It would guarantee there is someone on duty during the day Monday to Friday.

Councilman Holloway questioned the age limit.

Fire Chief Licciardello stated the age limit is 18years old. There is a junior program that is not active at this time but he is trying to get it active through the schools.

Councilman Holloway also felt this is a great program.

Fire Chief Licciardello thanked Mayor and Council and he is working closely with the County OEM.

Mayor Stevenson questioned the time frame for Council's action.

Fire Chief Licciardello stated he would like an answer within the month.

Mayor Stevenson asked Council to take the proposal, review it and then Council can discuss at the May meeting for action.

Councilwoman Armistead stated she would be the liaison between the Fire Chief and the Council.

Administrator Jacobucci explained her recommendation to amend another temporary budget. In January, the temporary budget is 25.26% of previous year's budget, then Council adopted a temporary budget the beginning of March which was 50% of the previous year's budget and now it is needed to adopt another temporary budget which is 85% of the previous year's budget. These increases in the temporary budget are recommended due to the rising cost of fuel, oil, trash/recycling collection, etc.

R. #88.22: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET ADOPTED ON JANUARY 4TH, 2022. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #88.22. Roll call: Ayes:

Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #05.22: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF VARIOUS WATER MAINS ALONG WEST WASHINGTON STREET IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$155,000 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 \$155,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to open the floor to the public regarding the above Ordinance. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to close the floor to the public and adopt O. #05.22 on second and final reading. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

R. #89.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #89.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

At 5:42 p.m., Mayor and Council went into Executive Session to discuss Police Contract Negotiations in the Paulsboro Police Department and Trash and Recycling Contract.

Mayor and Council reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:32 p.m.

R. #90.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SIDE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND PBA LOCAL 122. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #90.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman

Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilwoman Turner. **Motion carried.**

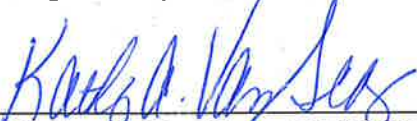
R. #91.22: RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY AND ENTERING INTO A ONE YEAR EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH GOLD MEDAL ENVIRONMENTAL FOR TRASH AND RECYCLING REMOVAL. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #91.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 6:35 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 March 22, 2022 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