

THE **SPECIAL** MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016, AT 7:00 PM, IN THE CITY HALL, 525 HIGH STREET, BURLINGTON, NJ, PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk advised the public of the location of the two fire exits; one on the left after exiting the Council Chamber and the other being the entrance to the building.

Members present: Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar (late 7:10pm), Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (6); Absent: Mr. Babula. (1)

Also present: Municipal Attorney- George Saponaro, CFO - Ken MacMillan, Administrator- David Ballard, Redevelopment Attorney- Brooks DiDonato, Chief Snow.

The following notice of the meeting was sent:

Special Meeting in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Law”

The President of Common Council has scheduled a Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 7:00 PM, at the City Hall Building, 525 High Street, Burlington, N.J. for the purpose of Council’s consideration of the following for the betterment of the citizens of the City of Burlington: (Agenda here)

Official Action will be taken at this meeting.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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ORDINANCE(S) - INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Mercuri, seconded by Councilwoman Hatala, the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (5); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Mr. Babula, Ms. Lollar. (2).

PUBLIC COMMENTS - RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Hatala, moved that all Consent Agenda items be approved. It was seconded by Councilwoman Mercuri. All were in favor. ABSENT: Mr. Babula, Ms. Lollar. (2).

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 98-2016

Municipal Budget of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, for the Fiscal Year 2016;

Be It Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2016;

Be It Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Burlington County Times in the issue of March 23, 2016.

The Governing Body of the City of Burlington does hereby approve the following as the Budget of the year 2016.

Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes - \$7,984,861.20.

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Common Council of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, on March 8, 2016.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at City Hall, 525 High Street on April 5, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2016 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Mercuri, seconded by Councilwoman Hatala, the foregoing resolution was introduced.

On the question, Mayor Conaway made the following statement: It is estimated that the 2016 Local Purpose Tax rate will increase by 5.4 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; An average homeowner, with an assessment of \$139,000 will pay additional \$74.98 for the year; The 2016 local purpose tax rate is estimated to be \$1,271 per \$100 of assessed valuation; We are now receiving the same level of State Aid as we did in 2002; Due to no increase in State Aid, mandatory increases in insurance, group insurance and contractual salaries, as well as the constraints imposed by the 2% tax levy CAP, the City had to take major steps to come up to come up with a budget that provides for a minimum increase in the local purpose tax rate; The amount to be raised by taxes is less than 2% tax levy CAP imposes by stature; In addition, this budget is less than the 2% of appropriations CAP.

The resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Mr. Babula. (1).

Resolution No. 99-2016*

Whereas, John Bradner Cassady was born on October 2, 1866 in Lafayette Township, New Jersey and was orphaned at an early age; and

Whereas, the orphan John Cassady ran away from foster care and moved around in his early life between New York City and the Philadelphia area seeking employment and eventually took up work in a pharmacy in Burlington, New Jersey; and

Whereas, working as a pharmacist's assistant led to his developing a keen interest in medicine and inspired him to attend medical school in Philadelphia, PA, from which he graduated in 1889; and

Whereas, John Bradner Cassady, MD, promptly set up his medical practice and his residence in the City of Burlington in the late 1800's until his death on December 1, 1922, ultimately at four locations throughout his medical career, including 326 High Street, also the corner of West Broad Street and Wood Street where the Burlington Moose Lodge is presently located, and his final residence and practice being at 28 West Union Street; and

Whereas, records indicate that in addition to office hours, Dr. Cassady visited patients by horse and buggy and was known for his kindness, patience and remarkable bedside manner; and

Whereas, Dr. Cassady was the physician for the Burlington Board of Health and worked tirelessly as the chairman of the Burlington Chapter of the American Red Cross; and

Whereas, the great-grandson of Dr. Cassady, KENNETH DAVID HEISLER, of Washington, DC, and the son of Jean Cassady Heisler, has antique furniture (one 19th Century Victorian Sofa, one "Rip Van Winkle" chair) and various City of Burlington Memorabilia, regarding Dr. John Cassady, which are a significant part of the history of the City of Burlington; and

Whereas, Kenneth David Heisler wishes to donate this Antique Furniture and Memorabilia to the City of Burlington to become historic property of the City of Burlington; and

Whereas, the City of Burlington wishes to accept the aforementioned generous donation from Kenneth Heisler; and

Whereas, the terms of said donation and acceptance of same are outlined in the attached agreement between the parties;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby accepts this donation from Kenneth David Heisler in accordance with the agreement; and

Be it further resolved that the Common Council hereby authorizes Mayor Barry Conaway and the Municipal Clerk to execute the agreement; and

Further resolved that on behalf of the citizens of the City of Burlington, the Common Council is most appreciative of the kind donation of antique furniture and memorabilia that represents the life and times of Dr. John B. Cassady, a resident, a physician, and a friend of the City of Burlington.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor. Absent: Babula, Lollar. (2)

Resolution No. 100-2016

Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby appoints Rev. Lonnie Gibbs III, 18 Dunbar Homes, Burlington, N.J. to the Housing Authority to fulfill the unexpired term of Keith Spencer who resigned in February 2016 with the term expiring 12/31/16.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Mercuri, the foregoing resolution was introduced.

On the question, Councilwoman Mercuri spoke in support of this resolution; Rev. Gibbs would be a great fit.

The resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Mr. Babula. (1).

Resolution No. 101-2016*

A resolution providing for a meeting not opened to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. N.J.S.A. 10:4-12: Therefore be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Burlington, assembled in public session on March 8, 2016, that an Executive Session Closed to the Public shall be held on March 8, 2016, in the Council Meeting Room, for discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated in this resolution:

- Contracts/Real Estate N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7) Burlington County Dept. of Corrections Youth Work Site Agreement
- Contracts/Real Estate N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7) McNeal Mansion & Vicinity Site Redevelopment
- Contracts/Real Estate N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7) U.S Pipe Site Redevelopment
- Contracts/Real Estate N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7) Waterworks Redevelopment

The nature of the discussion conducted in closed session and or the result thereof may be disclosed to the public in an open public meeting held in March of 2016 or shortly there after.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor. Absent: Babula, Lollar. (2)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Ballard gave the Clerk information regarding the St. Mary Street fire to be distributed to Council; Memorial Hall is moving along quickly and should be finishing within the week; the paving of the parking lot will take place later; American Legion expressed concern with a potential security issue.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Swan asked Mr. Ballard about W. Union Street by the Library, there is a dip in the road.

Councilwoman Lollar asked for an update on the repaving of Oakland Avenue.

Mr. Ballard said he will reach out to the Engineers.

Councilwoman Hatala spoke of St. Mary Street fire; asked about the fence, feels that the Street has been closed way too long.

President Woodard announced that the 2016 Budget hearing will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016 starting at 9am.

EXECUTIVE CONFERENCES

- Burlington County Dept. of Corrections Youth Work Site Agreement- Rick Carpenter, Burlington County Youth Services Division Manager
- McNeal Mansion & Vicinity Site Redevelopment - George Saponaro, Esq. & Brooks DiDonato, Esq.
- U.S Pipe Site Redevelopment - George Saponaro, Esq. & Brooks DiDonato, Esq.
- Waterworks Redevelopment - George Saponaro, Esq. & Brooks DiDonato, Esq.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Mercuri, this meeting of March 8, 2016 was adjourned.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk