

APPROVED AS AMENDED: July 23, 2012

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

WORK SESSION

June 25, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: President Khanna called the meeting to order at 9:55 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 June 13, 2012.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Sign Ordinance

Mr. Hary summarized the history of the latest creation of the sign ordinance. He advised that further discussion with the public would take place at the July 9th Business Session. Mr. Hary noted that the local businesses and realtor provided input too.

Mr. Borek commented that he and Ms. Geevers met with Mr. Surtees to review the components of the sign ordinance. He noted that there were only four of five items in the ordinance that needed further discussion.

Ms. Geevers advised that she had preferred having Mr. Surtees be present this evening in order to provide Council with a history of how and why his proposed changes were made to the sign ordinance. She noted that with the exception of some language changes for political signs, the rest of the changes were

initiated and produced by Mr. Surtees due to his own research of approvals given at the Planning Board and Zoning Board levels during a 10 year period.

Mr. Maher asked Administration to have Mr. Surtees available on July 9th to provide Council with this information. He asked the Clerk to notice a work session at 6:30 p.m. on July 9th for this purpose. Mr. Maher suggested that the formal meeting of the sign ordinance should be held after the opportunity for Council to speak with Mr. Surtees.

Mr. Maher asked for an update of the solar farms project TO be added to the agenda and inquired if the remaining items on the agenda could be deferred until after the solar farm discussions.

Council President Khanna and Council members agreed to the amendment to the agenda.

Mercer County Community College Solar Farm Project

Mr. Maher remarked that the project should be withdrawn or put on hold until the residents can get answers to their questions and the changes that have been made to THE project have been addressed. He suggested that a letter be sent to Brian Hughes, the County Executive, and the County Freeholders making this recommendation.

Mr. Hary advised that not all the changes made to the plan would impact the County Planning Board process.

Mr. Maher recommended that the project have an additional review so that questions can be addressed to the residents' satisfaction.

Mr. Herbert noted that Mr. Hughes would not have the power to stop the solar project.

Mr. Maher suggested that the letter also be sent to the Board of Directors of the College.

Ms. Teresa Lourenco, 408 S. Post Road, disclosed that she never received a certified letter from the Mercer County Community

College advising her of the public meeting and planning board process.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, offered suggestions on who should received the letter from the Township and noted the chain of command at the State level that should also receive the letter.

Several residents advised that they will send emails to the Council and Attorney outlining the changes in information pertaining to the project. This information will be included in the letter that will be written by Mr. Herbert.

Mr. Herbert commented that he will send the letter to Council and the Mayor for review prior to mailing.

Parliamentary Procedures

Mr. Herbert advised that he prepared instructions on presentation for the public to promote public discourse.

Ms. Young advised that the format of the resolution did not coincide with the existing Procedural Guidelines adopted by Council at their yearly reorganization meeting.

Mr. Maher addressed each of his issues with the "Rules of Debate" portion of the document.

Ms. Geevers outlined her concerns with the language of the resolution.

Council provided input for various revisions.

Grover Farm

Council agreed that the discussion of the Grover House and Farmstead will take place during the Business Session this evening.

Village Grande Update

A Closed Session was held prior to the opening of this Work Session for the discussion of the D.R. Horton and Village Grande potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Borek
Second: Maher
VV: All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township