

APPROVED: November 24, 2014

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION
October 20, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: President Maher called the meeting to order at 6:36 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. Closed Session was noticed on October 9, 2014.

ATTENDEES: President: Maher; Vice President: Geevers; Council: Borek, Samonte; Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Herbert (left at 7:38 p.m.) and Goodell (arrived at 7:15 p.m.); Director of Community Development: Ward (6:36 p.m. - 6:39 p.m.); Township Clerk: Young

ABSENT: Mendonez

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into closed session: Borek

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

Mendonez, absent

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 contract negotiations in relation to Redevelopment and litigation matters.

Meeting reconvened at: 7:09 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Young led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Teresa Lourenco, 408 S. Post Road, provided an update regarding outstanding issues Post Road residents are encountering during Mercer County Park events. She addressed issues such as noise, stadium lights, and road being blocked.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, urged Council to find out more details about the Howard Hughes project before declaring the land is in need of redevelopment.

Ms. Janet Mariano, 384 S. Post Road, spoke about the evening noise that can be heard during events at Mercer County Park. She also spoke about the lack of drinking water available to the residents on South Post Road.

Ms. Geevers asked the Township Attorney to clarify in the Township Code the start time of no later than nine thirty in the evening for fireworks displays.

Mr. Pete Weale, 144 Fisher Place, noted that the Mayor was not present at tonight's meeting. He also spoke about the West Windsor Veteran's Day ceremonies, and the Grover Farm demolition.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Ms. Schmid advised that the New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture visited the West Windsor Farmers' Market which was voted the number one top celebrated market in New Jersey. She commented on the third Cranbury Road meeting to discuss sidewalks which will be held October 22nd, and the flu clinic for residents to be held on October 22nd and 28th. Ms. Schmid reminded residents that the new yard waste ordinance will become effective on October 27th, 2014.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Borek asked that Code Enforcement reiterate the construction hours of operations on weekdays and Saturdays when issuing permits.

Ms. Geever spoke about attending the fundraising events sponsored by the Princeton Junction Firehouse and the West Windsor Firehouse.

CHAIR/CLERK COMMENTS

President Maher informed Council of a phone call he received from a resident who had heard gunshots after the sun had set. He explained that he called Chief Pica who advised him that individuals can apply for a farmer's permit which allows them to hunt in the evening as long as they are 450 feet away from any residential homes.

President Maher spoke about the accident on Washington Road in Princeton that injured two West Windsor residents. He also read into the record details of the West Windsor Veterans' Day Ceremony.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2014-R222 Granting Release of Cash Bond Posted for Street
Opening Permit No. 2013-20 - 384 Village Road East

MINUTES

September 8, 2014 - Business Session
September 22, 2014 - Closed Session as amended

BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion to approve consent agenda as amended: Borek
Second: Geevers
RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
Mendonez, absent
aye Samonte
aye Maher

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

2014-R221 Supporting Assembly Bill A-366 and Senate Bill S-1713
which Clearly Identify the Telecommunications Carriers
Subject to Taxation on their Business Personal
Property and Remove the Budget Uncertainty Caused by
Verizon's Obfuscation

Ms. Samonte spoke about the various reasons she was not in support of the Bills.

Mr. Goodell explained the details for proposing the Bills and the intent to make sure that Verizon is paying their share of municipal taxes.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Goodell referenced the Township of Hopewell's case against Verizon.

Motion to approve: Borek
Second: Geevers
RCV: aye Borek
 aye Geevers
 Mendonez, absent
 NAY Samonte
 aye Maher

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL/CLERK

2014-R223 Approving the Submission of Grant Application and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Grant Agreement with NJDOT for the North Post Road Bike Lanes Project

2014-R226 Approving the Submission of Grant Application and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Grant Agreement with NJDOT for the Alexander Road Reconstruction Project-Phase 2

Motion to approve Resolutions 2014-R223 and 2014-R226: Borek
Second: Samonte
RCV: aye Borek
 aye Geevers
 Mendonez, absent
 aye Samonte
 aye Maher

2014-R224 Approving the Submission of Grant Application and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Grant Agreement with NJDOT for the Cranbury Road Pedestrian Improvements Project

Ms. Geevers inquired about the funding for the project.

Ms. Schmid advised that there is a limited timeframe to utilize the grant funds.

Motion to approve: Samonte

Second: Borek

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

Mendonez, absent

aye Samonte

aye Maher

2014-R225 Approving the Submission of Grant Application and
Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Grant
Agreement with NJDOT for the Vaughn Drive Bus Shelter
Relocation Project

President Maher asked why the bus stop was being relocated.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, explained that there is traffic congestion at Vaughn Drive and when a bus needs to stop to pick up passengers at its current location it causes further traffic backup. She noted that the Parking Authority supports the relocation of the bus shelter.

President Maher asked for further clarification from Ms. Miller.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, advised that the location of the bus shelter had to be negotiated with New Jersey Transit.

President Maher asked to have the resolution deferred until the next Business Session on November 10th, 2014.

Ms. Schmid noted that the Township Engineer will be available to answer any of Council questions and to provide further clarification.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Teresa Lourenco, 408 S. Post Road, outlined her concerns with the amplification later in the evening of the events held in Mercer County Park. She advised that she will attend the budget hearings held by the Mercer County Park Commission to address her concerns.

Mr. James Brennan, 1 Monterey Drive, inquired about the dimensions of the yard debris pile.

President Maher advised that the dimensions of the yard debris pile were taken out of the ordinance.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, spoke about the political signs that are in the right-of-way.

President Maher noted that the sign ordinance will be addressed during the Work Session.

Mr. Pete Weale, 144 Fisher Place, addressed issues regarding sidewalks, traffic, the flood study, and the taxes Verizon should be paying to the Township.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, spoke about the sidewalk replacement program and its inconsistencies.

Ms. Schmid noted that she will forward to Council an e-mail regarding the sidewalk replacement program.

COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Borek spoke about speed bumps which had to be removed because they were causing damage to the cars. He also advised of a Public Safety meeting where concerns were noted about the need for public safety resources if the Howard Hughes property is developed.

Ms. Samonte commented on a tour of a unit in the Hamlet at Bear Creek that the Affordable Housing Committee took. She noted that the Committee made evaluations on the potential uses for the energy efficiency grant. Ms. Samonte advised that the Parking Authority was considering a rate increase.

Ms. Geevers noted that she will be attending a Planning Board meeting later in the week.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

Ms. Schmid advised of tree pruning on Galston Drive and leaf pickup occurring on Woodhollow Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Borek
Second: Samonte
VV: All approved, Mendonez absent

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township