

APPROVED AS AMENDED: June 23, 2014

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
May 12, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: President Maher called the meeting to order at 9:25 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 April 10, 2014.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

FOR DISCUSSION:

COUNCIL MEMBER/CLERK

Municipal Complex: Energy Efficiency Study and Energy Aggregation Follow-up Presentation

Mr. Dobromilsky spoke about buying energy or power via third party associates. He introduced Pamela Frank, Vice President and Olivia Corkedale, Associate, of Gabel Associates.

Ms. Frank commented on Gabel Associates being in energy procurement/aggregation for the past twenty years, and noted that over fifty towns are exploring their energy options. She explained the role of a Government Energy Aggregation (GEA) entity and detailed the process that would begin with West Windsor Township passing an ordinance to form a GEA program under New Jersey's GEA rules.

Ms. Frank informed Council of the fees for energy agent consulting services, and affirmed that the Township's expenses would be reimbursed through the costs listed in the request for proposals. She reminded Council that this energy aggregation only refers to electricity. Ms. Frank outlined the benefits of GEA which include reduced prices and consumer protection.

Ms. Frank spoke about the public outreach that is part of the program which would be achieved through public information sessions, mailings, postings on the Township website, and outreach to local business groups.

Council addressed questions and concerns throughout the presentation and the representatives answered their inquiries.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, asked how the consumer was going to figure out what is the best choice for them.

Ms. Corkedale advised that comparisons would be made by month to show an analysis of the costs.

Discussion with CFO on Capital Bonding Projects

Ms. Louth advised that as of April 30th, there are \$16.9 million dollars in outstanding appropriations in Capital projects. She noted that these numbers do not include this year's Capital projects.

President Maher asked what the total accumulated balances are prior to 2008 from projects that have annual appropriations.

Ms. Louth explained that information was not provided by the Township Engineer.

President Maher asked about the ten to twelve million dollars in Capital projects some of which may never be initiated and have been on the books for years.

Ms. Louth informed Council that these projects have never been closed out. She noted that she would need to speak to the department heads responsible for the projects.

President Maher asked why Administration would tax residents to issue bonds for projects that never materialize. He inquired about how much of these funds can be repurposed, and noted that he needs this information to enable Council to make informative decisions.

Ms. Louth explained that the funds planned for 2014 Capital projects need to be available to implement the forecasted plans. She asked Council to move forward with the cancellation of the unfunded bond ordinances that she provided.

President Maher explained that he had this conversation at the last budget session on the specific information he would like to review once the Municipal budget was adopted. He reminded Ms. Louth that she was present at that meeting when this discussion took place.

Discussion ensued about the documentation and information which is needed by Council. Council also discussed the cancellation of old bond ordinances as presented by Ms. Louth and the introduction of a Capital ordinance for 2014.

Motion to extend the clock five minutes until 11:05 p.m.: Borek
Second: Mendonez
VV: all approved

Continued discussion occurred about the 2014 Capital bond ordinance.

President Maher agreed to proceed with the introduction of the ordinance for the cancellation of unfunded bond ordinances.

Update from Building Task Force on Renovations to Various Township Buildings

This discussion topic was deferred until another Work Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Borek
Second: Samonte
VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township