

JULY 12, 2022

PAULSBORO. N.J.

6:00 P.M.

CAUCUS MEETING

Council Chamber:

Mayor Stevenson presided at the caucus meeting of Council held on the above date and place.

Borough Clerk VanScoy 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, address and reminded everyone there was a five (5) minute time limit.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, questioned the development that may be built behind his property. The rumor is the project is going to be a cannabis manufacturing plant.

Mayor Stevenson stated the developers are present at this meeting to discuss their plans.

There wasn't any further public participation.

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

Christopher Powell of Hardenbergh Insurance Group introduced Paul Forlenza, Executive Director of the TRICO JIF. He thanked Mayor and Council for working with him and his firm.

Mr. Forlenza discussed and gave a presentation on the JIF Membership Renewal. He also introduced Kamini Patel, TRICO JIF's Cyber Division.

Ms. Patel gave a small presentation on cyber help.

R. #139.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #139.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Stevenson introduced Tim Huhn and Bryan from ABCO Holdings.

Mr. Huhn stated ABCO Holdings has applied conditionally for cultivational and manufacturing licenses. This development will be behind the Wawa and off of I-295. They have received conditional approval on the cultivation. They are going to request an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan. The building will be 9,000 square feet and two (2) stories with a 40 feet height variance. It will be a state-of-the-art warehouse.

Councilwoman Armistead questioned how many employees would be hired.

Mr. Huhn stated about 30-35 employees.

Councilwoman Armistead also questioned if they would be hiring Paulsboro residents.

Mr. Huhn answered yes.

There was further discussion regarding the process involved with this type of development.

Mr. Huhn stated they would like to begin construction tomorrow but it probably won't begin until the end of 2023. He would like to break ground around March 2023.

Mayor Stevenson asked if anyone in the public had any questions.

Barry Corradetti, 1820 Overbrook Avenue, asked if the community would be involved.

Solicitor Maley stated steps are bring taken to address first the developer's obligations.

Mr. Corradetti would like to have the community get more involved and have more meetings regarding the development.

Mayor Stevenson thanked ABCO for coming to the meeting and giving their presentation.

Mayor Stevenson stated he distributed to the Council a paper presentation on the new Municipal Building which will consist of three (3) floors. The cost to construct the building would have to be nailed down and he hoped by the end of August to have the cost.

Councilwoman Turner asked if the land was in a flood plain.

Mayor Stevenson stated yes, the building would have to be raised six to eight feet and there will not be a basement.

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


Councilman DiTonno moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adjourn the Caucus meeting at 6:58 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Caucus Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paulsboro held on July 12, 2022 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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Borough Clerk



Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor

