

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council, held on the above date in the Council Chambers, Municipal Complex, 70 West Front Street, Keyport, N.J. pursuant to being called by the Mayor and Borough Council, notice on file with the Borough Clerk, forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, Courier, Independent, the Newark Star Ledger and Two River Times, and posted on the Bulletin Board in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231

Council President Sheridan called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and Borough Clerk read the Sunshine Law Notice. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and there was a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Sefcik, McPeek, Bolte (arrived 7:12pm), Sheridan, Kovacs, Mayor Bergen. Others Borough Administrator Ms. Wright and CFO Thomas Fallon Absent: Councilmember Gross

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Administrator Wright stated she received state figures on the 16th, had additional State Aid cuts, etc which resulted in a 1.20 cents increase of amount to be raised by taxation.

Draft budget did not include Fire Department turn/out gear .26 cent increases .26 cents on the budget. Negotiated a 7.3% reduction from what anticipated with the health insurance. Signed an interlocal with Union Beach \$5,000 revenue.

Mr. Fallon – only action requiring Governing Body would be Senior Center and personnel changes. Went over and penciled-in changes on last budget document. CFO stated net affect is about \$2000.

School Budget up 2.8 cent tax increase
Our Budget up 1.6 cent tax

All surpluses are being used in this proposed budget.

Police Department – ½ car and \$6,000 worth of laptops included in this budget.

Went over increase in revenue by increase in Landlord Registration Fees. Ordinance needs to be introduced before CFO can certify the numbers into the budget. Mayor is in favor of increasing the fees in order to offset housing enforcement.

Spoke of proposed Backflow Prevention Ordinance. Councilman McPeek explained what the Ordinance is for. Person who does inspection must be a certified inspector. A plumber can not inspect without being certified. This is becoming a state mandate.

Mayor spoke about going into closed session to discuss personnel however, no one was rice noticed. Otherwise, may discuss in open session.

Implemented a lay-off plan last year which included terminating health benefits, however, PERC came back with a different plan.

Administrator talked of reducing staff and/or hours in the construction office. Mayor explained why Mr. Miloski was rice noticed. Position has been open since November 2008. Money was left in the budget to him to return to work. Do we leave the money in the budget or that position which has been unfilled when we are talking about lay offs in other departments? Mayor asked Council whether they wanted to remove that money from the budget.

Mr. Fallon went over construction revenue and how that department is running at a deficit. Mayor asked if we are projecting operting at a deficit this year.

Janitorial – additional savings would be realized through additional cuts and services. Outside contract would include cleaning supplies. Also, looking into going from current five days a week to three days a week. Looking into getting rid of janitorial services from the school and hiring someone on a part time hourly basis.

Mayor spoke of VNA contract, last year it was talked about getting out of Monmouth County Health

is originally an alternative to going with the County which is more expensive.

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1.6 cent increase includes reduction in Police Department, reduction in construction office. Administrator asked if she can put CDBG hearing on paper. Mayor confirmed that she could.

Ms. Bolte suggested looking into a reduction in police vehicles.

Mayor proposed eliminating the Administrative position. Mayor does not feel we are getting our money's worth in management.

If there is a tie in the budget, the Mayor will ask for further cuts rather than voting.

Mr. Sheridan would not go forward with the plan for an Administrator without knowing who will be stepping up. Mr. Kovacs stated that the current Administrator has been doing everything she has been asked to do and has put in a lot of hours. Ms. Bolte asked the Mayor about making it a part time position.

Administrator mentioned that some of the secretarial staff in Administration was making high salaries. Mayor does not want to replace secretarial staff and Administrator at the same time.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

No public attended.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made and carried with yes by all present at 12:57 PM.