

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 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

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin

Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: None

1. **TO BE CONSIDERED**

- A. Review Traffic Recommendations from Police Department and draft ordinances on Coppell Drive and areas off Engle time limit parking, Columbus Drive restrictions, part-time one-way streets, and Downey Drive/Oak Street time limit parking.

Council reviewed four draft ordinances and decided to introduce the Ordinance limiting parking on Coppell Drive and other streets off Engle Street, and the Ordinance limiting parking on Columbus Drive around the high school tonight at the public meeting. The Downey Drive time limit parking and the designation of certain streets around Downey to be part time one-way streets will be reviewed at the June 1 work session. It was agreed to have the Police Commission discuss the possible implementation of a placard system for homeowners on Coppell and surrounding streets who have home health care workers or others needing to parking beyond the time limit set in the Ordinance.

- B. Rejection of bids for Police Department ERT vehicle/non-responsive bids

The bids will be rejected at the public meeting this evening, and the Administrator and Police Chief will review the bid specifications for possible ways of reducing the cost of the vehicle for a new bid authorization.

2. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- A. Huyler Park update

Administrator reported an unavoidable work stoppage due to the unavailability of specified pavers. Pavers have arrived and contractor installing them now. As the Park will not be ready for Memorial Day ceremony and activities, the venue has been moved to the Elks on Franklin Street.

B. 2010 Municipal Budget-public information update

Administrator reviewed problem with the published story in the Suburbanite and its inaccuracies and the limit on the corrective action that could be taken. The Budget narrative, tax levy history, appropriations, revenues are all online. Graphs will be added and a full presentation will be ready for the public hearing on June 22. The mailer sent with the tax bills will contain more information than in the past.

3. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Councilman McDermott expressed his desire for another budget workshop meeting to review the budget further. Mayor Rustin inquired what the impact of changes to the introduced budget would be, and the Administrator explained that according to the law, amendments to the budget can only be introduced after the public hearing on the budget is held and depending on the scope of the amendment would dictate if a hearing would have to be scheduled on the amendment before the budget could be adopted. She explained further that the tax collection schedule would be disrupted as tax bills have to be mailed 45 days prior to the date set for collection, and cash flow would be affected, and there would be a need for Tax Anticipation Notes which has its own costs and regulations. A consensus of the Council was taken, with three speaking in favor of an additional budget meeting and three against. Mayor Rustin then spoke against an additional meeting and none was scheduled.

Mayor Rustin inquired if the temporary signage announcing the Fireworks Celebration for the July 4th festivities should be promoted as in the past few years, with sponsorship of the event by the Borough, Recreation, and the Chamber of Commerce. All agreed it should remain the same.

Councilwoman LaMastra noted that several of the flags on display downtown for the Memorial Day parade were in shabby condition. The Administrator will speak to Public Works Director.

Ms. LaMastra inquired on the status of revisions to the BID ordinance of included properties and the Borough Attorney responded it will ready for the June 1 work session.

Councilman Barzelatto inquired about the use of the TVAC first responder vehicle going to TVAC instead of directly to the address of the scene or incident. Administrator explained that sometimes the first responder needs to be the ambulance driver when none other is available.

Mr. Barzelatto requested the fees for non-life hazard issues need to be update. He will meet with Alden Blackwell and the Administrator to move this forward.

Councilman McDermott inquired about Café Angélique's remaining violations. Administrator responded that the door lock was still outstanding, and the special-order ladder for attic access is due to arrive next week.

Mayor Rustin reminded everyone to meet at 9:30 a.m. at headquarters to review the Fire Department and TVAC prior to marching in the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 31.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Bergen County DPW Re: Snow Plow Agreement 2010-12

Mr. Lattif inquired about the difference between the actual cost to Tenafly taxpayers vs what the County agrees to pay for the snow plowing services by our Public Works Department. Borough Administrator will research and report back to the Council.

B. A. Bergman/Lylewood Dr. Re: Request/Block Party/6-19-10

C. C. Benjamin/Leonard Ave. Re: Request/Block Party/6-12-10

- D. League of Municipalities Re: Various Bulletins and Advisories
- E. Tenaflly Planning Board Re: Report/Ordinance No. 10-14
- F. School of Rock Re: Request/Customer Parking Passes

Council declined to institute an on-street parking permit program, or to grant temporary on-street parking permits.

- G. Y. Wolf/Leonard Ave. Re: Request/Remove Sidewalk

Council was not in favor, but decided to discuss it further at the June 1 work session.

- H. J. Vougiatzis/Porter Ave. Re: Request/Block Party/6-26-10

5. **RESOLUTIONS for the meeting of May 25, 2010:**

- A. Outdoor Seating Permits: Hamsa/7 W. RR Ave.; Sushi Ten/10 W. RR Ave.; Café Angelique/1 Piermont Rd; TPR Restaurant/38 W. RR Ave.
- B. Approve Refund/Tree Removal Escrow/136 Engle Street/\$1200.
- C. Approve Refund/Tree Removal Escrow/Spring Hill-42 Downey Drive/\$100
- D. Approve Refund/Construction Escrow/Spring Hill-Victoria Square/\$110
- E. Amend 2010 Temporary Budget
- F. Reject ERT vehicle bids

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Ordinances: Ordinance No. 10-14 on May 25
 Ordinance No. 10-16 on June 10
 Ordinance No. 10-15 and 2010 Municipal Budget on June 22

7. **Minutes** to be approved: April 6 work session and closed session; April 13 public meeting and closed session; April 27 work session, public meeting and closed sessions; May 4 work session; May 11 public meeting; May 18 special public meeting.

8. **ADJOURN to Public Meeting in the Council Chambers**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hatten