

.MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

August 9, 2016

The Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, met in the Second Floor Council Chamber in the Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, for a Conference meeting at 7:01 P.M.

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE NOTICE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Sorkin, 3 Marquette Road, questioned the proposed increase in hourly parking meter fees to \$1.00. He also asked if there was a commitment to dedicating all parking revenue to parking operations.

Other concerns:

- Length of time allowed at each meter
- Comprehensive communications plan (parking)
- Bill list questions (parking study)

*Councilor Spiller joined the meeting.

William Scott, 23 Cedar Avenue, expressed concern regarding the care and maintenance of the South End business district. He also asked who was responsible for same. Acting Township Manager, Timothy Stafford will asked Code Enforcement to investigate. Mr. Scott also reported an increased amount of loitering in the district.

Haywood Woods, 50 Pine Street inquired if plans were underway to fill the assistant position for Channel 34 and to reinstate certain programming selections. He also stressed that good communication was essential for policing policies.

Denise Delany, 253 Orange Road, reported a number of accidents at the intersection of Orange Road and High Street. She recommended better signage, painting of crosswalks and installation of stop signs and/or cameras for safety measures.

PRESENTATION:

UNIFORM JUSTICE: Receive Police Chief Todd Conforti who shared the support of the Police Department for this initiative.

Farid Johnson, Montclair Project Manager/Intersection International provided background on this community program. Thus far 50 – 60 conversations between community members and the police have taken place. In addition training sessions with the police have been held and initial steps to develop a dramatic presentation have been completed.

Currently, Montclair is serving as a model for other communities considering a Uniform Justice project. Councilor Baskerville related that she believe dollars might be better spent on other aspects of the program e.g., more conversations rather than dramatic presentations.

Lt. Tyrone Williams reported that the project is in a transitional stage. The steering committee will meet shortly to discuss future directions.

Councilor Baskerville noted that the project appeared to center on only one geographic area of the Township; she encouraged program principals to reach out to all areas of the community.

BIG BELLY: Receive Joe Nardello, Robert Kutner

They presented a revised assessment for implementation of a “Bigbelly” refuse collection system within the Central Business District.

Highlights of Findings:

- Illegal dumping from commercial occupants and residents are causing common bin overflows.
- High collection frequency by Community Services Team due to overflow from illegal dumping issues.

- Oversaturation of waste bins (bin clutter) across the Central Business District in the beautiful aesthetic of outdoor areas.
- Problematic pest access via open bins; crows, rodents, squirrels have ongoing food source from trash.

Benefits:

*Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emission by up to 53%	*Cleaner, Safer, Greener Township for Citizens and Visitors	*Robust Reporting & Analytics for Your Smart Waste System	*Uniform Waste & Recycling Bins
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Cost savings: twice weekly collections from 40 Bigbelly containers would result in an annual savings of \$26,670 per year and the elimination of \$46,000 per year in overtime.

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the Council directed Acting Township Manager, Timothy Stafford to seek bids for this service. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

Edgemont Road Paving Project:

Receive Township Engineer, Kimberli Craft, Director of Community Services, Steve Wood, Angela and Victor Stanziale, contractors.

Ms. Craft explained soil problems which have been discovered during the course of this drop-off zone project. Over 140 cubic yards of toxic soil must be removed to a site in Pennsylvania at an additional cost of \$20,000.

Mayor Jackson emphasized that all work must be concluded before the opening of school. Mr. Stanziale guaranteed that the project would be concluded by August 31, 2016. He also assured Councilor Schlager that soil temporarily left at the site is well protected and will cause no harm to residents.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ADOPTION

The pending ordinance entitled: “ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$185,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF CAMERAS ON VARIOUS PARKING DECKS AND THE ACQUISITION OF THE RELATED SERVER IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY” (O-16-023) passed first reading July 12, 2016 and upon second reading the title thereof was read by the Clerk who then reported that it had been published and posted and copies had been made available to the public as required by law and that an affidavit to that effect was in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Jackson asked whether anyone present wished to address the Councilors regarding the proposed ordinance.

Sandy Sorkin asked what provisions would be in place for monitoring the cameras.

William Scott asked if cameras in other areas of the Township would be improved. Answer: In Phase III

Being no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Jackson closed the hearing.

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

The pending ordinance entitled: “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,004,352 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,854,134 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF” (O-16-032) passed first reading July 26, 2016 and upon second reading the title thereof was read by the Clerk who then reported that it had been published and posted and copies had been made available to the public as required by law and that an affidavit to that effect was in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Jackson asked whether anyone present wished to address the Councilors regarding the proposed ordinance.

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On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

Sandy Sorkin inquired if the Township had completed an inventory of all municipal vehicles. The specific vehicle identified in this report will be used for snow plowing. He also asked how much of this funding would be applied to the animal shelter. Answer: Only a small portion.

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

Mayor Jackson introduced the following ordinance and made a motion which was duly seconded, that it pass first reading and be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on September 6, 2016:

“ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTCLAIR CODE CHAPTER 327 TO INCREASE PARKING METER RATES”
(O-16-033)

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilors McMahon, Schlager, Spiller and Mayor Jackson
Nay: Councilor Baskerville
Ab: Deputy Mayor Hurlock, Councilor Russo

Mayor Jackson introduced the following ordinance and made a motion which was duly seconded, that it pass first reading and be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on September 6, 2016:

“ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF ALL REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING APPROVED TAX MAP UPDATES” **(O-16-034)**

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 authorizes a municipality to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the municipality upon any question or policy pertaining to the government or internal affairs thereof by the submission of such question to a vote of the electors in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a policy question has arisen as to whether the establishment of a charter school in the Township of Montclair would be in the public interest and particularly, in the interests of children attending public schools in the Township, and of the school district; and

WHEREAS, in order to submit the question to the voters, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 provides that the governing body adopt at any regular meeting a resolution requesting the clerk of the county to print upon the official ballots to be used at the next ensuing general election the desired proposition, to be formulated and expressed in concise form; such resolution to be filed with the clerk of the county not later than 81 days previous to the election; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Montclair, that the Township Council pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 requests that the Essex County Clerk print upon the official ballots to be used in the Township of Montclair at the next ensuing general election to be held November 8, 2016, the following question:

Should a charter school, funded with local property taxes from the Montclair Public School budget, be established in the Township of Montclair?
and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Essex County Clerk forthwith. **(R-16-149)**

Ayes: Councilors Baskerville, McMahon, Schlager and Mayor Jackson
Ab: Deputy Mayor Hurlock, Councilor Russo
Abs: Councilor Spiller

On motion made by Councilor Schlager and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

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: **\$1,419,142.65**

*Councilor McMahon left the meeting.

Councilor Baskerville raised the following questions:

- Purchase of a Township Banner to be used for community functions
- Parking permits for Council members.
- She announced that the City Green Veggie Mobile will bring fresh produce to the South End Orange Road Parking lot every other Wednesday beginning August 24, 2016.

ACTING TOWNSHIP MANAGER’S REPORT: Timothy F. Stafford

DISCUSSION/AUGUST 23, 2016 AGENDA ITEMS

1. Ordinance to ban trucks on Walnut Street between Grove Street and Walnut Crescent
2. Ordinance to amend Township Code regarding fee schedule for Health Department Vaccines and Programs
3. Ordinance amending Chapter 230 Parking Lots – concerning C and N Permits
4. Resolution authorizing rejection of bids for structural repairs to Fire Station #3
5. Resolution authorizing rejection of bids for water storage tank – partial rehabilitation (Contract B – exterior coating rehabilitation)
6. Resolution rejecting bids received for Montclair Public Library Historic Preservation Work at the Bellevue Branch
7. Bill Resolution

At 9:35 P.M. on motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed are as follows: Legal matters
3. We do not anticipate that the matters discussed will be made public.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

At 10:00 P.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