

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

August 9, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on August 9, 2005 at 8:13 (ar p.m. at the new Municipal Building, 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 Justin A. DiPisa (arrived at 8:20 p.m.), 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: The Invocation was given by Rev. George Yoder, Pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

PRESENTATIONS:

Certificates of Achievement were presented to Track Team Award Recipients Vinnie Gareffa and Chris Onorato by Mayor Jones and Councilman Kistner, with Recreation Director Rob Brady assisting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Thank You Note from Quigg Scholarship Recipient Ryan Zahn
- 2) Letter from New Jersey League of Municipalities that Appellate Division upholds use of eminent domain to acquire open space
- 2) Letter from Susan Baer, General Manager Port Authority advising that Teterboro Airport fire truck to be donated to Hasbrouck Heights
- 2) Thank you from Jess Obiedzinski for support of ACR 169 and ACR

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

- 2) Letter from County Executive Dennis McNerney awarding \$67,493 from 2004 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund

Mayor Jones asked if anyone wished to have item read into the record. There being none, he asked for a motion to accept the Communications. A motion was made by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (May 10, 2005 Work Session and Closed Session, June 14, 2005 Work Session and Closed Session, June 28, 2005 Regular Meeting)

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

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,834,814.50 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 Introna, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS: 133. Amendment to 2005 Budget

Councilman Link read a prepared budget message as follows:

“The original 2005 municipal budget was introduced on March 8, and in light of the tax increase as proposed of 10.3 points we applied for Extraordinary aid in the amount of \$600,000 to offset the increase. We recently received word that the Borough would receive \$150,000 under this program.

“While waiting for the award of funding under this aid package the budget committee continued to meet in an effort to make further adjustments that would reduce the tax
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RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

increase as introduced. These meetings resulted in an additional \$326,219 reduction in the amount to be raised by taxes.

“The combination of increased revenues in the amount of \$365,000, and budget cuts in the amount of \$111,219.13, has resulted in an Amount to be Raised by Taxes for the Local Budget of \$10,326,311.87. This is \$476,219 less than the Amount to be Raised by Taxes for the Local Budget s introduced in March. We have been able to cut 5.5 tax points off of the budget as introduced.

“Based on the budget amendment being adopted tonight the average house assessed at \$195,000 would pay \$2,299.05 in Local Taxes in 2005 as compared to \$2,205.45 last year, this represent an increae of \$93.60 in Local Taxes. The total tax bill cannot be determined until the Tax Board certifies the total rate. The budget will be transmitted to the Division of Local Government Services for approval and certification. We anticipate that tax bills will be printed and mailed within the next few weeks.”

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public on the Amendment to the 2005 budget.

Michael Maginley, 110 Jefferson Avenue, requested clarification on the local budget increase, if this did not include the school budget, which he was told it wasn't. He requested an estimate, and CFO Michael Kronyak estimated 15 points including county and school taxes.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (Copy attached).

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

- 134. Payroll
- 135. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
- 136. Authorizing Award of Contract for Acquisition of One New Front End Loader

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

APPOINTMENTS: Patrick Hayes to Department of Public Works Effective July 18, 2005

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

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RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE (S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance Nos. 2097, 2099, 2100 and 2101. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2097:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING PARAGRAPH B ENTITLED “PROJECTS INTO REQUIRED YARDS; GENERAL EXCEPTIONS” OF CHAPTER §275-16 ENTITLED “YARD REGULATIONS” OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” AND AMENDING PARAGRAPH F ENTITLED “NOISE” OF §275-36 ENTITLED “PERFORMANCE STANDARDS” OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS IN RESPECT TO THE INSTALLATION OF CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING UNITS, HEAT PUMP UNITS AND OTHER SUCH HVAC EQUIPMENT WHICH SERVE ONE OR TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS IN CERTAIN YARDS UNDER CERTAIN LIMITED CONDITIONS”** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

ORDINANCE NO. 2099:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF ARTICLE VIII ENTITLED “NONCONFORMING USES, STRUCTURES AND LOTS” OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS”** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

ORDINANCE NO. 2100:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-25e REESTABLISHING A ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP AND POWERS, AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING AND REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK**

HEIGHTS IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH, AND REQUESTING THAT THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF BERGEN PLACE UPON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT

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

GENERAL ELECTION A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC QUESTION TO DETERMINE THE SENTIMENT OF THE VOTERS AS TO WHETHER THE RECONSTITUTION OF SUCH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT SHALL BE PERMITTED” be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

ORDINANCE NO. 2101:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR BILLBOARDS AS A CONDITIONAL USE ONLY AFTER APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING BOARD, ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CERTAIN LIMITED CONDITIONS AND ONLY IN CERTAIN LIMITED AREAS OF THE B-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL ZONE”** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Public Hearing were approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC: None

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 8:37 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 August 9, 2005.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk