

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act statement by Mayor Rustin, "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, chapter 231, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting, are posted on the public bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center, published in the Record within the first 10 days of the New Year, and copies are sent to the Suburbanite and Northern Valley News."

Present: Mayor Peter S. Rustin

Council members: Council members Barry Honig, Martha Kerge, Nadia LaMastra, Jon Warms, and Mark Zinna

Borough Administrator: Jewel Thompson-Chin
Borough Attorney: William R. McClure, Esq.

Absent: Council member Anthony Barzelatto

TO BE CONSIDERED

Membership of Tenafly BID

C. LaMastra explained the composition of the BID membership. C. Kerge stated that she was concerned with creating categories to fit in individuals. Instead of creating situations, she advised that Council should look at the ordinance that established the bid, which seems could use new categories of residents and the membership should be increased. C. LaMastra noted that there was careful consideration was given to the compensation of the membership to provide an equal voice when the ordinance was initially crafted. The BID will soon be recommending expanding the number of members to 11, as well as amending the appointment process. Mayor Rustin requested the C. LaMastra bring the recommendations to a work session once the BID has completed them for the Council to review and consider.

Police Department Budget Meeting Follow-up

Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that she received a memo from Chief Bruno as a follow-up to discussion of cameras for the downtown from the budget hearing. C. Honig requested clarification if it would appropriate to reach out to a vendor who specializes in this technology for further information or if such communication would be considered an unfair advantage to potential bidders. Mr. McClure responded that if someone comes in to make a presentation on available technology and cost ranges, it would not be an unfair advantage to bidders, since the presentation is for informational purposes only. Council authorized C. Honig to contact the vendor for further information on the proposed technology. C. Honig will obtain the requested information, check on the vendor's availability, and advise the Borough Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that based on further review of the flood insurance matter regarding the condominium owners of 295 Tenafly Road, this requirement was not through FEMA, but through their mortgage holder. As a result, the governing body cannot get directly involved in this matter. Mrs. Thompson-Chin will notify the residents of the review and that this issue is not within Council's purview to intercede on their behalf.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Farnham RE: Request for Lighting at Tenafly High School
Baseball Field

Council reviewed the request and determined that they don't have the ability to put lights on high school property. C. Honig recommended that the student appear at a Board of

Education meeting to formally request the lighting of the baseball field. The Borough Clerk will respond to the student.

B. Schwartz RE: Request for POD
Council authorized the placement of the temporary storage container, but if the resident needs the POD for more than the 2 months indicated in the letter, they need to write to Council to request for additional time. The Borough Clerk will notify the property owner.

C. L'Heureux RE: Light Rail/Impact on Property
Council reviewed the letter, which was received too late to incorporate to Borough's response to the DEIS for the Federal Register.

RESOLUTIONS for meeting of February 28, 2012:

- A. Approve Expenditures as of February 22, 2012.
- B. Authorize 2011 Appropriation Reserve Line Item Transfers.
- C. Authorize Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0261-33-010-008 for 2011-2012 Term Pursuant to 12:39 Special Ruling.
- D. Establish Fees for the 2012 Recreation Sport Programs.
- E. Authorize Refund/Tree Mitigation Escrow/77 Sussex Road.
- F. Authorize Refund/Tree Mitigation Escrow/90 Coppell Drive.
- G. Authorize Refunds/Tree Mitigation and Construction Escrow/213 Engle Street.
- H. Authorize Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Little Ferry/Registrar Services.
- I. Authorize Refund of Tax Overpayments.
- J. Authorize Refund of 2009 and 2010 Tax Court Judgments.
- K. Authorize Contract with International Fireworks for Annual Independence Day Celebration Fireworks Display.

C. LaMastra inquired about the resolution on recreation fees. Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that the resolution in package #12-89 sets forth registration fees for 4 main sports. During budget discussions last week it was determined that an increase of 19-22% from last year was too large of an increase and that there was a recommendation to increase each fee by only \$10 and gradually increase fees. C. Kerge asked about the rationale for reducing the fees. Mayor Rustin responded that consensus at table was that the increase was too large. C. Honig noted that other taxpayers shouldn't subsidize the activity and that a \$20 -\$30 increase is not a burden. The fees will be amended on the resolution to only reflect a \$10 from last year and the resolution will remain on the consent agenda.

C. Kerge inquired about the ordinance listed new business regarding the CAP bank. Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised the purpose of the ordinance provides flexibility within the overall calculation, but the cap itself is not being increased. The ordinance must be adopted before the budget is introduced.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin advised that there is a revision to the Closed Session agenda, which includes an update to contract negotiations. Mr. McClure will incorporate that topic of discussion in the resolution authorizing Council to enter into Closed Session later this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Honig, second by C. LaMastra and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk