

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

September 9, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on September 9, 2008 at 8:07 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

Mayor Heck declared the meeting in Session and 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, 2008 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano, Councilman Anthony DiNanno, Councilman Stephen Altobelli, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Rose Heck read the Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace, taking as he did this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to his will, that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next, Amen.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Resignation from Ron Ellis from the Mayor's Research Committee

Mayor Heck requested this letter be read into the record. (Copy attached)

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communication was accepted with regret.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,555,809.96 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, have been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the accounts listed for payment of the claims;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims be paid and checks be issued on the funds and accounts indicated on the attached schedule.

Signed Councilman Justin A. DiPisa
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:

149. Payroll

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

150. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

151. Authorize Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for a
Community Bus

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

152. Authorize a Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2008-0009
for Block 148, Lot 40

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

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

153. Authorizing Redemption of Overpaid Taxes Due to a Tax Court Judgement for Block 136.01, Lot 8

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

154. Authorizing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Main on Portion of Oak Grove Avenue

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

155. Authorizing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Main on Portion of La Salle Avenue

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

156. Authorizing Revocation of Licenses for Specific Commercial Enterprises in the Business of Selling Certain Motor Vehicles (Copy attached)

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

157. Authorizing Bingo License for Corpus Christi Church

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

158. Authorizing Bingo License for Concerned Parents of Corpus Christi School

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

159. Authorizing Permission to Conduct Sidewalk Sale in Conjunction with Outdoor Mall September 13, 2008

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

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

APPOINTMENTS: None.

RESIGNATIONS: Ron Ellis from Mayor's Research Committee

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2188:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2188, which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2188 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW ALCOHOL BREATH TESTING SYSTEM FOR THE USE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$15,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO ABIDE THE ENTIRE COST THEREOF ”** 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 Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2189:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2189, which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2189 (cont'd):

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2189 which was made by Councilman Altobelli, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$55,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBIC WORKS BUILDING AND APPURTENANCES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$50,000.00”** 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 Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2190:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2190, which was made by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2190 which was made by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **‘AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 137 ENTITLED “FILMING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE FEES AND ESCROW CHARGEABLE THEREUNDER’** 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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2191:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2191, which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2191 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT §133-14 ENTITLED “FEES UNDER CHAPTER 137, FILMING” OF CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “FEES,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS TO ABIDE THE CURRENT COSTS OF AND ADEQUATELY SECURE THE BOROUGH”** 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 Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman Altobelli, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Robert Thomasey, 315 Franklin Avenue, questioned if the meetings held in the back room needed to be noticed under the Sunshine Law. He was advised that meetings were not taking place, the council was gathering only to sign vouchers, no vote is taken, and discussion is kept general. He was invited to walk in if he wished.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck announced that the meeting would continue to Work Session, to which she invited all present to stay. On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, this motion was carried.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting which was made by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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 September 9, 2008.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk