

THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2008, 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 the left after exiting the Council Chamber and the other being the entrance to the building.

Members present: President Ghaul, Mr. Babula, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Van Loan, Ms. Woodard. (7) Absent: (0)

Also present: Business Administrator- Eric Berry, Municipal Attorney- Andrew Bayer.

The following notice of the meeting was sent:

There will be a Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Burlington held on July 1, 2008 at 7:00 PM, prevailing time at the City Hall Building, 525 High Street, Burlington, N.J. 08016.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

INVOCATION

Rev. Hilda Covington of Wayside Ministries

SALUTE TO FLAG

Jason, Colby & Lena Elasear

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Worth, 460 Locust Avenue- disappointed that Mayor is not present at the Council Meeting; spoke of replacing the Administrator with four new engineers; two people took the place of one Director of Recreation; spoke of the power of the Mayor and the power of the Council; spoke of Council rejecting the transfer of a liquor license at the last meeting; spoke of no fire lane and the installation of a new delivery door at the liquor store; spoke of beauty parlors and the amount of liquor stores.

Nancy Measey-Kurts, 220 E. Union Street- on behalf of Main Street, invited everyone to attend the Red, White and Burlington 2008 event and urged everyone to make a donation if not able to attend; asked for a tennis court in the City; spoke of the youth using the courts at the High School.

Lovie Smith, 218 E. Pearl Street- spoke of boats and trucks on E. Pearl Blvd.; suggested the local ordinance states they should travel through Jones Street; complained of poison ivy growing on the old water works tower; weeds growing out of the tower; the grass is cut beautiful; spoke of high grass in the neighborhood.

Sammy Cohen, 180 Riverbank- spoke as a member of the Rohm & Haas Citizen Advisory Committee; announced that the Library Company has received a \$5,000 grant.

Theresa Branham, 106 Stacy Court- stated that City of Burlington was listed as the Best of Burlington County; read from a list of businesses recognized; spoke of the need for grass cutting in the City.

Richard Edge, 311 E. Union Street- spoke of the need to resolve an issue with an unmarked parking space on E. Union Street; provided solutions. (see attached)

President Ghaul stated that this Council will look into this situation.

Adrianna Powell, 202 Jones Avenue- spoke of the children in the neighborhood.

Harry Heck, 116 E. Union Street- spoke of the Housing Code proposed changes on the Conference Agenda; stated there is a fire lane on the side of the old Save-A-Lot building; provided pictures; spoke of comments made during the discussion regarding the transfer of a liquor license to RW Burlington; spoke of the lack of health, safety and welfare issues; feels Council should revoke.

Karen Dunn, 121 E. Union Street- expressed concerns of disappointment of Council denying the liquor license transfer to RW Burlington at the last meeting; spoke of proposed changes to the Housing Code ordinance; spoke against landlords.

Tom Dunnigan, 134 E. Union Street- spoke of a rental property on his street; spoke of deteriorated and boarded properties in the City; encouraged Council to take action on the landlords.

Ron Garwood, 222 Wood Street- spoke of a property across the street from his home that is run by Drenk; encouraged Council to take action against the landlords.

Claudine Conaway, 110 Jones Street- spoke in opposition of landlords; spoke in favor of the trees and flowers planted on E. Federal Street; spoke in favor of the pole cameras; spoke of the Mayor not attending Council Meetings, does not expect him to attend during the summer, he has a small child.

Frank Caruso, 334 E. Union Street- asked if the public will have an opportunity to speak during the conference on the Housing Code.

Mary McCann, 332 E. Union Street- suggested a list of changes to the Housing Code ordinance; spoke of the noise ordinance; suggested making the landlords responsible.

Phyllis Freifelder, 313 E. Union Street- spoke in favor of the neighborhood meeting last week; spoke of the Housing Code Conference; spoke of party houses in the City; disappointed that the Mayor is not present.

Barbara Murphy, 318 E. Union Street- spoke of issues of rental properties; suggested making the landlords pay fines.

Herman Costello, 338 E. Union Street- spoke of a house on E. Union Street that was turned into apartments; spoke of inspections before change in ownership or tenants; spoke of the increase in rental signs throughout the City.

Joe Mazur, 703 Route 130 North- spoke of the conditions of the Save-A-Lot store property; spoke of traffic in and out of the property; commended Council for denying the liquor license transfer to RW Burlington; spoke of construction being done by the applicants without permits.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR JUNE 2008

NOTICES, AGENDAS, MINUTES, REPORTS, ETC. RECEIVED

Reports from various departments received:

Monies collected by the Municipal Clerk's Office for the month of May 2008. \$ 17,439.90

AGENDAS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS BOARDS

- 06-01 Board of Education, dated June 9, 2008
- 06-02 Land Use Board, dated May 28, 2008
- 06-03 Screening Board Members and Applicants, dated June 5, 2008
- 06-04 Board of Education, dated June 20, 2008
- 06-05 Land Use Board, dated June 25, 2008

MINUTES RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS BOARDS

- 06-10 Land Use Board, dated April 23, 2008
- 06-11 Board of Education, dated April 21, 2008 - Reorganization
- 06-12 Board of Education, dated April 28, 2008

- 06-13 Historic Preservation Commission, dated May 7, 2008
- 06-14 Historic Preservation Commission, dated April 2, 2008
- 06-15 Board of Education- Special Meeting, dated May 27, 2008
- 06-16 Board of Education, dated May 12, 2008

CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM WITHIN THE CITY AND CITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- 06-100 Summer Concert List
- 06-101 Mayor's Reading Club, at Library 23 W. Union
- 06-102 Main Street Burlington Events, Art Walk on High Light up the Night Concert, Burlington Bike Night
- 06-103 City of Burlington 2008 Summer Recreation Program
- 06-104 Library Company of Burlington, Catch the Reading Bug
- 06-105 Board of Education - Sunshine notice
- 06-106 The Fabulous Grease Band, Friday August 8th 2008
- 06-107 Historic Yorkshire News- dated June 2008
- 06-108 E-mail from Chief John Lazzarotti, dated June 11th 2008 -possible domestic
- 06-109 Main Street, Thank You from, Mathis Forney, Main Street Executive Director
- 06-110 Memo from Ronald W. Devlin, Fire Chief -Leave of absence-rescinded
- 06-111 City of Burlington, Board of Education Sunshine Notice, July 1, 2008
- 06-112 City of Burlington, Board of Education Sunshine Notice, July 8th 2008
- 06-113 Main Street, Library Company of Burlington 250th Birthday Celebration
- 06-114 Main Street, Burlington letter from Mathis Forney, thanks to Ms Judy Engine
- 06-115 Notice to resident of Ward 1, Corson Poley Council gathering
- 06-116 Press Release from Ronald Devlin, Fire Chief ref: Passing of Joseph Arnao-Fire Chief 1967
- 06-117 Full Report of Municipal Court - 2007 - Holman and Frenia, P.C.

CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

- 06-200 Alaimo Group, dated June 2, 2008 RE: Engineer's Status Report

COMMUNICATION TO AND FROM MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

- 06-300 Letter dated June 17th 2008 from Alaimo Group, ref: Pearl Blvd resurfacing

CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM BURLINGTON COUNTY

- 06-501 Burlington County Chamber of Commerce, United Way Day of Caring
- 06-502 Burlington County Chamber of Commerce, dated June 25th - The Voice of Business
- 06-503 Annual New Member Business Card Exchange -Chamber of Commerce
- 06-504 Board of Chosen Freeholders, dated May 23, 2008 Re: Change of Department Heads
- 06-505 Burlington County Chamber of Commerce, The voice of Business
- 06-506 Burlington County Chamber of Commerce, summer schedule
- 06-507 Burlington County Health Dept, flyer "Is your Organization prepared for a Public Health Emergency" ?

CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- 06-600 NJLM League Alert dated June 2, 2008
- 06-601 NJLM League Alert dated June 4, 2008
- 06-602 NJLM League Alert dated May 29th 2008
- 06-603 NJLM League Alert dated June 6th 2008
- 06-604 NJLM League Alert dated June 9th 2008
- 06-605 NJLM League Alert dated June 10th 2008
- 06-606 NJLM League Alert dated June 18th 2008
- 06-607 NJLM League Alert dated June 16th 2008
- 06-608 NJLM League Alert dated June 13th 2008
- 06-609 NJLM League Alert dated June 11th 2008
- 06-610 NJLM Legislative Viewpoint
- 06-611 NJLM dated June 4th 2008 Re: Federal Election Resource
- 06-612 NJLM dated June 8th 2008 Re: Security Bonds on Landlords
- 06-613 NJLM League Alert dated June 20th 2008
- 06-614 NJLM League Alert dated June 23, 2008
- 06-615 NJLM League Alert, dated June 19th 2008
- 06-616 NJLM League Alert, dated June 24, 2008
- 06-617 NJLM dated June 17th 2008 Re: Several Developments
- 06-618 NJLM dated June 16th 2008 Re: 11th Annual Elected Officials Hall Of Fame
- 06-619 NJLM dated June 25th 2008 Re: Pension reforms dated June 25th 2008

CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

- 06-700 State of New Jersey, COAH's Revised Third Round Rules
- 06-701 State of New Jersey dated June 2008, ref: Open Space Referendum
- 06-702 State of New Jersey dated June 16th 2008, Coah's revised round rules
- 06-703 State of New Jersey dated June 20th 2008 ref: KCSNJ
- 06-704 State of New Jersey dated June 20th 2008, Re: Auerbach Chevrolet Corp
- 06-705 E-mail from egg@dca.state.nj.us to municipal clerks, to inform elected officials ref: FEMA

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

- 06-800 Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfefer, Bonchi and Grill dated Jun 16th 2008
Re: In Rem Foreclosure/file o 50053-4
- 06-801 Letter from Rusy and Donna Caruso dated June 10th 2008, parking problems on Locust
- 06-802 Information from Raunas Patheja (pocket liq. License) to give to Mayor and Council
- 06-803 Letter dated June 4th 2008 from Jennifer Xiques, boat ramp
- 06-804 Letter dated May 30th 2008, City of Burlington Minor Subdivision
- 06-805 Environmental Resolutions Inc dated June 10th 2008 Re: Seventh Street Tank Project
- 06-806 Environmental Resolution Inc dated June 10th 2008 Re: Combined Outfall Rehabilitation Project
- 06-807 Louis A. Calaguori, The Pellet House letter dated June 11th 2008 , ref: Burlington County Historical Society
- 06-808 TC Newsletter No 82
- 06-809 Resolution 2008-12 from Maureen Horton, RMC Municipal Clerk of Lumberton NJ

06-810 PSEG letter dated June 23, 2008, ref: in the matter of the petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company offering a Carbon Abatement Program

APPROVAL OF INVOICES*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE(S)- INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, AMENDING GENERAL REVISED ORDINANCE SECTION 2.84.080 SETTING FORTH TITLES AND SALARY RANGES FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, AMENDING RELEVANT SECTIONS OF TITLE 13 (“PUBLIC WORKS”), CHAPTER 13.16 (“WATER SERVICE”), OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON WAIVING WATER SERVICES CHARGES FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING HOUSING TO LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

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

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS*

Resolution No. 178-2008*

Common Council of the City of Burlington, hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to issue a Mercantile License to Michael Montagano, 12 Sheffield Drive, Moorestown, N.J. to operate a business at 609 Route 130 South, t/a “Mike Montagano, Inc.”

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 179-2008

RESOLUTION TO AMEND ADOPTED BUDGET FOR "SMOOTH OPERATOR" GRANT FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington received a **Smooth Operator Grant** in the amount of \$6,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety;

SECTION 1

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Burlington hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2008 in the sum of \$6,000.00 as follows which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

Smooth Operator Grant \$ 6,000.00

SECTION 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 6,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations Operations-Excluded from "CAP"
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Smooth Operator Grant \$ 6,000.00

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

Resolution No. 180-2008

Resolution Requesting Approval of Director of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedication by Rider for Self-Insurance Trust Pursuant to NJS 40A:10-1 et seq.

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a county or municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:10-1 et seq. allows municipalities to receive amounts for costs incurred for their Self-Insurance Program, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures or moneys by dedication by rider; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is a member of a Joint Insurance Fund and maintains a trust account to provide for the payment of claims under its self insured retention; and

WHEREAS, the City auditors suggested that the City obtain approval from the Division of Local Government Services for this trust account since they could not locate approval of a dedication by rider for this purpose although it has been in effect since the 1980's;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Burlington
As follows:

1. The City of Burlington does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures for the City's Self-Insurance Program as per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39.
2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

Resolution No. 181-2008

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2007 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all member of the governing body have reviewed, at a

minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Findings and Questioned Costs” or “Findings and Recommendations”; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed at a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled; “Findings and Questioned Costs” or “Findings and Recommendations”, as evidence by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to with:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his/her office."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City to Burlington hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Lollar, seconded by Councilwoman Hatala, the foregoing resolution was

On the question, Councilwoman Hatala commended the CFO and the all of the City Departments on a good job for a favorable report.

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

Resolution No. 182-2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AND THE AFL-CIO COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA LOCAL 1034 FOR BURLINGTON CITY PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC

CONTROL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011

WHEREAS, there exists a certain collective bargaining relationship between the City of Burlington, New Jersey and the Communication Workers of America AFL-CIO Local 1034 for the Burlington City Pedestrian Traffic Control Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington, New Jersey and the Communication Workers of America AFL-CIO Local 1034 for the Burlington City Pedestrian Traffic Control Officers Association, have negotiated and agreed to an agreement regarding a new contract for the term January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011 (hereinafter the "Pedestrian Traffic Control Officers Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the key modifications to the Pedestrian Traffic Control Officers contract include the following items, which items are set forth in general terms for informational purposes only:

1. Salary

Article XV.1. is a salary increase of 3.6% to those hired on or before March 22, 2004; the new hire rate each year of \$10.36 per hour with cumulative raised rate thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Burlington deem that it is in the best interests of the City of Burlington to authorize the acceptance of the Pedestrian Traffic Control Officers Contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby approves of the foregoing Collectively Bargained Agreement between the City of Burlington, New Jersey and the Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO as to Pedestrian Traffic Control Officers for the period January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2011; and
- 2) The Mayor, Municipal Clerk, and Municipal Attorney are hereby directed and authorized to undertake and perform such actions necessary to consummate the above modifications and to effect the terms and provisions thereof.

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

Resolution No. 183-2008

WHEREAS, the City Administrator after consulting with the City Engineer's office and Chief Finance Officer, has requested Common Council's consideration of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer was authorized to solicit sealed bids for the Resurfacing of Pearl Boulevard in the City of Burlington. The bid opening was held on June 17, 2008 at 10:00 AM in the Council Meeting Room; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator reviewed the submitted bid and recommends that the Common Council award the contract to the lowest qualified bidder, based on the bid and that firm

is American Asphalt Company, Inc., 116 Main Street, W. Collingswood Heights, NJ 08059; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council that 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 American Asphalt Company, Inc., 116 Main Street, W. Collingswood Heights, NJ 08059, in the total amount of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Four dollars and Fifty cents (\$126,994.50), said award being subject to the approval of N.J. DOT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all payment documents shall carry the identification code 08-029 for the Resurfacing of Pearl Boulevard and that the Municipal Clerk shall provide the Administrator with two (2) certified copies of this resolution.

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

On the question, Councilwoman Hatala asked that this be resolution be explained to the public.

Mr. Berry explained that this contract will cover the paving for the resurfacing of Pearl Boulevard; the prices have come down on the asphalt.

Councilwoman Hatala suggested that the funding came from the DOT.

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

Resolution No. 184-2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BURLINGTON COUNTY FOR COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED, by the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey to authorize an Agreement with Burlington County for cooperative participation in the HOME Investments Partnerships Program.

SECTION I. Certain federal funds are available to Burlington County under The Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended. Public Law 93-383, as amended; and

SECTION II. It is necessary to establish a legal basis for the County and its people to benefit from this Program; and

SECTION III. An Agreement has been proposed under which the City of Burlington and the County of Burlington in cooperation with the other municipalities will establish an Interlocal Services Program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8-1 et seq., and

SECTION IV. The Agreement entitled “Burlington County Consortium Agreement”, between the County of Burlington and certain municipalities located therein for the establishment of a cooperative means of conducting certain community development activities, is in the best interest of the City of Burlington. A copy of the Agreement is on file at the Municipal Clerk’s Office.

SECTION V. The City of Burlington shall enter into the Agreement with the County of Burlington mentioned with all supplements and agreements thereto. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Burlington and affix hereunto the Official Seal.

SECTION VI. All resolutions or parts of resolution which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed in the extent of their inconsistency.

SECTION VII. This Resolution shall take effect immediately after passage and publication as provided by law.

Upon the motion of Councilman Van Loan, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the foregoing resolution was introduced.

On the question, Councilwoman Lollar asked for an explanation of the program.

Mr. Jenkins explained that through the federal government, the County acts as the administrator of grants for non-profits and for profit for developers to provide affordable housing; spoke of subsidizing the costs for affordable housing; affordable housing is housing that costs between \$180,000 to \$200,000; spoke of providing for soft costs.

Mr. Bayer explained that this is for potential home owners who live and work in the community; certain criteria will need to be met to get the funding; it is designed for encouraging home ownership.

Councilman Babula spoke of homes in the New Yorkshire neighborhood that need to be taken down.

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

Resolution No. 185-2008*

Common Council of the City of Burlington, hereby approves Raffle Application RA807, for Main Street Burlington, N.J., Inc., event to be held on September 6, 2008, at Wood Street, Burlington, N.J., at 8:00 pm.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Woodard spoke of notes taken at the last neighborhood gathering; stated they were typed up and given to administration for review.

Mr. Berry stated that administration will meet with Council regarding these issues shortly.

President Ghaul announce that the Recreation Program has 134 children registered this year; we've had a great turn out.

Councilman Van Loan spoke of Resolution No. 184-2008; suggested this will help the New Yorkshire neighborhood.

Councilwoman Woodard spoke of Resolution No. 184-2008; spoke of hardworking residents in the City who can't afford closing costs, etc. to own a home; this money will help hard working people that want to work and who want to live in the City and own their homes vs. renting.

Councilwoman Hatala spoke of money available from the government for emergency management preparedness, the deadline is July 26th; spoke of seminars and new regulations for affordable housing; urged that someone from the City attend.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

The following conference items were discussed:

- Housing Code Proposed Changes

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Councilman Van Loan, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, this meeting was adjourned.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Douglas Ghaul, President
Common Council

