

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
April 10, 2013**

Council President Aubourg called the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, Mayor and Council Regular Meeting held at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey on April 10, 2013 to order at 6:35 P.M.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Christine Dansereau (excused absence); Councilwoman Kimberly Shaw; Councilman Randy Sandifer; Councilwoman Ronald Hayman; Councilman Roy Locke (excused absence); Council President Yves Aubourg and Mayor Jamel Holley(arrived 7:33 p.m.)

Also Present:

Rachel Caruso, Labor Attorney; Lydia D. Agbejimi, Deputy Municipal Clerk

The Deputy Municipal Clerk, Ms. Agbejimi, read the "Open Public Meetings Act" compliance statement.

"This is to state for the record that this meeting is being held according to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, Section 5, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, by posting and maintaining the annual notice of regular and workshop meetings on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board, by emailing the Annual Notice of Regular and Workshop meetings for 2013 to the Union County Local Source and the Home News Tribune in 2012, by posting on the Borough of Roselle website, and by filing said notice in the Office of the Municipal Clerk."

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICIALS' REPORTS

1. Police Department – Chief Gerard Orlando gave a summary of his Police Department report which he stated that he submitted to the Mayor and Council and that if they had any questions, he would address them. He then reported on the following: the number of summonses issued was less than last month; he reported that the police department received \$4,000.00 from the Division Highway Traffic Safety for the "Click It or Tick It campaign for seatbelt enforcement which will run for two weeks in May; he stated that the Junior Police Academy is continuing and they have 18 students participating and it is going well. He reported that they received a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$9,000.00 for communications' equipment; he reported that they will be doing motor vehicle check points throughout the Borough starting in May throughout the Summer; he announced that there are three recruits in the police academy and they are on

schedule with their training, and that Police Academy graduation will be the second week in June.

2. Fire Department – Fire Chief Paul Mucha commented that his report was submitted to the Mayor and Council already and that if they had any questions he would address them. He then stated that he had a resolution on the agenda regarding the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan of the County of Union, and he said it was reviewed in the Public Safety Committee Meeting, and that they are basically buying into the County Flood Plan in order to receive FEMA grant money. He gave a brief report on a fire that took place at 116 Poplar Street and he said the owner got out with no injuries. He said however that it was a manpower intensive fire and it took about an hour to get it under control.
3. Building Department – Jeff Guy, Construction Official, stated that a lot of the money is starting to be released from insurance companies for Hurricane Sandy, and he said that he is starting to see permit come in , and that the majority of them are for roofing. He said that there were three houses that were in real bad shape, and that one is coming along and the other two are in limbo due to problems with the insurance companies.
4. Health Department – Charles Glagola, Health Official, stated that he submitted his report to the Mayor and Council and that if they had any questions, he would be happy to answer them. He announced that the Health Department will have a 2013 Rabies Clinic for cats and dogs on May 3 & May 4, 2013 from 10:00am to 12:00 Noon at Borough Hall. He also reported that they are doing active monitoring for mosquito control with the Union County Mosquito Commission.
5. Code Enforcement – Robert Lawson, Code Enforcement Official, stated that he sent reports to Mayor and Council for January, February and March 2013, and he said that if Mayor and Council had any questions they could contact him. He answered questions from the governing body regarding code enforcement issues.
6. Engineering - Carl O'Brien, P.E., Maser Consulting- Mr. O'Brien submitted an Engineering Report dated April 3, 2013 and he said that the following projects were on-going: The West Brook Flood Project, Park Projects, and Paving Projects. He reported that the park project and the paving projects should be done around the June, July timeframe, and he anticipate that the Westbrook Project will be complete by the end of the summer, beginning of the fall. He said that the landscaping of high trees and low bushes will go along the brook line. He reported that they are designing several projects that will go out for bid next month, after coordinating them with the Finance Department and the Business Administrator. The projects include paving, the community development project, the streetscape along Chestnut Street, with a municipal

parking lot being designed on East 2nd Avenue. He then reported that they received money in from the Union County Open Space or Kids Recreation Trust to upgrade the Chandler Avenue Park, located on Chandler Avenue and 9th Avenue, and he briefly discussed the proposed St. George Avenue Project.

7. Borough Administrator/Dave Brown – Mr. Brown had an excused absence, and Labor Attorney Rachel Caruso filled in for him. Mr. Caruso stated that she had items for discussion in closed executive session.
8. Borough Attorney - John Hudak, Esq., gave a detailed explanation of the Resolution Supporting S-1896/A-1503 Sharing the Burden of Property Assessment Appeal Funds, he gave a brief explanation of the Telecommunications Facilities within Public Right-of-Way resolution, and stated that any further detailed discussion on the resolution concerning the lease of Borough Property had to be discussed in closed session.
9. Borough Clerk's Office – Lydia D. Agbejimi, Deputy Clerk stated that the Clerk's Office report was submitted to the Mayor and Council and that it was the standard report.

Council President Aubourg asked if the Council Members wished to pull any items from the proposed consent agenda, and none of the Council members pulled any items as follows:

PROCLAMATIONS

Roselle Rams Track Club
Roselle Catholic Boys and Girls Track Team – Carla Darics and Mike Fields

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting – March 13, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – March 20, 2013

RESOLUTIONS

Administration (Mayor's Office)

1. A Resolution Supporting PSE&G'S Energy Strong Program
2. Designating Baltimore Avenue with the Honorary Street Name of Dr. Uma Viswanatan Way
3. A Resolution Supporting S-1896/A-1503 Sharing the Burden of Property Assessment Appeal Refunds

Borough Attorney

4. Authorizing the Lease of Borough Property by the Borough of Roselle
5. Authorize Execution of Right of Way Between Borough of Roselle and Fiber

Technologies Networks, LLC to Permit the Installation, Use, and Maintenance of Telecommunications Facilities within Public Rights-of-Way for Purpose of Providing Telecommunications Services

Clerk's Office

6. Approving a Block Party and Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Endorse Same - Jesus Christ Baptist Church
7. Approving a Block Party and Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Endorse Same – Darlene and Robert Polhill

Department of Public Works

8. Authorizing Recycling Tonnage Grant Application

Finance Department

9. Approving a Bill List dated April 17, 2013

Fire Department

10. Adopting the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan of the County of Union

Tax Assessor

11. Authorizing Settlement of the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Tax Appeals Entitled Miodrag Banic and Michael Barritta, v. Borough of Roselle, Docket No.: 015296-2011, Block 4102, Lot 22, Commonly Known as 724 Chestnut Street
12. Authorizing Settlement of the 2010 Tax Appeal Entitled Jose Pereira and Joao Oliveira v. Borough of Roselle, Docket Nos.:015474-2010, Block 701, Lot 4, Commonly Known as 407 Hope Avenue

Tax Collector

13. Resolution Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2012, Block 3002, Lot 2.01, Resulting From Reduction of Tax Assessment, \$2,954.23
14. Authorizing 100% Veteran Tax Deduction for the Year 2012 & 2013 as Authorized by a Tax Assessor of the Borough of Roselle
15. Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for 2011 & 2012 for Exempt Church Tax Deductions Authorized by a Tax Assessor of the Borough of Roselle, Block 4804, Lot 6
16. Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for 2009 for Exempt Church Tax Deductions Authorized by a Tax Assessor of the Borough of Roselle, Block 5406, 06
17. Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012 for Borough Owned Property Authorized by a Tax Assessor of the Borough of Roselle, Block 407, Lot 08
18. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 11-011, Block 1302, Lot 07, in the Amount of \$40,792.66
19. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-031, Block 2203, Lot 17, in the Amount of \$14,334.15
20. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-054, Block 3901, Lot 12, in the Amount of \$15,488.77
21. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-070, Block 6206, Lot 05, in the Amount of \$205.69

22. Authorizing Redemption OF Tax Sale Certificate 12-005, Block 407, LOT 07, in the Amount of \$7,898.34

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance Number 2454-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERESY, CREATING A RESIDENTIAL OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMIT FOR CERTAIN AREAS (Public Hearing to be held April 17, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.)

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance Number 2455-13

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF HISPANIC-LATINO AFFAIRS (Public Hearing to be held April 17, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.)

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance Number 2456-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 120-2 FEES FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF VITAL RECORDS (Public Hearing to be held April 17, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.)

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING – Ordinance Number 2457-13 [To Be Discussed]

ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION ACT OF 2003, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 TO -98 (Public Hearing to be held May 15, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.)

Council President Aubourg then opened the meeting for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Maria Hegener, 920 Spruce Street, asked for clarification on resolution numbers 1, 3, 15, 16 & 17, as well as the Ordinance 2455-13 and she asked what the department head would be making and who the individual would be.
2. Sheronda Johnson, 411 W. 5th Avenue, asked questions regarding the creation of the office of Hispanic and Latino Affairs, and she stated that she feels it should be a department of Cultural Affairs, and she feels that it should be reexamined to find out what the demographics are. She also asked where the Municipal Clerk is and she questioned if she is still being paid, and she said if so, she feels it is a disservice to the residents who pay her salary.

Seeing no one else come forward, Council President Aubourg closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-159

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilwoman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Hayman. All in favor, none opposed to adopt Resolution Number 2013-159, and go into Closed Executive Session.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Hayman, seconded by Councilman Sandifier, all in favor, none opposed, by consensus the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:19 P.M.


Lydia Agbejimi, Deputy Municipal Clerk