

May 30, 2006
Keyport, New Jersey

approved
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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council, held on the above date in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 70 West Front Street, Keyport, New Jersey pursuant to Mayors request. Notice was forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, Courier, Independent, Two River Times and Newark Star Ledger and posted on the Bulletin Board in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231.

Mayor Merla called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. and read the Sunshine Law Notice.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Walling, Sheridan, Ortman. Absent: Councilmembers Hassmiller (arrived 6:59 P.M.), Wedick, Bergen (arrived 6:07). Others present: Thomas Antonucci, Borough Administrator.

RESOLUTION

Resolution #183-06, Closed Meeting - Personnel, Litigation

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport propose to discuss the following subjects:

Personnel

1. Administrative Office Vacancies
2. Police Captain's Position
3. Police Department
4. Jonathan English

Litigation

1. New Municipal Complex Roof
2. Water/Sewer Shut Off's
3. Tax Appeal - NJ Bell
4. OPRA Requests

Labor Relations

Contract Negotiations

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that within the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law, the Public should be excluded from the discussion of said subjects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body that a meeting of the Mayor and Council shall be held forthwith from which the public shall be excluded in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall for the purpose of discussing the following subjects:

Personnel, Litigation, Labor Relations and Contract Negotiations

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the discussions on Personnel conducted at said Closed Session shall be disclosed when the matters discussed are resolved and with regard to Labor Relations when negotiations are completed and contract executed and this meeting shall continue in approximately 20 minutes.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Walling, second by Mr. Sheridan

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Walling, Sheridan, Ortman

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Hassmiller, Wedick and Bergen

Council reconvened from Closed Session at 7:30 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

1. Off Premise Cash Raffle License Application from St. Joseph Church/June 24, 2006

Motion to Approve moved by Mr. Bergen, second by Mr. Sheridan with Ayes by all present.

2. Letter of Resignation from Thomas W. Antonucci as Public Agency Compliance Officer, Monmouth County Community Development Alternate Representative and Relocation Office effective June 9, 2006.

Motion to Accept and June 15th Meeting moved by Mr. Bergen, second by Mr. Sheridan with Ayes by all present.

3. Request Letter from Chuck Raftery of Keyport VFW Post 4247 for a donation/Memorial Day Service request.

Motion to Stay the same as last year moved by Mr. Bergen, second by Mr. Sheridan with Ayes by all present.

4. Letter of Resignation as a Planning Board Member from Timothy Regan

Motion to Accept with regret moved by Mr. Bergen, second by Mr. Walling with Ayes by all present.

5. Proposal from T&M for Atlantic Street Reconstruction, Phase II for Contract Administration and Inspection Services

Motion to refer to Mr. Bergen moved by Mr. Bergen, second by Mr. Sheridan with Ayes by all present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **2006/2007 Liquor Licenses.**

2. **Hearing for Liquor License Establishments.**

3. **Commercial Cutaway Vehicle Bids.**

4. **KBA Festival of Sails.** There will be activities for children on the paved area. It should be at the Boat Launch Ramp for one last year. There will be a letter from the KBA at the June 5th meeting. Mr. Olsen said the Boat Launch Ramp should be open from 6 A.M. to 1 P.M.; writing to us. Mayor Merla said boats are all over and we should get aggressive. This matter should be listed on June 5th. Police Chief Gajewski is concerned about closing First Street. KBA should submit both diagrams for permit. Mr. Antonucci said there is a traffic issue with all events. Mr. Olsen said either to open or close the ramp.

5. **Aberdeen Interconnect.** This was a project in Aberdeen in 1995 with cost share. Motion made to authorize Borough Clerk to send a letter to Aberdeen moved by Mr. Bergen, second by Mr. Walling with Ayes by all present.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Magic Touch Community Service.**

2. **Benches.** St. Joseph's wants to borrow benches. Motion made to advise Mr. Sappah moved by Mr. Bergen, second by Mr. Sheridan with Ayes by all present.

3. **Ordinance.** Mr. Wisniewski said there should be an Ordinance for introduction on June 5th regarding charitable and volunteers \$15.00 for a special.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 7:46 P.M. Mike Lane, First Street, said Mr. Bergen talked about Tax Assessments at the May 16th meeting. Mr. Lane said he looked at the downtown assessments. There was a discussion on Tax Appeals and Assessments and the process. Mr. Bergen said the Tax Assessor cannot increase based on sale. Mr. Lane said five stores are in a

row and middle store was reduced by appeal. Mr. Bergen said they cannot be reassessed based on sale. They can go to court to appeal a tax assessment. Mr. Pezzarras is great, but may be the Administrator for Brick Township and we may have to look for a new assessor. Mr. Bergen said to meet with Mr. Pezzarras to discuss this. Mr. Lane said there is an issue with the last reassessment. Mayor is to address illegal conversions; what policy was once identified. Mr. Bergen will look at this matter; prove it's a legal two family. Reassessment brings out the illegal matters. Mayor Merla said people can deny access to the assessor/appraiser. You can visually see if there are various mailboxes or meters. Mr. Lane said to define the process so the Borough staff knows what to do. A policy is needed. Mayor Merla said to find out through GPU shut offs and the Keyport Fire Department on calls. Mr. Bergen said the revaluation will bring a lot out. There being no further comments or questions from the audience the meeting was closed to the public at 8:02 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn moved by Mr. Bergen, second by Mr. Sheridan with Ayes by all present.

Time of Adjournment: 8:02 P.M.

