

THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015, 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. Conaway, Mr. Ghaul, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Mr. Babula. (7) Absent: (0)

Also present: Municipal Attorney- George Saponaro, Administrator- David Ballard, Sgt. Fine.

The following notice of the meeting was sent:

There will be a Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Burlington held on April 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM, prevailing time at the City Hall Building, 525 High Street, Burlington, N.J. 08016.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

SALUTE TO FLAG

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Lollar, moved that all Consent Agenda items be approved. It was seconded by Councilwoman Woodard. All were in favor. Absent: Ms. Hatala. (1).

APPROVAL OF INVOICES*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor. Absent: Ms. Hatala. (1).

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS*

Resolution No. 96-2015

WHEREAS, Hugh Dougherty of Pennoni Associates, Inc. the City of Burlington Sewer Engineer, is continuing through the ongoing process of applying for FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program funding for the City of Burlington; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program objectives are to significantly reduce or permanently eliminate future risk to lives and property from natural hazards, and to provide funds to implement project in accordance with priorities identified in State, Tribal, or local hazard mitigation plans; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for digital contour maps of the City of Burlington in order for the City's Sewer Engineer to properly complete the FEMA application; and

WHEREAS, the County of Burlington does have the necessary contour maps; and

WHEREAS, the County of Burlington requires a shared services agreement be executed between the City of Burlington and the County of Burlington in order for them to provide the City Sewer Engineer with a copy of the contour maps.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be authorized to execute the attached Shared Services Agreement with the County of Burlington for the purposes of obtaining a copy of the digital contour maps of the City of Burlington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to provide copies of this resolution and the executed agreement to all necessary parties in order to obtain a copy of said contour maps for the City of Burlington.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Conaway, Mr. Ghaul, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Mr. Babula. (6) NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Ms. Hatala. (1).

Resolution No. 97-2015

Whereas, the Burlington County Freeholders have authorized an emergency pavement repair contract with R.D. Zeuli, Inc. and

Whereas, as part of this agreement and the underlying bidding process, the County requested Zeuli to provide a price based on the fact that municipalities would be able to utilize the successful bidders services for such work; and

Whereas, the City of Burlington is interested in further pursuing emergency pavement repair through this bid awarded to R.D. Zeuli, Inc.; and

Whereas, the County of Burlington requires the approval and execution of a Shared Services Agreement for participation in this program;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Burlington does hereby authorize the execution of the attached Shared Services Agreement with the County of Burlington for the purposes of participating in the emergency pavement repair contract that has been publicly bid and awarded by the County of Burlington.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilwoman Lollar, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Conaway, Mr. Ghaul, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Mr. Babula. (7) NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0);

ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 98-2015

Whereas, the City of Burlington was founded in 1677 by William Penn's Quakers, 10 years before his subsequent founding of Philadelphia; and

Whereas, the City of Burlington served as the Capital of West Jersey and the Capital of Burlington County in the original Colony of New Jersey under George II; and

Whereas, the City of Burlington was Station A on the Underground Railroad and a center of movement for the Abolition of Slavery, and

Whereas, Benjamin Franklin, Elias Boudinot, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Capt. James Lawrence, James Fenimore Cooper, and many other great Americans resided or visited the City of Burlington; and

Whereas, the City of Burlington has served as the hub of Culture, Politics, Transportation, Industry, and Trade through every period of American History and continually maintains many sites and artifacts in its downtown Historical District and other areas; and

Whereas, the people of the City of Burlington recognize the vital importance of maintaining a clean city to honor and acknowledge our significant historic heritage; and

Whereas, Burlington Day is scheduled for the 16th day of the month of May and the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for the 25th day of May, and many residents and visitors are expected; and

Whereas, litter awareness is an important part of creating vibrant community spirit and pride.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington, N.J., hereby recommends that the month of May be named as "Keeping Streets and Parks Clean Month" and asks each person of our City to commit to picking up at least one piece of litter per day during the entire month of May.

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

On the question, Councilman Swan asked for an explanation.

Mr. Ballard said it is based on linear footage; can depend on the site; the more the better the price with the County because of the volume.

Councilman Conway asked about Engineering.

Mr. Ballard said that soft cost are different.

The resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Conaway, Mr. Ghaul, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Mr. Babula. (7) NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 99-2015*

WHEREAS, the parcels identified herein received a homestead benefit credit; and

WHEREAS, the properties are owned by totally disabled veterans and Tax Exempt under N.J.S.A. 54:4-3:30; and

WHEREAS, an overpayment of the 2015 taxes has occurred;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Burlington authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check for 2015 taxes to the following:

| <u>BLOCK</u> | <u>LOT</u> | <u>PROPERTY OWNER MAILING ADDRESS</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|--|---------------|
| 16 (316 Talbot St) | 27 | Saybe, Arthur W 316 Talbot St Burlington, NJ 08016 | \$ 178.87 |
| 150 (306 Jones Ave) | 4 | King, Vernis 306 Jones Ave Burlington, NJ 08016 | \$ 201.13 |
| 176 (32 E Fourth St) | 4.01 | Wilkins, Peter C 32 E Fourth St Burlington, NJ 08016 | \$ 286.94 |
| 221.04 (29 Fawn Hollow Rd) | 3 | Coffey, Charles E 29 Fawn Hollow Rd Burlington, NJ 08016 | \$ 312.15 |

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor. Absent: Ms. Hatala. (1).

Resolution No. 100-2015*

WHEREAS, the parcel identified herein received a homestead benefit credit; and

WHEREAS, the property has been sold and an overpayment of the portion of the 2015 taxes by the previous owner has occurred due to the homestead benefit credit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Burlington authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a check for overpayment of 2015 taxes to the following:

| <u>BLOCK</u> | <u>LOT</u> | <u>PROPERTY OWNER (Previous)</u> <u>MAILING ADDRESS</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------|------------|---|---------------|
| 105 | 3 | The Estate of Dorothy Crammer c/o Nancy L Reeves 1104 High St Burlington, NJ 08016 | \$ 301.63 |

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor. Absent: Ms. Hatala. (1).

Resolution No. 101-2015*

Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to issue a Mercantile License to Brian K. Minker, 201 Fleetwood Avenue, Mt. Laurel, N.J. and George F. Davis, IV, 103 W. Linwood Avenue, Mapleshade, N.J., to operate a business at 102 W. Broad Street t/a "Burlington Computers."

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor. Absent: Ms. Hatala. (1).

Resolution No. 102-2015*

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 April 21, 2015, that an Executive Session Closed to the Public shall be held on April 21, 2015, in the Council Meeting Room, for discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated in this resolution:

- Real Estate N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7) U.S. Pipe Site (Block 226, Lot 1)

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 April of 2015 or shortly there after.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor. Absent: Ms. Hatala. (1).

Resolution No. 103-2015*

Common Council of the City of Burlington, hereby authorizes the Burlington County Highway Department - Division of Mosquito Control to perform aerial applications of larvicides and insecticides for mosquito control over City of Burlington during the year 2015.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor. Absent: Ms. Hatala. (1).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Danny Kiple, 843 Woodland Avenue- asked for a copy of the master list of roads for repair; asked when construction will begin on Pearl Pointe; asked when the construction of the roundabout will begin; asked when is public hearing for green acres mitigation.

Ellen Boehm, 17 W. Broad Street- spoke of concerns with potholes; supported picking up one piece of trash per day; suggested the City fill one pothole per day; stated that there is no walking friendly

area to the train station in Commerce Square; there are no crosswalks; spoke of especially at 5 o'clock when Canon employees are leaving.

Lisa Schiller, 525 High Street- spoke of Project Graduation; asked for donations and volunteers.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Ballard spoke of a letter from NJDOT, the City received \$196,000 grant for Oakland and Laumaster Street; Brown Street is in the design phase; the roundabout has started; the City Engineers took bids in for ADA ramps; hopes that the ramp and Memorial Hall would be completed by December 31, 2015.

Mr. Saponaro gave an update on Pearl Pointe; estimated construction to begin between July and September.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Ghaul asked Administration to send a letter to Light Rail regarding the concerns of the residents; also to copy the State Assemblymen.

Councilman Swan advised Administration that the Light Rail gate at the bridge is not cooperating; the residents of Wood Street are complaining of a pothole on Smith's Lane.

Mr. Ballard spoke of the area by the bridge being 15 miles per hour; spoke of traffic causing cracks in homes on W. Broad Street; those residents are able to put in claims.

Councilman Swan spoke of a sign at Kennedy Park about trees being pulled out of the dyke; spoke of the placement of the sign, it's not easy to read, needs to be redirected.

Ms. Crivaro spoke of the advertisement in the newspapers placed by the Engineers.

Councilman Swan suggested a better plan for the foot traffic at Commerce Square by the Light Rail area.

Councilwoman Hatala spoke of Juniors Cheesecakes coming to Burlington.

Mr. Ballard spoke of \$315,000 in grants from the County; spoke of the New York Times having an article about Juniors moving to the City of Burlington.

CONFERENCES

- Shop Burlington County First - Dave Wyche, County Shared Services Coordinator

EXECUTIVE CONFERENCES

- U.S. Pipe Site (Block 226, Lot 1) - George Saponaro, Esq. & J. Brooks DiDonato, Esq.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Councilman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Swan, this meeting of April 21,

2015 was adjourned.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk