

APPROVED: January 5, 2015

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION
December 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: President Maher called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. The Closed Session was noticed on December 3, 2014.

ATTENDEES: President: Maher; Vice President: Geevers; Council: Borek (arrived at 6:48 p.m.), Mendonez, Samonte; Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Herbert; Director of Community Development: Ward; Manager of Community Development: Surtees; Deputy Township Clerk: Huber

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to go into closed session: Geevers

Second: Mendonez

RCV: Borek - ABSENT

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

Ms. Huber 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.

Meeting reconvened at: 7:02 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Huber led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jerry Foster, 15 Suffolk Lane, voiced his support for Resolution 2014-R260 supporting pedestrian improvements along Clarksville Road in the area of Hawk Drive.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, noted her support for the two ordinances on the agenda this evening for the purchase of the Akselrad Property located on Normandy Drive. She also noted her support for pedestrian improvements along Clarksville Road in the area of Hawk Drive.

Mr. Mark Solomon, 301 Carnegie Center, advised he represents the Howard Hughes Corporation and expressed their desire that the Council and Planning Board review their proposal for an area in need of redevelopment and a concept plan at the same time.

President Maher advised that he fully understands what his client wants, but the Council has made a decision not to do a parallel review on the advice of their Counsel.

Ms. Geevers noted that Council agrees with the President and that the starting point for this project is a concept plan at the Planning Board level to get the public conversation going.

Mr. Herbert advised that Mayor Hsueh is in agreement with the Council that this should go before the Planning Board.

Mr. Eric Sela, 12 Auburn Place, voiced his concerns with concrete median strips along Lanwin Boulevard and Edinburg Road being hard to see during inclement weather and suggested reflective signage be installed. He also voiced his concern about unauthorized vehicles using the pathway along the Trolley Line Trail between Penn Lyle Road and South Mill Road.

Mr. John Jones, 252 Cranbury Road, noted his support of Mr. Church's article regarding not planting any more street trees in the Township. He also voiced his opinion on how residents can reduce leaf and grass clippings in the Township

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, also voiced his support for markers on concrete medians. He also inquired about the status of the Cranbury Road and flood study reports.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Ms. Schmid reported that weather permitting Public Works will be working in Zone 1 this week. She reminded residents that there will be no yard debris pickup for the months of January and February.

Ms. Schmid advised that members of the Township's Fire and Emergency Services Division, West Windsor Volunteer Fire Company, and Princeton Junction Volunteer Fire Company have worked together to submit a FEMA grant application to upgrade radio communication equipment in the amount of \$382,072.00. She noted that if the grant is approved the only expenditure for the Township would be a payment of \$3,827.00 which represents 10% of the grant. Ms. Schmid advised that this teamwork is reflective in how these organizations support the community.

Ms. Schmid advised that a memo was circulated to Council members earlier today with regard to expenses for GPS on Public Works vehicles and the costs associated with this. She will get clarification on the yearly figure and report back to Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Samonte thanked Ms. Schmid for her assistance in getting the HVAC improvements started at The Hamlet at Bear Creek.

Mr. Borek advised that there is currently a scam regarding calls to cell phones that the IRS is going to seize your home. He has been in contact with the local FBI office in Hamilton and they are aware of the scam. He advised that residents should contact them with their concerns.

Mr. Mendonez announced that residents who are interested in serving on the various committees, boards, and commissions of the Township should file a volunteer application with the Clerk's Office.

Ms. Geevers thanked all who came out for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. She also thanked all the staff and volunteers for their support to make this event so successful. Ms. Geevers thanked Sgt. Lee and Deputy Clerk Huber for the "Communities of Light" displays throughout the municipal complex this evening supporting Womanspace. She also expressed her concern with a recent article in the local newspaper regarding the Historical Society.

CHAIR/CLERK COMMENTS

President Maher noted that the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was a great event and highly recommends that residents attend. He explained the process for agenda items being placed on a Council agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2014-R230 Authorizing the Request by John Kuper, Jr., for a Disabled Veteran Exemption Allowing the Tax Collector to Refund Payment of 3rd and 4th Quarter 2014 Property Taxes and to Cancel all Subsequent Property Taxes for 29 Springhill Drive

2014-R257 Authorizing the Refund for Development Plan Review

MINUTES

November 10, 2014 - Closed Session #1
November 10, 2014 - Closed Session #2

BILLS & CLAIMS

Ms. Schmid requested that the ACC Business payment be reduced by \$409.30 pending the outcome of research being done by her office for this charge.

Motion to approve consent agenda as amended: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL/CLERK

2014-R258 Showing Support for the Mobilization of the 2014 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown Program from December 5th, 2014 through January 2nd, 2015

2014-R259 Providing for the Insertion of the 2014 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown Grant in the 2014 Budget - \$7,500.00

2014-R260 Requesting Mercer County to Install Pedestrian Safety Improvements at the Hawk Drive Intersection of Clarksville Road (County Route 638)

2014-R261 Authorizing the Business Administrator to Execute Change Order No. 1 with Richard Barrett Paving Company, Inc. for Final Quantities Adjustment and Project Closeout for the Project known as Annual Road Improvements Representing a Decrease (12.32%) in Contract Amount - (\$133,004.76)

Motion to approve Resolutions 2014-R258, 2014-R259, 2014-R260,
and 2014-R261: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

2014-R262 Authorizing the Purchase of One 2015 John Deere 544K
Loader through Middlesex Regional Education Service
Commission (MRESC CO-OP #65) from Jesco, Inc.
Including the Purchase through Jesco Inc. of the 7
year/6000 Hour Full Machine Warranty Option and the
Tink 720 Claw with JRB Ears and Jumper Hoses which are
Not Part of the MRES CO-OP #65 - \$194,222.05

President Maher advised that he spoke with Mr. Drummond,
Director of Public Works, regarding concerns that residents had
brought to his attention. He noted that the old loader
attachments are compatible with the new loader.

Motion to approve: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

2014-22 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLMENT CHAPTER 115,
"NUISANCES" OF THE CODE OF WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP

President Maher advised that resident concerns regarding
vehicles for sale and/or storage is currently being reviewed by
staff and will be presented to Council in January 2015.

Motion to introduce: Borek

Second: Mendonez

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geever
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

Public Hearing for this ordinance will be at the December 22,
2014 Council meeting.

2014-23 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 113,
"NOISE" OF THE CODE OF WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP

Motion to introduce: Borek

Second: Geever

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geever
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

Public Hearing for this ordinance will be at the December 22,
2014 Council meeting.

2014-24 CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF
REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE AKSELRAD PARCEL #66, BLOCK
15.11, LOT 35, APPROXIMATELY 11.47 ACRES LOCATED ON
NORMANDY DRIVE AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$626,500.00

Motion to introduce: Mendonez

Second: Borek

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geever
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

Public Hearing for this ordinance will be at the December 22,
2014 Council meeting.

2014-25 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO ACQUIRE
APPROXIMATELY 11.47 ACRES ON NORMANDY DRIVE (BLOCK
15.11 LOT 35) FROM DR. AND MRS. CHARLES AKSELRAD AKA
AKSELRAD PROPERTY

President Maher advised there are a lot of reasons why the purchase of this property is positive for the Township which includes the Township owns the two adjoining parcels and this will end litigation that has been going on for nearly 20 years.

Motion to introduce: Borek

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Borek
 aye Geever
 aye Mendonez
 aye Samonte
 aye Maher

Public Hearing for this ordinance will be at the December 22, 2014 Council meeting.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, expressed her views on the Howard Hughes property and the fact that all the elected officials agree on the process that they should follow.

Mr. John Jones, 252 Cranbury Road, reported that there has been another accident in the area of his home on Cranbury Road. He suggested that additional signage be placed at the intersection of Cranbury Road and Rabbit Hill Road and that this should be a three-way stop. Mr. Jones also suggested moving the yellow arrows closer to the roadway on Cranbury Road in the area of his home.

COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Borek reported that he was at the Schenck Farmstead this past weekend with Boy Scout Troop 40 and had the opportunity to go through the various buildings and displays and encourages all residents and Council members to do the same. He advised that he was on Township Council in 2007 when a plan was made to make improvements to the farmstead over several years to preserve it.

Ms. Geevers reported the actions taken at the last Planning Board meeting. She noted that a public hearing was conducted to amend the Princeton Junction Redevelopment Area and that a resolution for action will be presented to Council in the near future.

President Maher reminded residents that the Schenck Farmstead is available for rent. He also congratulated Councilmember Mendonez on his impending nuptials this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Gay M. Huber
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Deputy Township Clerk
West Windsor Township