

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

November 9, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on November 9, 2005 at 8:18 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees stated that the meeting complied with the Sunshine law, adequate notice of this meeting having been made to all members of the Council by personal service on January 4, 2005 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2005.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba, Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilman Thomas E. Meli, Councilman Ronald F. Kistner, Councilman DiPisa, Councilman Andrew Link III

Absent: None

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Jones led in the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: In Reverend Glasser's absence, Mayor Jones asked Councilman DiPisa to say a prayer.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Borough of Teterboro Master Plan Revision Hearing on November 10, 2005
2. B.C. Health Services Status on 2005 Influenza Vaccine Distribution Plan
2. Invitation to National Air Disaster Alliance/Foundation Awards Dinner November 11, 2005 - Award Recipients to Include Councilwoman Carol Skiba and Hasbrouck Heights as members of the Coalition for Public Health and Safety
2. Invitation from Mayor's Celebrations Committee to Annual Tree Lighting on December 4, 2005
2. Thank You to Residents of Hasbrouck Heights from Doug Hague and Family for Hurricane Katrina Relief Assistance

Councilman DiPisa, made several comments regarding the flu vaccine program, namely that 128 flu shots have been given out thus far, and that more flu shots will be available in early December to residents over 65 years of age, or are high risk but under 65.

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

Councilman Meli read the thank you note from Doug Hague (who is a fireman from Pascagoula) and Family: "To the residents of Hasbrouck Heights, Thank you for your efforts toward our task of recovering from Hurricane Katrina. We lost all of our possessions on the ground floor and may have to tear down what is left standing of our house. We only had flood insurance on the amount of our loan because our house is over 80 years old and had never had any water prior to Katrina! My wife was laid off from her job due to the storm so we had a great need for the dollars ya'll sent. Thank you again for your generosity."

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to accept the Communications. A motion was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (September 27, 2005 Regular Meeting)

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,528,572.74 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, having been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy, be paid and that warrants be issued therefor.

Signed Andrew Link III
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS: 175. Payroll

2. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

2. Renewal of Bond Anticipation Note

2. Bus Stop Relocation on Boulevard

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

2. Supporting the *You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Year End Crackdown*
2. Authorizing Banner for "*Buy a Ribbon - Feed the Hungry*"

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolutions were approved (Copies attached).

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: John Phelan from Fire Department Engine Company Two

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted with regret.

ORDINANCE (S) ON INTRODUCTION TO BE HELD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION IN WORK SESSION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2108: Sidewalk Maintenance

This ordinance was held for further discussion in the Work Session.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2109:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: "**AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 181-5 ENTITLED "LICENSE FEE" OF CHAPTER 181 ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLE SALES, LICENSING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO REQUIRE THAN ANY FEES PAYABLE THEREUNDER BE IN THE FORM OF CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY**" was introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on November 22, 2005.

ORDINANCE NO. 2110:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: "**AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 133-21A ENTITLED "FEES UNDER CHAPTER 181, LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES" OF CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED "FEES" OF THE CODE OF**

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTIONS (cont'd):

THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ANY FEES PAYABLE THEREUNDER BE IN THE FORM OF CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY" was introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on November 22, 2005.

ORDINANCE NO. 2095:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SCHEDULE 2 ENTITLED 'AREA, BULK AND YARD REQUIREMENTS FOR PRINCIPAL USES' OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE IN THE COLUMN DESIGNATED "MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO (PERCENT)" THE LIMITATION OF 55% AS TO ONE-FAMILY AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS IN THE R-1, R-2, R-3 AND R-4 ZONES AND A FOOTNOTE REFERENCE TO THE DEFINITION OF THE FLOOR AREA TO BE APPLIED IN SUCH LIMITATION"** was introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on November 22, 2005.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Introduction were approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2105 was continued until further discussion with the Borough Engineer in Work Session.

There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2105:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$600,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT, A POCKET PARK, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS UPON LOTS 20.01, 20.02 AND 22 IN BLOCK 47 BEING PREMISES ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION FORMED BY CENTRAL AVENUE AND THE**

BOULEVARD TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS OF A PORTION OF CENTRAL AVENUE IN RELATION THERETO, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF A GRANT FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND IN THE SUM OF \$54,000.00 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF A FURTHER PORTION OF

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ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

THE COST THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$516,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW” was continued on public hearing.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Councilman DiPisa referred to a Boulevard in Bloom Program Booklet which had been distributed to the council members and invited Ann Lustberg, of the Garden Club, to explain further.

Councilman Meli, as liaison of the Chamber of Commerce, had heard this presentation when the Garden Club presented it to the Chamber. He noted that private funding was to be provided by the businesses on the Boulevard.

Ann Lustberg, Oldfield Avenue, speaking for the Garden Club which comprises 20 members who were interested in being a collaborative part of the Boulevard Beautification. She explained that they had researched other communities and consulted with David Lustberg, a landscaper, and explained that the booklet provided their proposal with pictures showing ways to improve the pedestrian environment. She was requesting affirmation from the Mayor and Council, which they received. Councilman Meli gave a short history of changes in ordinances and programs to increase awareness of the Boulevard. Four businesses have stepped forward to finance the initial phase. This program will be started at the north end of the Boulevard.

Chris Semencz, 415 Jefferson Avenue, questioned Councilman Introna about the Wood-Ridge project and if he had looked into as said. Councilman Introna said he will speak to the Administrator. He also questioned a zoning issue on his block, which came under the councilman's commissionership, and if he or the council had any answers. He was advised that answers were presented to him. Semencz, again questioned original plans, and was advised that these were lost and not available. He also noted that contractors were working on this home. The borough clerk was asked to alert the building inspector to have a meeting with Semencz and the interested party, to which he noted he was the interested party. Regarding the Wood-Ridge project he was advised that the Planning Board Attorney is representing the Borough. He referred to a water main break at 10 Terrace Avenue and Lt. Joseph Cronin said this had been reported to United Water NJ a month ago.

Mario Sasso, 205 Lawrence Avenue, speaking on behalf of his parents, referring to the resolution regarding the bus stop, that as it now stands it is in the middle of the block, and blocks his parents' driveway. He questioned where will snow be placed and if people trip or fall. A copy of the resolution was provided to him. The exact location of the bus stop would be investigated. He questioned if there would be a bus shelter and was told it was not an option as yet.

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RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Jones announced that the meeting would be recessed for Work Session, to which he invited all present to stay.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

I, ROSE MARIE SEES, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are to the best of my knowledge a true account of the Mayor and Council Meeting held on November 9, 2005.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk