

MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

January 8, 2013

The Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, met in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, for a Conference Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Jackson, Deputy Mayor Russo, and Councilors Hurlock, McMahon and Schlager

Absent: Councilors Baskerville and Spiller

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE NOTICE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Four-Way Stop

Township Manager Marc Dashield presented a report by Township Engineer Kimberli Craft recommending a four-way stop at Chestnut and Forest Streets in order to provide safe crossing by students at the Montclair Cooperative School. The item will be placed on the meeting agenda for January 22 with adoption on February 5.

Edgemont Pond

Mr. Dashield provided an update on the Edgemont Pond dredging project. A preliminary environmental report indicated that contaminants are contained in the soil. This may cancel Montclair State University's offer to take the soil for university use.

Tom Nussbaum, Friends of Edgemont Park, stated that the soil surrounding the pond walls may still be utilized on Edgemont Park fields. He also asked for an accounting of funds provided for in a Green Acres grant for this project.

Gun Buy-Back

Mr. Dashield presented an option for a combined Essex County/Montclair "gun buy-back" program. If Montclair chooses to join with Essex County, the Township will receive additional funding. It was the Council's consensus to participate with the County in this endeavor. The anticipated implementation date is February, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Jackson, Deputy Mayor Russo, and Councilors Hurlock, McMahon and Schlager

Absent: Councilors Baskerville and Spiller

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that DEBRA DAVID and STEPHEN ROONEY be and they hereby are APPOINTED to serve as CLASS A MEMBERS to the Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that GRACE LYNCH be and she hereby is APPOINTED to serve as a CLASS A MEMBER to the Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately and terminating December 31, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that CHRISTINA MAYER be and she hereby is APPOINTED to serve as CLASS B MEMBER to the Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately and terminating December 31, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that MEAGAN HOPPER be and she hereby is APPOINTED to serve as CLASS C MEMBER to the Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately and terminating December 31, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that ELIZABETH CECCIO be and she hereby is APPOINTED to serve as FIRST ALTERNATE MEMBER to the Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately and terminating December 31, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that JACKSON BANGS be and he hereby is APPOINTED to serve as SECOND ALTERNATE MEMBER to the Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately and terminating December 31, 2015.

On motion made by Deputy Mayor Russo and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Jackson, Deputy Mayor Russo, and Councilors Hurlock, McMahon and Schlager

Absent: Councilors Baskerville and Spiller

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that Janice Talley, Director of Planning and Community Development and Mayor Robert Jackson be and they hereby are appointed to serve as Montclair’s representatives to the Essex County Community Development Representatives’ Committee for the year 2013.

AGENDA REVIEW FOR JANUARY 22 MEETING

Township Manager Marc Dashield reviewed the following agenda items:

1. Ordinance to amend Chapter 240 of the Township Code (parking fees)
2. Resolution awarding agreement for support services with Board of Education
3. Resolution authorizing purchase contracts with certain approved State contract vendors pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-12a
4. Resolution appointing member to Economic Development Advisory Subcommittee
Judge Judith Firenze and John Richmond
5. Resolution authorizing execution of NJDEP TWA (Treatment Works Approval) application – Bonsal Preserve

Mayor Jackson thanked Councilor Hurlock and the staff for their work with the NJDEP TWA application for the Bonsal Preserve sewer improvements.

6. Resolution to enter into a contract with Barton Ross, Historic Preservation Specialist to provide professional services to the Historic Preservation Commission
7. Resolution authorizing agreement between Township and Essex County Department of Citizen Services – Division on Aging grant
8. Resolution authorizing 2013 debt services

Township Manager Marc Dashield and Chief Financial Officer Frank Mason will prepare a quarterly report on the status of the Township’s debt for Council review.

Councilor Spiller joined the meeting.

9. Resolution authorizing agreement for arborist services.
10. Resolution amending bylaws of Montclair Early Childhood Corporation to increase the number of trustees from eleven (11) to thirteen (13), subject to approval of such amendment by the Township of Montclair governing body.
11. Resolution authorizing appointments to Montclair Early Childhood Corporation.
12. Proclamation congratulating Eagle Scouts from Troop 12
13. Proclamation congratulating Cobras Varsity and Jayvee teams

Township Attorney’s Report

Township Attorney Ira Karasick asked that the Council consider a resolution for retention of outside counsel.

Municipal Clerk’s Report

Municipal Clerk Linda Wanat asked the Council to urge residents to utilize the Township Volunteer Interest Finder available on the Township website or in the office of the Municipal Clerk when applying for positions on Boards, Commissions, or Committees.

At 8:20 P.M. on motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Post-meeting Comments

Comments were made by the following residents: Haywood Woods, Nick Fiornesciente, and Robin Woods.

ROBERT JACKSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDA S. WANAT MUNICIPAL CLERK