

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act statement by Mayor Rustin.

Present: Mayor Peter S. Rustin

Council members: Anthony Barzelatto, Nadia LaMastra, Michael Lattif,
Joseph McDermott, Patrick J. Rouse, Jon Warms

Interim Borough Administrator: Gregory Fehrenbach
Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: None

Mayor Rustin explained that due to the new format of meetings held on the fourth Tuesday of the month and the time restriction on the Committee of the Whole portion, Public Comments will be received at the Public Meeting in Council Chambers this evening, and Closed Session matters will be addressed following the Public Meeting.

1. **TO BE CONSIDERED**

A. Contract Renewal with Green Sky Industries for marketing recyclables

Director of Public Works Bob Beutel was present to explain that the proposal for renewal of the contract with Green Sky Industries (formerly Zozzaro Bros.) for marketing the recyclables collected at the Recycling Center was the same as the previous contract, with the addition of Green Sky offering an education program about recycling for the elementary schools, offering a shredding program for authorized disposition of documents, and offering a separate container at the Recycling Center for the recycling of electronic devices. He reminded all that plastics #s 1-7 are now recycled at the Center. Council agreed to renewal of contract, which authorizing resolution will be acted on at the Public Meeting later this evening.

B. Director of Public Works' plan for maintenance of D-J Park Rose Garden

Mr. Beutel explained the goal of requesting reinstatement of the Rose Garden by the nationally-accredited All-American Rose Selection committee in March 2011. Maintenance of the garden will be handled by Dave Cavilla, owner of Camberly Gardens landscaping firm and member of the Environmental Commission, and will consist of pruning, soil testing, pest management, the use of natural and organic materials wherever possible.

C. District Management Corporation Bylaws-final review

Councilwoman LaMastra reported that the Board of Directors approved the elimination of Section 12, and the terms of the officers were adjusted to reflect the current schedule. The approving resolution will be acted on at the Public Meeting later this evening.

D. Plan to proceed with Improvements to Walnut Park/all-abilities playground

Interim Administrator Fehrenbach reported on the following Parks improvements:

Huyler Park – bids came in lower than anticipated and we may have to return part of the County grant. Bid award will be considered at an upcoming work session.

Davis-Johnson Park – the re-appropriation of funds is needed per a memo from former Administrator Di Giacomo dated April 20, 2009. A public hearing will have to be held as the intention is to use moneys in the Open Space Fund. This project also has funding coming from the County.

Walnut Park – also a recipient of a grant from Bergen County, additional funding necessary for the required improvements to make this an all-access park can come from the abandonment of Roosevelt Common, phase 2 (lighting project) and the re-appropriation of those funds to the Walnut Park project.

Council granted Administrator permission to contact Bond Counsel to prepare the necessary documents and bond ordinances for finalizing the funding of these projects.

E. Review draft solicitation letter/2010 Summer Concerts and Fireworks Display

Mayor Rustin distributed the draft letter, which Council reviewed and agreed to have sent out.

F. Create position of Council Liaison to the Tenafly Fire Department

Council agreed; Attorney will investigate whether this should be by Ordinance or if a resolution is sufficient.

2. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

A. Status Report on Cresskill Shared Services Agreement

Mr. Fehrenbach reported that the Agreement with Cresskill for Registrar and Deputy Registrar services goes into effect on Monday, February 1, 2010. There will be in-office coverage starting Tuesday February 2 for the morning; in-office coverage will also be on Thursday mornings as well. He reported further that the other functions in the office will be handled by the Building Department/Code Enforcement.

B. Review of BID properties for 2010

The Assessor prepared a list that is divided into three sections; Ms. LaMastra stated that the DMC will review this list, but needs the assessments associated with each designated property. Administrator will provide her with an appropriate update to the list.

Mr. Fehrenbach added on the following:

C. CY2010 Budget Extensions from DCA

Mr. Fehrenbach distributed copies of Local Finance Notice 2010-2 that provided the new date by which local municipal budgets must be introduced, which is March 31, 2010. Subsequently, budgets must be adopted by May 11, 2010. These extensions are necessary as the new Governor's budget will not be presented until March 16, 2010.

D. Report from Insurance Carrier on Employee Health Benefits

Mr. Fehrenbach distributed the letter from Brian Eifert of Eifert, French & Co. who reported that there were no competitive bids from the various health insurance carriers due to the high experience rating from State Health Benefits. This will be discussed further at the February 2 work session.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

As the time was now 8:30 p.m., correspondence items B-H were postponed to the February 2 work session. Item A is on the Public Meeting agenda immediately following this meeting.

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| A. | Residents of Coppel Drive | Re: | Commuter Parking issue |
| B. | Tenaflly Little League | Re: | Request for Annual Parade |
| C. | Tenaflly Planning Board | Re: | Concept Plan for Facility on
Municipal Field |
| D. | NJ Public Advocate | Re: | Lead Poisoning Prevention |
| E. | M. Koven/No. Summit | Re: | Light Rail issues |
| F. | B.C. Dept of Parks | Re: | Canadian Geese |
| G. | R. Meyersburg | Re: | Request/Waiver of Alarm Fee |
| H. | M. Feldman | Re: | State of the Borough Report |

4. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER** postponed to February 2 meeting.

5. **ADJOURN to public meeting in Council Chambers**

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Council member Warms, second by Council member Lattif, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hatten