

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**

Mayor Holley called the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, Mayor and Council Regular Meeting held at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey to order on September 11, 2013 to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Christine Dansereau; Councilwoman Kimberly Shaw; Councilman Randy Sandifer (excused absence); Councilman Ronald Hayman; Councilman Roy Locke; Council President Yves Aubourg (arrived 6:54pm) and Mayor Jamel Holley

Also Present:

John Hudak, Borough Attorney; David G. Brown, II, Borough Administrator; 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."

Mayor Holley then called for a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the tragedy of September 11, 2001

Proclamations

POW/MIA Remembrance Day
National Preparedness Month
September 11, 2013 National Day of Service and Remembrance
Turn the Town Teal, In Memory of Erika Rocha and Grace Rocha
In Recognition of Bernadette Eckert
Big Brothers of Roselle
Princess Foundation
MVB Barbershop

Presentation

Colleen Mahr, Economic Development Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the Request for Proposals for Borough Owned Properties. She stated that the proposals have been narrowed down to two developers, both of which are equipped to buy all properties. All properties are located in the South Central Redevelopment District; and are variance-free, so that Planning Board Approval is not needed if they are maintained as residential developments, within the current permitted use. A working committee will review the proposals; speak to each respective developer; and come back to the Borough Council at the October 2013 Workshop meeting with a recommendation.

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICIALS' REPORTS

1. Administration – David G. Brown, II, Borough Administrator, spoke to the Ordinance to create the North Chestnut Street Redevelopment Area as well as the proposed ordinance to delete the chapter of the Borough Code entitled “Zoning”.
2. Labor Attorney – Rachel Caruso, Esq. referenced the resolution to appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators, stating that the position of OEM Coordinator is a state mandated position. She also made reference to the resolution to appoint a crossing guard, stating that a new crossing guard is needed as there is one guard retiring, and another on extended sick leave.
3. Borough Attorney – John G. Hudak, Esq., explained the need for the resolution to lease property owned by the Borough; and the revision to the resolution adopting a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan.
4. Borough Clerk’s Office – Lydia Agbejimi, Deputy Municipal Clerk, explained the resolution for an A.B.C. person-to-person transfer.
5. Engineering – Carl O’Brien, Engineer, submitted an engineering report dated September 05, 2013. He began by stating that the Tax Map Revisions are being reviewed by the County of Union and should be finalized by the end of this year.
6. Grant Writer – Dave Biunno, gave an overview of the Green Acres Grant process; and stated that because funds for Green Acres have been cut, it is necessary to strategically plan for park improvements and acquisitions.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Holley closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

The Mayor and Council then reviewed the below items, and no items were pulled from the agenda.

REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2013 DRAFT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting – August 14, 2013 [To be provided]
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – August 21, 2013 [To be provided]
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – Jan. 9, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – Feb. 13, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – March 13, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – April 8, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – April 10, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session (sp) – April 17, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session (reg) – April 17, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – May 8, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – July 10, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – August 14, 2013

RESOLUTIONS

Administration (Mayor's Office)

1. Resolution in Support of Voting Yes on Ballot Question #2 to Raise New Jersey's Minimum Wage

Administration – Labor Attorney

2. Appointing an Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators
3. Resolution Continuing the Salary of the Case Manager for the Roselle First Initiative/ Youth Program
4. Appointing School Crossing Guards

Borough Attorney

5. The Borough of Roselle A Resolution Adopting the Union County, New Jersey Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
6. Authorizing the Lease of Borough Property by the Borough of Roselle

Clerk's Office

7. Resolution Approving A.B.C. Person-to-Person License Transfer- [to be provided Pending Approval of ABC]

Engineering

8. CDBG Funded Curb and Sidewalk Project [To be Provided]

Finance Department

9. Approving a Bill List dated September 18, 2013
10. Decreasing the Not To Exceed Amount of a Contract Awarded to Daniel Antonelli, Esq. as Special Counsel to Assist the Borough Attorney in the Matter of New Jersey DEP v. Occidental Chemical Corporation, et al., Docket No. ESX-L-9868-05
11. Decreasing the Not to Exceed Amount of a Contract Awarded to Kraig Dowd as Special Counsel to The Borough of Roselle
12. Decreasing the Not to Exceed Amount of a Contract Awarded to McManimon Scotland & Bauman, Counsellors at Law as Special Counsel for

- Victory Box Redevelopment Project
13. Decreasing the Not to Exceed Amount of a Contract Awarded to O'Donnell McCord, PC as Special Tax Appeal Counsel
 14. Decreasing the Not to Exceed Amount of a Contract Awarded to Rogut McCarthy LLC, Counsellors at Law Special Counsel for Redevelopment
 15. Amending a Resolution 2013-066 Awarding a Contract to United Computer to Provide To Provide Computer Consulting Services for the Borough Not To Exceed \$43,251.00
 16. Resolution Authorizing An Emergency Temporary Appropriation [To Be Provided]

Fire Department

17. Authorizing the Application for the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program for SCBA Air Tanks
18. Authorizing the Application for the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program for Replacement of Fire Engine

Recreation Department

19. Authorizing Reimbursement to the Pop Warner Football Team in the Amount of \$4,000.00

Tax Assessor

20. Authorizing Settlement of the 2009, 2010, and 2012 Tax Appeals Entitled JLL Chestnut St., LLC v. Borough of Roselle, Docket No.: 000257-2010, 015894-2010 and 012797-2012 Block 3002, Lot 28, Commonly Known as 121-125 Chestnut Street, and Amending Resolution No. 2012-244.
21. Authorizing Settlement of the 2011 and 2012 Tax Appeal Entitled Manuel Rosa v. Borough of Roselle, Docket Nos.:014306-2011 and 014264-2012, Lot 1 Commonly Known as 1100 Drake Avenue
22. Authorizing Settlement of the 2011 and 2012 Tax Appeal Entitled Korena Steward v. Borough of Roselle, Docket Nos.:014302-2011 and 014260-2012, Block 903, Lot 3 Commonly Known as 336 Sheridan Avenue

Tax Collector

23. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 11-031, Block 2701, Lot 2, in the Amount of \$38,195.83
24. Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2011 & 2012, Block 0504, Lot 22.01, Resulting From Reduction of Tax Assessment
25. Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2011 & 2012, Block 1003, Lot 02, Resulting From Reduction of Tax Assessment
26. Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2011 & 2012, Block 1701, Lot 01, Resulting From Reduction of Tax Assessment
27. Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for Block 2012, Block 2101, Lot 4, Resulting From Reduction of Tax Assessment
28. Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2011 & 2012, Block 2402, Lot 2.01, Resulting From Reduction of Tax Assessment
29. Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2012, Block 4603, Lot 33, Resulting from Reduction of Tax Assessment
30. Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2011 & 2012, Block 5402, Lot

06, Resulting from Reduction of Tax Assessment

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance
Number 2466-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 48 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE ENTITLED "CHAPTER 48: BUILDING, ABANDONED AND DANGEROUS".

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance
Number 2467-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, SECTION 304 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE ENTITLED "STAFFING LEVELS"

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING – Ordinance
Number 2468-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE NORTH CHESTNUT STREET REDEVELOPMENT AREA (Public hearing to be held October 9, 2013, pending approval)

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING – Ordinance
Number 2469-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 113 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO DESIGNATE A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE RESERVED FOR A SPECIFIC PERSON IN FRONT OF A CERTAIN RESIDENCE- Ethel Alexander (Public hearing to be held October 9, 2013, pending approval)

Mayor Holley then declared the time for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Maria Hegener, 920 Spruce Street, asked for the dollar figures in Res #16, and the tax resolutions, she asked questions about Green Acres, and said the Parks in 2nd Ward are a mess.
2. Aaron Johnson, West 4th Avenue, commented on the Pine Street Park and he said he feels that it was beautifully constructed, but it should be bigger. He asked why his son, who attends a private school, is not eligible to attend a public choice school.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Holley closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilwoman Dansereau greeted the public and discussed the budget process by giving an overview of the timeline for the 2014 budget. She also stated that the Recreation Committee is looking at Summer Camp options for next year.

Councilwoman Shaw had no comment.

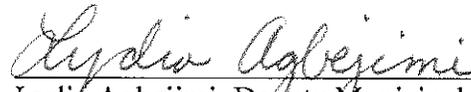
Councilman Hayman greeted the public and stated that the residents of 2nd ward will love the upcoming improvements to parks.

Councilman Locke gave no comment.

Councilman Aubourg had no comment.

Adjournment

Motion by Council President Aubourg, seconded by Councilwoman Dansereau all in favor, none opposed, by consensus the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:36 P.M.


Lydia Agbejimi, Deputy Municipal Clerk