

JULY 12, 2022

PAULSBORO, N.J.

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber:

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

Mayor Stevenson called the meeting to order.

Borough Clerk VanScoy read the opening statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Stevenson asked all those present to join in the salute to the flag, which was conducted by Borough Clerk VanScoy.

Roll call: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. (Regular Meeting – Agenda item questions only.)

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.

Councilman DiTonno moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to open the floor to the public at 7:10 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:11 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Caucus Meeting, June 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting, June 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Summary of reports and copies of minutes of meeting.

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

COMMUNICATION – CORRESPONDENCE:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilman Kidd, Chairman:

Councilman Kidd stated Administrator Jacobucci held a Finance Committee meeting last week to go over the introduced budget. The Borough has received two tranches of the ARA money. The Borough received the Budget approval from the State today.

Public Works Committee: Councilman Holloway, Chairman:

Councilman Holloway stated the Public Works Committee will meet next Monday to discuss the trash and recycling collection contract. He may have something for the September meeting.

Construction and Licensing Committee: Council President Giovannitti, Chairman:

Council President Giovannitti stated the Code Committee had their monthly meeting with Councilman DiTonno, Councilwoman Turner and Code Officer Marra. He asked the Code employees to come in on trash day. He informed the residents they can receive mattress covers at the Borough Hall. They also went over some areas that have been cleaned up.

Public Property Committee: Councilwoman Turner, Chairwoman:

Councilwoman Turner stated she has met with Gateway Community Action Agency and they would like to give a presentation regarding the “1st Time Buyers” program at the September meeting. It is a good program to bring to Paulsboro.

Mayor Stevenson asked Councilwoman Turner if the September caucus meeting would be sufficient to give the presentation to the Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman Turner stated yes.

Public Safety Committee: Councilwoman Armistead, Chairwoman:

Councilwoman Armistead stated they are working on the signage throughout the town. She has talked with Mr. Marra regarding grass that is blocking the drainage. She will be working with the Fire Chief for the Fire Company's 125th Anniversary. She is happy to see more of a police presence.

Mayor Stevenson stated the Council is a real good group for stepping up with their committees. He thanked everyone involved with the 4th of July parade. He suggested holding a joint parade next year with Gibbstown and Paulsboro.

Mayor Stevenson suggested appointing Teresa Cooper and Joan Franz to be alternate members of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to appoint Ms. Cooper and Ms. Franz as alternate members to the Historic Preservation Commission. All were in favor of the motion.

Mayor Stevenson stated he has walked the entire town which he does twice a year. He has compiled a book/list of properties to be reviewed. He will present to Council for the September meeting.

Community Betterment Committee: Councilman DiTonno, Chairman:

Councilman DiTonno thanked Rev. Orr and the Second Baptist Church for the Juneteenth celebration. It was an amazing event and the vendors that were there, sold out of their merchandise.

Councilman DiTonno stated "Sunday Fun Day" was a success and he thanked the Recreation Committee members as well as Borough Maintenance Supervisor Schoch and the public works department.

Councilman DiTonno also thanked Isaac Redman and Kevin Ross for sponsoring the Football camp.

Councilman DiTonno stated the Borough will hold "Movie Night" at Fort Billings Park on August 5th at dusk. Also, the PMFO Jamboree will be held on August 27th and 28th and their fundraiser will be held August 12th to the 15th.

George Johnson, Recreation Committee, stated the fundraiser is a Football Tournament and all donations from the Concession stand will go to the PMFO. They propose to use both fields.

Administrator Jacobucci stated Mr. Johnson will have to complete the application and submit insurance as well as the \$150.00 fee.

Mayor Stevenson thanked Councilman DiTonno for his work with the Juneteenth celebration.

Councilman DiTonno stated the thanks goes to George Johnson, Rev. Orr and the girls from the church.

ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

O. #09.22: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 08.21 OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PERMIT CANNABIS CULTIVATORS, MANUFACTURERS, WHOLESALERS, DISTRIBUTORS, RETAILERS AND DELIVERY SERVICES WITHIN BLOCK 124, LOT 2. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt O. #09.22 on introduction and first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing on September 13, 2022. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS – TRANSFERS/BILLS:

R. #140.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH (June 23, 2022).

R. #141.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS OUT OF THE 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET.

Council President Giovannitti moved Councilman DiTonno seconded to pay all bills properly signed and adopt R. #140.22 and R. #141.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2022 Budget:

R. #142.22: RESOLUTION TO READ 2022 BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #142.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING on R. #135.22 the 2022 Budget of the Borough of Paulsboro. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to open the floor to the public. All were in favor of the motion.

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.

R. #135.22: 2022 BUDGET ADOPTION. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #135.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA:

R. #144.22: RESOLUTION REQUESTING DEDICATION BY RIDER PURSUANT TO NJS 40A:4-39, BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER. (Off-Duty Municipal Officers.)

R. #145.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT BY CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2022. (This Resolution authorizes a refund to Block 13 LOT 17, 305 Billings Avenue, in the amount of \$676.84 and Block 79 Lot 11.01, 7 W. Washington Street, in the amount of \$740.60 due to overpayment.)

R. 146.22: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER/CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN BALANCES ON WATER ACCOUNTS. (This Resolution authorizes cancellation of balances to various properties due to erroneous billings and/or leaks.)

R. #147.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2023 BEACON AVENUE PHASE II ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS. (This Resolution authorizes the Engineer to apply for a grant through the NJDOT in the PMRS portal and execute the agreement for the 2023 Beacon Avenue Phase II Project.)

R. #148.22: RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO REGARDING USAGE

OF CERTAIN STAGE UNITS. (This Resolution authorizes a shared services with GCIA for the use of the large stage at a cost of \$600.00 for the Paulsboro Day event on Saturday, September 10th, 2022. Rain date – September 11th, 2022.)

R. #149.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIENS ON PROPERTIES THAT HAVE FAILED TO COMPLY WITH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SUMMONSES.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman Holloway seconded to adopt R. #144.22, R. #145.22, R. #146.22, R. #147.22, R. #148.22 and R. #149.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bingos/Raffles/Permits/Firemen's Association Membership Applications:

Licenses: None at this time.

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT:

R. #150.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO JOINT LAND USE BOARD TO REVIEW A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PERMIT CANNABIS CULTIVATORS, MANUFACTURERS, WHOLESALERS, DISTRIBUTORS, RETAILERS AND DELIVERY SERVICES WITHIN BLOCK 124, LOT 2.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #150.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O. #06.22: AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 72 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO IMPOSE A TRANSFER TAX ON THE SALE OF CANNABIS BY LICENSED BUSINESSES OPERATING IN THE BOROUGH AND A USER TAX ON CONCURRENT LICENSE HOLDERS OPERATING MORE THAN ONE ESTABLISHMENTS.

O. #07.22: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO, TO REGULATE THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING LOCAL SUPPORT FOR SUITABILITY OF CANNABIS BUSINESS.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to open the floor to the public regarding the above two (2) Ordinances. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public regarding the above Ordinances and adopt O. #06.22 and O. #07.22 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.**

O. #08.22: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO TO AMEND CHAPTER 59B OF THE BOROUGH CODE. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to open the floor to the public regarding this Ordinance. All were in favor of the motion.

There wasn't any public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public regarding this Ordinance and adopt O. #08.22 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.**

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Jacobucci discussed the 2022 SJPC Natural Gas Bid Participation Form. The Borough of Paulsboro has been a member of the South Jersey Power Cooperative (SJPC) for natural gas for the past three (3) years with Camden County serving as the lead agency and has garnered an 18% savings when compared to "non-SJPC" years. She recommends the Borough enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with SJPC and to communicate with the lead agency the Borough's desire to participate in SJPC's bid.

R. #143.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 2022 SOUTH JERSEY POWER COOPERATIVE NATURAL GAS BID. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #143.22. Roll call: Ayes: Council

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

Administrator Jacobucci stated the Borough has received good news as it has received \$25,000 Energy Audit Grant. It will assess the Borough's energy needs, review its savings and it will require the community's input.

Administrator Jacobucci discussed the Shared Service Agreement with East Greenwich Township, Greenwich Township and Paulsboro for a daytime firefighter crew. She recommended the Governing Body approve the Resolution for the Shared Service contingent upon the Solicitor's review.

R. #151.22: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH, BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO AND THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST GREENWICH FOR A DAYTIME FIREFIGHTER CREW. Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adopt R. #151.22 contingent upon the Solicitor's review. Roll call: Ayes: Council President Giovannitti, Councilwoman Armistead, Councilman DiTonno, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Kidd, Councilwoman Turner. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to open the floor to the public at 7:45 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Barbara Sharper, 248 Vanneman Boulevard, reported that Vanneman Boulevard has become a race track and it is disgraceful. It's also become a truck route even though it isn't supposed to be. It goes on daily and nightly. There is a sign posted which reads "no trucks".

Mayor Stevenson stated he will speak with the Chief.

Mary Harris, on behalf of the Senior Citizen's Club, questioned if the Borough was going to paint the stripes in the parking lot.

Herman Schoch, Borough Maintenance Supervisor, stated the painting will be done closer to the Fall.

Mrs. Harris, discussed a joint Senior Citizen Bus between Greenwich Township and the Borough.

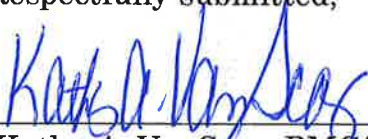
There wasn't any further public participation.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to close the floor to the public at 7:55 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

Council President Giovannitti moved and Councilman DiTonno seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

This is a brief summary of the Regular 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,



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



Gary C. Stevenson, Mayor

