

APPROVED: May 12, 2014

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION
April 7, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: President Maher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

This is to advise that the notice requirement provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given and transmitted to The Times and Princeton Packet; filed with the Clerk of the Municipality; and posted in the West Windsor Township Municipal Building at North Post and Clarksville Roads on January 3, 2014.

ATTENDEES: President: Maher; Vice President: Geevers; Council: Borek; Mendonez, Jr.; Samonte; Mayor: Hsueh; Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Herbert; Township Clerk: Young

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Young led the salute to the flag.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND/OR TOPIC FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Mayor Hsueh - State of the Township Address

Mayor Hsueh thanked the residents for coming to his 13th State of the Township Address. He spoke about his vision for West Windsor. Mayor Hsueh outlined some of the achievements and highlights of West Windsor Township.

Mayor Hsueh spoke about the Municipal Budget, economic growth, the continued implementation of bike and pedestrian projects, open space and recreational opportunities, establishing new playing fields for cricket, and the completion of various construction projects throughout the Township. He acknowledged that West Windsor and the surrounding region will be the site of the Special Olympics 2014 USA Games.

Mayor Hsueh recognized Steve Decter and Nancy Kieling as two of the outstanding volunteers in the community. He outlined their achievements. Neither volunteer was present to accept their proclamations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Ms. Schmid briefed Council on the following:

- Cranbury Road survey is available on the Township website
- Alexander Road improvements will begin by April 14th
- Traffic signal upgrade at Alexander Road and Vaughn Drive
- Canal Pointe Boulevard pothole repairs
- Compiling a list of roads which need improvements
- Alexander Road roundabout repairs

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Borek asked about the status of the sidewalks on the west side of the 571 bridge.

Ms. Samonte noted that she attended the opening ceremony for the West Windsor Baseball. She commented that West Windsor has wonderful recreational facilities. Ms. Samonte urged Council and Administration to review the brush ordinance because brush in the roadways is causing hazards.

Mr. Mendonez noted that April is Herb Month. He asked Council to set up a work session to discuss energy aggregation and the energy efficiency report. Mr. Mendonez asked Council to send any questions they may have about the topics.

Ms. Geevers affirmed that residents are putting their brush and debris in the streets and are not putting the debris out according to their schedules. She expressed the need to discuss and resolve this issue.

CHAIR/CLERK COMMENTS

President Maher suggested that Council review the brush and leaf ordinance. He asked Administration to take efforts to advertise the leaf and brush schedule for the residents to keep them better informed. President Maher asked how many days a week DPW works on filling potholes and is there any priority to the work that is being done.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

February 21, 2014 - Budget Work Session #3
February 24, 2014 - Work Session
February 24, 2014 - Budget Work Session #4
March 3, 2014 - Business Session
March 17, 2014 - Work Session
March 17, 2014 - Closed Session

BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Borek
Second: Samonte
RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL/CLERK

2014-R089 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Contract with All Surface Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the Duck Pond Park, Phase IV, Playing Courts - \$381,645.00

2014-R090 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with ACT Engineers for the Biannual Groundwater Sampling, Landfill Gas Monitoring, and Deed Notice Preparation and Response Action Outcome for Remediation of the Former West Windsor Township Landfill/Compost Facility - \$40,000.00

Motion to approve Resolutions 2014-R089 and 2014-R090: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Holly Kelemen, 25 Old Bear Brook Road, addressed an issue with the landscaping berm at the new train station parking lot.

Mr. Borek noted that the Parking Authority sent out their engineer to look at the berm. He advised that the Parking Authority is dealing with the issue.

Ms. Samonte informed Ms. Kelemen that she would take her comments back to the Parking Authority.

COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS/NEW BUSINESS

Work Session Topics and Scheduling

Discussion ensued over the priority of topics and when to schedule them for discussion.

It was decided that political signage, and the brush and leaf ordinance would be discussed at the April 28th Work Session. Administration is to ask Mr. Surtees to canvas the other Township Boards for sign issues and the enforcement of the ordinance. Council noted concerns with the brush and leaf ordinance not being enforced too.

Discussion ensued regarding repurposing Capital bond funds, road improvement projects, and equipment that could be used for pothole repairs.

Council agreed that the Energy Efficiency Study, Energy Aggregation, and an update from the Building Task Force on the renovations of the various Township buildings will be discussed at the May 12th Work Session.

Council Reports

Mr. Borek spoke about the possibility of Britton Industries providing mulch for the Township residents. He suggested that this could be negotiated in the next contract.

President Maher noted that the Department of Public Works uses a chipper truck that creates mulch that could be deposited for the residents' use.

Ms. Samonte advised that the Affordable Housing Committee was recertifying the affordable housing standards.

Ms. Geevers reviewed the progress the Planning Board made on a final approval.

President Maher noted that an addition was approved at the Zoning Board and discussion was held about a proposal for a new home in Berrien City.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into closed session at 8:21 p.m.: Borek

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

Ms. Young read the closed session resolution into the record:

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting, and

Whereas, the Township Council of West Windsor Township has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

Whereas, the regular meeting of this Township Council will reconvene; and

Whereas, the below stated subject matter shall be made available at such time as the issues discussed therein are resolved and its disclosure would not subvert any particular exception for convening a closed session.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Township Council of the Township of West Windsor will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12: for the discussion of litigation, potential litigation and the RFP for legal services.

Meeting reconvened at: 8:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Geevers

Second: Mendonez

VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township