

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

May 8, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on May 8, 2007 at 8:09 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 2, 2007 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2007.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba, Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano, Councilman Anthony DiNanno, Councilman Stephen Altobelli

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: A prayer was offered by Deacon Vincent DeFedele, Corpus Christi R.C. Church

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Invitation to Mayor and Council to Attend Grand Opening of Garden State Physical Therapy on May 19, 2007 at 12 noon

Mayor Jones added two cards from Second Grade students Jacqueline Hackent and Tiana Toledo thanking him for his help in planting flowers.

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communications were accepted.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (February 13, 2007 Work Session, February 13, 2007 Executive Session, February 27, 2007 Regular Meeting, March 19, 2007 Special Meeting, April 10, 2007 Regular Meeting, April 24, 2007 Regular Meeting, April 24, 2007 Executive Session)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Introna, with Councilwoman Skiba voting Nay on the February 13 Executive Session, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,508,117.21 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 Leonard Introna
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS: 75. Payroll

76. Dog Licenses - Payment
of Fees to State

76. Award of Bid for
Construction of Parking Area for Municipal Complex

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

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: None

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones invited anyone wishing to speak, to please come forward.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Maria Castro, Pam Chisholm, Christina Adamo, Eric Muzone, Yung Su Kwan, Ira Klein, Robert Mastroiano, Chrissie Pereira, Carter Moore, all of 101 Terrace Avenue, and Alex Robinson and Ira Klein of 150 Terrace were present to request overnight street parking as their apartment buildings did not provide parking and with the sale of the American Legion who had provided parking for them, they all expressed hardship. They were advised that the Zoning Committee was looking into a parking program in private lots.

Robin Zavian of 207 Lawrence Avenue suggested they be allowed to park on streets for now. She had also brought forth concerns she had with an apartment building in her neighborhood and some other issues.

Anthony Bernice of Passaic Avenue said he was compassionate to the renters, but asked that the ordinance not be changed.

Theresa Call, 231 Paterson Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for doing a great job in picking up debris from flooded basements after the recent Nor'easter.

Sharon DeMarco, 71 Ottawa Avenue, stated that after the recent storm, this was the fifth time she experienced sewage in her basement and had called 9-1-1 and the DPW (who she alleged had spoken to her rudely) and the only person to respond was Councilwoman Saccomano. She was asking what could be done. She was advised she could have a back flow preventer installed. She stated she had been advised previously to have one installed, but said she didn't have the room in the basement floor to install one and was looking into installation outside of her home.

Bob Calderone, 75 Ottawa Avenue, has also experienced numerous sewage backups in his basement, was also requesting help and was concerned with health factors.

Councilwoman Saccomano concurred with these two residents, and recommended that permit fees be waived.

Sonya Buckman, 239 Central Avenue, questioned how many resumes were received for Borough Prosecutor, Borough Alternate Prosecutor and Special Counsel and who submitted resumes.

Patrick Sherman, 101 Terrace Avenue, asked who could change the overnight parking ordinance. He asked that the restrictions be temporary rescinded.

Ryan DeScantis, 101 Terrace Avenue, asked what were they supposed to do.

Peter Kepsel, 133 Jefferson Avenue, a resident for 79 years, having lived at 150 Terrace for 20 of those years, had made provisions for parking at that time.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL ON OVERNIGHT PARKING ORDINANCE:

Mayor Jones requested a poll of the Council on overnight parking.

Councilman DiPisa, although sympathetic to this situation, noted that the ordinance was in existence over 60 years, agreed with a suggestion made earlier, that the northern side of Passaic Avenue could possibly be of use temporarily, and he suggested an ad for parking could be placed with the town local paper.

Councilman Introna if researched an answer can be found, suggested looking to forming a committee including residents and tenants. He thought changing the ordinance throughout town would not service all the people.

Councilwoman Skiba noted debate on this subject was frequent, but agreed that taking this back to Police committee was needed. She thought that 30 days notice was unfair of the landlord and suggested a period of three months to allow these affected residents ability to find a parking spot.

Councilwoman Saccomano, did not feel the ordinance should be overturned, but that time was needed, and agreed that the northern side of Passaic Avenue be an option for temporary overnight parking for the affected residents, if the Chief of Police agrees, and that license plates be registered with the Police Department.

Councilman DiNanno concurred with Councilwoman Saccomano, and recommended a committee to research other possibilities.

Councilman Altobelli, was not in support of overturning the current ordinance. He supported Councilwoman Saccomano's proposal.

Chief Colaneri said a representative gather all the make, model and license plate numbers of the residents of 101 Terrace which could be available to the Police Desk, and that temporarily, a month or so, those cars be spread out in the area without having to call the Desk. He suggested it be brought back to the Police and Zoning committees.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Jones announced that the meeting would continue to 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 9:51 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 May 8, 2007.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk