

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

March 9, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on March 9, 2010 at 8:06 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 4, 2010 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman John Dingertopadre, Councilman Russell A. Lipari

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 Councilman Lipari as follows:

“Beloved Jesus, anoint us to do your will. May the joy of your dwelling in us draw us closer to each other. Expand our vision to recognize your plan; warm our hearts by the flame of your Love; open our lips so that we can speak your Word; extend our arms so that we can embrace each other as your people; speak to us so we can discern the role you have for us, your Body, your Church. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, empowering us to become vital expressions of growth in your changing Church. Your Kingdom is now! Help us to discover and live your will. Amen.”

PRESENTATION: Former 1st and 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Todd

Mayor Heck and Fire Commissioner Gonzalez presented former 1st and 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Todd with a plaque which read as follows:

PRESENTATION (cont'd):

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION TO
KEVIN TODD
FOR SERVING THE
BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS
2ND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF - 2007
1ST ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF - 2008 & 2009

*Hasbrouck Heights Mayor and Council
January 2010*

COMMUNICATIONS: 1. Invitation from Senator Robert Gordon to Open Forum on Transportation on March 10, 2010

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Correspondence was accepted.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(February 9, 2010 Regular Meeting, February 23, 2010 Regular Meeting)*

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Dingertopadre, with Councilman DiPisa and Councilwoman Buckman abstaining on the February 23, 2010 Minutes as they were absent, and Councilman Lipari abstaining on the February 9, 2010 Minutes as he was absent, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,020,143.14 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
Deputy Commissioner of Finance

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

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS: 49. Payroll

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

50. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

51. Authorizing Application for Tonnage Grants for 2009

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

52. Designating the Month of March as "Women's History Month"

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

53. Approval of 2010/2011 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles

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

54. Urging the State Legislature to Reform Interest Arbitration

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

55. Renewal of Bond Anticipation Note

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

56. Authorizing a Contract with AccuTech Environmental Services for Further Services in Respect to Remediation of the DPW Property

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

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

57. Authorizing Redemption on Tax Title Lien 2009-0008 and 2009-0009 to correct 6% penalty shortage

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

APPOINTMENTS: Mark Nazzaro to Mayor's Research Committee

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2228:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 55 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSITION OF CIVILIAN PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/DISPATCHER"** as 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 23, 2010.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, with Councilwoman Buckman, Councilman Gonzalez and Councilman Dingertopadre voting No, Councilman DiPisa, Councilwoman Link and Councilman Lipari voting Yes, and Mayor Heck breaking the tie and voting Yes, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2229:

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 2010"** as 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 23, 2010.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2230:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2010”** as 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 23, 2010.

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman diPisa, with Councilwoman Buckman voting No and all other Governing Body members voting Yes, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2227:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2227 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2227 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SECTION 133.21.3 ENTITLED “FEES UNDER CHAPTER 194, ENTITLED PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS,” OF CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “FEES,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL CLASS OF LICENSEE IN RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR THE USE OF WOODLAND PARK AS THE SAME IS SET FORTH IN SECTION 194-2 OF BOROUGH CODE”** 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 Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Mihaela Radu, 236 Bell Avenue, provided a letter copies given to each Governing Body member stating she was concerned about dog waste in streets and what could be done about it. Chief Colaneri said that most people comply with the law, would suggest that extra watch will be kept in the noted area, but for residents having a problem to call the Chief or the Police Department and they will try to work with them. He would talk to Ms. Radu privately. Councilman Lipari invited Ms. Radu to the Board of Health meeting on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss this further at that meeting, as he intended to do so.

Erik Mouzon, spokesperson for 101 and 150 Terrace Avenues, representing a significant number of apartment dwellers read a letter to the Mayor and Council (copy attached). He said they found the new Ordinance No. 2226 more of a hindrance than a help. Mayor Heck asked Borough Attorney to elaborate on the ordinance that has been mandated by the residents of Hasbrouck Heights. He said the Rent Leveling Ordinance was recently supplemented to provide that any tenant who hereafter renews his lease or any new tenant who is not provided with a notice that the Borough prohibits overnight parking shall be entitled upon application to the Rent Leveling Board to a substantial 20% reduction of their rent. This applies to renewals hereafter. This is to avoid the situation where tenants were wrongfully not properly notified. Councilman DiPisa said the majority of the residents want this ordinance to stay. Mayor Heck said the majority of the residents want this ordinance. Mr. Mouzon said all businesses approached said no. Mayor Heck asked the clerk to again ask the businesses for their interest.

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

WORK SESSION:

At 8:49 p.m., Mayor Heck announced that the meeting would continue to Work Session, to which she invited all present to stay. On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, this motion was approved.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

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 9, 2010.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk