

THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012, 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. Babula, Mr. Conaway, Mr. Ghaul, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Ms. Mercuri, Ms. Woodard. (7) Absent: (0)

Also present: Mayor Fazzone, Municipal Attorney- Sitzler, Chief Financial Officer- Ken Mac Millan, Director of Housing- David Ballard, Lt. Snow.

The following notice of the meeting was sent:

There will be a Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Burlington held on January 17, 2012 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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Hatala, moved that all Consent Agenda items be approved. It was seconded by Councilwoman Woodard. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS*

Resolution No. 35-2012- TABLED 01/03/12

Common Council of the City of Burlington, hereby designates the Burlington County Times, as the official newspaper and the Trenton Times as the secondary newspaper, for the year 2012.

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

On the question, Councilman Ghaul thanked the Solicitor for checking into this situation.

Councilwoman Woodard stated that this was the only newspaper circulated throughout the County.

President Lollar spoke in opposition of the City residents having to buy another newspaper, if not the Burlington County Times.

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

Resolution No. 50-2012*

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 January 17, 2012, that an Executive Session Closed to the Public shall be held on January 17, 2012, in the Council Meeting Room, for discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated in this resolution:

Personnel N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)

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 January of 2012 or shortly there after.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 51-2012

A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF BURLINGTON APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE SELECTION OF POSITIONS WITHIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION §2-42

WHEREAS, the term of office for current Chief, Deputy Chief and two (2) Battalion Chiefs of the City of Burlington Fire Department expired on December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS the Section Committee must consist of: two (2) former chiefs of the City of Burlington Fire Department; one (1) Chief Officer from another Fire Department; one (1) Civilian with management experience; and one (1) member of Common Council; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that the following persons are hereby appointed to the Selection Committee for the selection of a new Chief, Deputy Chief and two (2) Battalion Chiefs for the City of Burlington Fire Department for the year 2012:

Howard Wilkins and Lee Daneker as former Burlington City Fire Department chiefs; and

Al Dejardins, Chief of the Beverly City Fire Department as an outside fire chief; and

Rick Iovine as the civil member; and

Council Member Ila Marie Lollar

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resumes shall be submitted to the Municipal Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 pm, January 31, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 5 copies of the results shall be submitted to the Municipal Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 pm, February 14, 2012.

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

Resolution No. 52-2012

Common Council of the City of Burlington, hereby consents to to the following appointments by the Mayor to the City of Burlington Historic Preservation Commission:

Ivan Pawlenko, as a Class "B" Member, for a 4-year term 01/01/12 to 12/31/15

Doris C. Johnston, Alternate #2, for a 2-year term 01/01/12 to 12/31/13

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

Resolution No. 53-2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO F&P CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LAWRENCE STREET PROJECT FROM EAST FEDERAL STREET TO WALL STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington did apply for and did receive a NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SMALL CITIES PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT #11-0363-00 in the amount of \$492,534.00 for the RECONSTRUCTION OF LAWRENCE STREET PROJECT FROM

EAST FEDERAL STREET TO WALL STREET; and

WHEREAS, Bids were received on November 16, 2011 for said project; and

WHEREAS, F&P Contractors, Inc, has submitted the lowest acceptable bid, in the amount of \$347,795.00, and the City's Sewer Engineer, Hugh Dougherty of Pennoni Associates, Inc. has reviewed the qualifications of the bidder and finds them to be in order; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has determined, as per their letter of January 3, 2012, that F&P Contractors, Inc. and their subcontractors are approved for award of this bid; and

WHEREAS, the City Sewer Engineer recommends, as per their letter dated January 4, 2012, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington award a contract to F&P Contractors, Inc., the lowest acceptable bidder, of 659 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, NJ 08879;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with F&P Contractors, Inc. for the RECONSTRUCTION OF LAWRENCE STREET PROJECT FROM EAST FEDERAL STREET TO WALL STREET in an amount of \$347,795.00.

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

On the question, Mr. MacMillan gave an explanation of this Resolution.

Councilman Conaway asked that the contractor give consideration to residents of the City of Burlington to be hired for jobs on this project.

Mayor Fazzone suggested that there is memo coming from the Redevelopment Attorney to encourage this.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joan Addiego, 3 Hale Road- asked for the status of the repaving of James Street.

Mr. Ballard explained that the grant application has been made to the State, the City has not heard back.

Beverly Jones, 2 Mitchell Court- complained about trucks on Mitchell Avenue; asked to have them rerouted.

Councilman Ghaul suggested that the trucks are for water recycling; it is an agreement that the City has with the County; the City gets money.

President Lollar asked Mr. Ballard to look into this possibly rerouting the trucks.

Sammy Cohen, 180 Riverbank- spoke of a burglary in her neighborhood; spoke in favor of using the Burlington County Times as the City's Official Newspaper; spoke of the proposed Precious Metals Ordinance; asked if there is a match for the Lawrence Street Project; spoke of mobile food vendors; spoke of signs on the side of the Roger Wilco Building.

Mr. MacMillan stated he would follow up on Ms. Cohen's question regarding a match for the Lawrence Street Project grant.

CONFERENCE

Property Assessment Update- Diane Hesley, Tax Assessor & Justin Vining

Relocation of Polling Places- Cindy Crivaro, RMC

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Mercuri asked about the status of the glass at the old Freedman Shop; don't want to see it boarded up.

Mr. Ballard stated that the board up is done by code; it can only be changed if the City wants to

pay for the repairs.

Councilwoman Woodard asked about the status of issues with vacant lots that the Administration was working on previously; spoke of the need to move forward; spoke of the City's website, it was down again; it needs to be more user friendly; suggested offering an option to the residents to pay bills on-line; propose a committee to be formed of Council Members to look at Council having their Redevelopment Counsel, as the City's Redevelopment Authority; suggested to look at the Pay to Play Law.

Mayor Fazzone spoke of the website issues, recommendations will be coming shortly.

EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE

Personnel N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Mercuri, seconded by Councilwoman , this meeting of January 17, 2012 was adjourned.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC

Municipal Clerk