

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

March 10, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on March 10, 2009 at 8:05 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 5, 2009 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 5, 2009.

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

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilwoman Pamela J. Link as follows:

“Baha’i Prayer for Peace. Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity. Be fair in thy judgment, and guarded in thy speech. Be a lamp unto those who walk in darkness, and a home to the stranger. Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light unto the feet of the erring. Be a breath of life to the body of humankind, a dew to the soil of the human heart, and a fruit upon the tree of humility.”

RESOLUTION: 50. Designating March 2009 as Women’s History Month under the National Women History Project’s 2009 Theme “Women Taking the Lead to Save our Planet”

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

PRESENTATION: Certificates to Founding Members and Presidents of the Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club

Mayor Heck invited Councilman Gonzalez to join her in presenting Certificates of Recognition to Garden Club Members of Hasbrouck Heights: Rosemarie Casale, Founding President; Ann Lustberg, President; Judy Mascis, Founding Member; Marie Morales, President; Elisabeth Moser, President; Noreen Postman, Founding Member; Maria Proscia, Founding Member; Joan Turner, President; Mary Beth Wilson, President.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Letter of Resignation of Timothy Moots from Fire Chief Michael Ratkowski

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communication was accepted.

RESIGNATIONS: Timothy Moots from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company One

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

UPDATE ON STREET FAIR: Mayor Rose Heck

Mayor Heck reported that the Street Fair was all set for May 17. The Business Community Committee had met the previous Thursday, and at 7 p.m. this evening Cliff Whitmyer reported 17 vendors had already applied, with the fee schedule for outside vendors \$100, local merchants \$50 and local organizations \$25. She encouraged everyone to participate. The Garden Club tubs that are placed along the Boulevard will not be put out until after May 17.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (February 24, 2009)

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,041,158.91 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, have been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy; and

BILLS (cont'd):

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 Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: 51. Raffle License for Corpus Christi Church

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

RESOLUTIONS: 52. Payroll

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

53. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

54. Authorizing the Approval of Licenses for Commercial Enterprises: AG Group International, Maaliya Auto Sales, Sphinx Auto Sales LLC and Pearl Associates in the Business of Selling Certain Motor Vehicles

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, with Councilman Altobelli voting Nay, the remaining members of the governing body voting Yes, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

55. Authorizing Correction to Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2008-0011 for Block 157, Lot 20.01

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

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

56. Authorizing Change Order #2 with regard to Depken Field Recreation Area (*Site Work*)

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

57. Authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Bergen County Municipal Park Improvement and Land Acquisition Program for Woodland Park and Miers Park Renovation

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

58. Raffle License for Concerned Parents of Corpus Christi

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

59. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Junior Woman's Club

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

60. Raffle Licenses for Knights of Columbus Msgr. R. Fitzpatrick #7041

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

61. Supporting Participation in the Sustainable Jersey™ Municipal Certification Program

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

APPOINTMENTS: Vicky Oller to Mayor's Business Community Committee

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2205:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) CALENDAR YEAR 2009”** 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 March 24, 2009.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2204:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2204 which was made by Councilman Altobelli, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 45 ENTITLED “OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PROVIDE THEREIN A NEW ARTICLE VI ENTITLED “MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON” ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE FAIR HOUSING ACT”** 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 published and circulated 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.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

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

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 Altobelli, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, this motion was carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:32 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 March 10, 2009.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk