

MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

March 5, 2013

The Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, met in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, for a Conference Meeting at 7:07 P.M.
Present: Mayor Jackson, Deputy Mayor Russo, and Councilors Baskerville, Hurlock, McMahon, Schlager, and Spiller
Absent: None

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

On motion made by Councilor Schlager and duly seconded, the following Parking Utility Bill resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that said bills be and they are hereby ordered paid and that warrants be drawn on the Treasurer to the order of such person for the amount respectively as hereinafter stated to wit: \$27,060.49

COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

• ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Councilor McMahon announced that the 2014 Super Bowl Task Force will hold a N.F.L. Draft Party on Thursday, April 25, 2013. He also reported on a meeting with local groups providing services to the homeless. Attendees expressed their interest in utilizing the former Social Security Building. Councilor McMahon stated that the Township will explore different scenarios to assist with their mission.

Deputy Mayor Russo expressed the Senior Citizen's Committee's desire to acquire this property for use as a Senior Center.

• FINANCE:

Mayor Jackson announced that the Township's debt is now reduced to \$210 million dollars.

• MUNICIPAL SERVICES/COMMUNICATIONS:

Deputy Mayor Russo noted disparate views regarding certain shared services within some Essex County municipalities. He stressed that it was imperative to implement shared services agreements as soon as possible.

Councilor Spiller emphasized that it was also necessary to analyze these agreements for both cost saving measures and to provide the best delivery of services.

• EDUCATION:

Councilor Schlager and Councilor Hurlock recently met with representatives of the Montclair Early Childhood Corporation who presented their budget to the Township. Council members also attended the Board of Education/Montclair Education Association meetings. Sub-committee members met with representatives of the Montclair Adult School. The Adult School Board presented preliminary plans for Township support which will phase out after three years. In addition they have implemented several fundraising initiatives.

Township Manager's Report: Agenda Review

2. Swearing in Juliet Lee as Deputy Township Clerk
3. Proclamation declaring March as Red Cross Month
4. Hearing on BID budget
5. Hearing on Ordinance amending bond ordinances #04-21 and #12-32 of the Township of Montclair, finally adopted May 4, 2004 and May 22, 2012 respectively, to add Section 6(d) in order to provide for the application of any grant monies received (O_13_007)
6. Hearing on Ordinance amending 2012 CWA Salary Ordinance adding Shelter Manager position (O_13_008)

8. Resolution awarding contract for Nishuane and Essex Pool replastering and deck repair
9. Resolution awarding contract for Rand Sport Courts improvements
10. Resolution authorizing professional services agreements with NJ Career Fire Chiefs Association to provide Fire entrance testing services

Kathie D. Berning reported that the cost of Fire Department entrance testing services is \$27,000. However, application fees will cover \$20,000 of that amount. Ms. Berning also noted that the cost of Police promotional testing services is \$69,000 (five day program).

11. Resolution authorizing professional services agreement with EB Jacobs,LLC to provide Police promotional testing services
12. Resolution authorizing 2013 appropriation reserve transfers N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59
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Township Attorney's Report

Ira Karasick, Township Attorney provided background on a plan to acquire the property located at 59-61 Valley Road. If purchased the property would serve as additional parking for use by police personnel.

Municipal Clerk

Linda Wanat, Municipal Clerk shared a draft resolution from the New Jersey League of Municipalities opposing Senate Bill 2364 and Assembly Bill 3553 (early voting). The Council will consider this at their March 12, 2013 meeting. Senator Nia Gill will be invited to attend.

Discussion

Grant Writing Proposal:

Township Manager Marc Dashield stated that he had received six proposals. All of the submissions exceeded the proposed budget. Mr. Dashield will reach out to two of the firms to try and negotiate an acceptable fee.

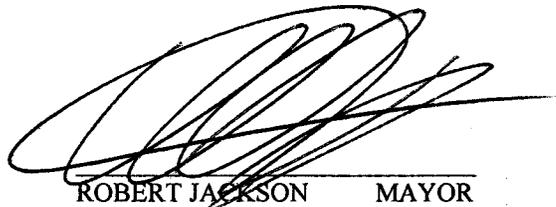
Overnight Parking of Commercial Vehicles:

Township Manager Marc Dashield explained resident's concerns with tractor-trailers parking overnight on Township streets. The Traffic/parking Advisory Committee will review this situation.

Councilor Baskerville asked for the status of her request for information regarding the proposed Nishuane well. She also suggested that the Township enter into an interlocal agreement with Essex County for pot hole/road repair.

Sandy Sorkin asked for an update of the Welfare Animal Committee.

At 8:33P.M. , on motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the Conference Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.


ROBERT JACKSON MAYOR

ATTEST:


LINDA S. WANAT MUNICIPAL CLERK