

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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 Press."

Present: Mayor Peter S. Rustin
Council members: Council members Anthony Barzelatto (arrived at 7:48 P.M.), Barry Honig (arrived at 7:34 p.m.), Martha Kerge (arrived at 7:36 p.m.), Nadia LaMastra, Jon Warms, and Mark Zinna

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

Absent: None

TO BE CONSIDERED

Revised BID bylaws/adoption of budget.

Mr. McClure advised that nothing has changed from what was presented other than eliminating conflicting provisions and formatting amendments, as everything else comes directly from the ordinance. C. LaMastra noted that the main changes involve the increase of the membership to 11 members and how the board is composed. She explained that the BID has been highly contentious the last 6 months and that it is important for the elections should be conducted in an open and transparent manner. C. Kerge commented that there should be no perception that there is interference by the Mayor and Council and as such the Borough Clerk's office should not count the ballots. C. Warms concurred and remarked that the Borough and BID should be completely separate. Consensus of the majority of Council determined that the ballots be received and opened by the Borough Clerk. C. Warms noted that the ballot needs to be prepared by the secretary of the BID and mailed out by the BID. Mr. McClure stated that he will make that clarification in the final version of the bylaws to reflect that the secretary of the BID and Director prepare and mail the ballot and the Borough Clerk certifies the results. Mr. McClure will prepare a resolution to adopt the bylaws for the July 10th consent agenda.

C. Kerge expressed her concerns regarding the budget appropriation for professional services and usage of consultants. C. LaMastra explained the Executive Director has gotten the BID board in a place to function and that the goal is to use Ms. Lippman less and hire a part-timer to be in the district and grow into a greater role. C. Honig commented that he is not pleased with progress so far and is not pleased with current Executive Director and does not have confidence in her. However, he has confidence in people who sit on the BID board and is willing to give one last budget with the proviso that within 6 months that Council evaluate the board's activities to determine if was significant has progress made. The consensus of the majority of Council determined to move ahead with the adoption of the BID budget in the public meeting later this evening.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that due to the Riverside Co-op losing the challenged posted by the second lowest bidder, the cost of the bids per municipality has been recalculated. The original calculation of \$271,000 has increased to \$293,000. She advised that she will review this issue with the Borough Engineer and Chief Financial Officer and if necessary, the work can be scaled back.

Mrs. Thompson-Chin reported that the recognition for service awardees from the Fire Department and TVAC will be conducted at the July 10th meeting. C. Warms noted that the TVAC needs to also be recognized as a whole for their 20th anniversary.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Pereira RE: Use of Recycling Center
Council directed the Borough Clerk to review the recycling center database to determine if any permits are issued to tenants at the property stated in the letter. Council will review this request further at the next work session.

W. Granito RE: Commendation of Code Enforcement Officer Massaro
Council acknowledged letter of commendation from Mr. Granito. C. Honig stated that he thought DPW Director, Mr. Beutel inspected trees. Mrs. Thompson-Chin clarified that Mr. Beutel inspects the physical health of trees and Mr. Massaro handles property maintenance component and that they work together.

Fort Lee Chamber of Commerce RE: Request for Placement of Signs Promoting 2012 Ironman US Championship
Council approved the request for the sign placement promoting the event, but directed the Borough Clerk to inform the organizers that the sign needs to come down within 48 hours of the event.

RESOLUTIONS for meeting of June 26, 2012:

- A. Authorize Refund/Planning Board Trust Account/Liberty Gate Construction Corp.
- B. Authorize Refund/Teen Summer Camp/Aminova
- C. Authorize Refund/Teen Summer Camp/Strauss
- D. Authorize Refund/Tree Mitigation Escrow/53 Hamilton Place
- E. Authorize Refund/Tree Mitigation Escrow/144 Oxford Drive
- F. Authorize Refund/Tree Mitigation Escrow/76 W. Clinton Avenue
- G. Authorize Refund/Tree Mitigation Escrow/193 W. Clinton Avenue
- H. Authorize Refund/Tree Mitigation Escrow/146 Columbus Drive

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Summer Concert Series (Mayor Rustin)
Mayor Rustin informed Council that there is about \$6000 that the Borough received in donations for summer concerts. He will come back to Council with a proposal to hold 4 or 5 concerts in August in Huyler and Davis Johnson Park. He commented that if all the funds are not used this summer, the Borough can seek to hold movies in the park next year.
- Mayor Rustin noted that a resident, Gerry Koch conducted research on communities that have continued certificates of occupancy ordinances and he will scan these documents and forward them to Council.
- C. Honig described the budgetary and forecast information he is seeking and requested that the Chief Financial to conduct an analysis by looking at current uniform staffing and project out salaries at 0, 1, 2% increases, including health care and pension contributions, as well as potential retirements over the next 5 years. Mayor Rustin responded that there are so many variables to conduct such an analysis. Mrs. Thompson-Chin explained that the discussion next week is not the long term budgetary changes or the contract, but that the discussion will be what the staffing should be and that this request is for forecast of a staff that has not been defined. She noted that the cost for the next 6 months and 2013 is what is important as there is not a baseline for 5 years and the focus of the discussion is the table of organization regarding 3 positions. Council requested that the Chief Financial Officer attend the July 10th pre-meeting to discuss what projections can be made based on the information that is available.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Kerge, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk