

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #6—March 6, 2017

Present: Mayor Klein; Councilmembers Anthony, Fernandez, Meinhardt, Silverman; Acting Township Manager Jones, Township Attorney Weiner; Township Clerk Turtletaub

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor stated that all the requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Law" had been met. "Annual Notice" was faxed to the *West Essex Tribune and the Star Ledger* on January 3, 2017.

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** of Genova Burns (January 2017).

Acting Township Manager Jones distributed C.M. No. 24 entitled "2017 Budget Information" which was to be considered later this evening during discussion of the **2017 Municipal Budget**.

The Council discussed the memorandum from Township Engineer Harduby regarding steps to be taken and available options concerning the widening of the **Foxcroft/Hillside Intersection**. Councilmember Meinhardt urged that money not be taken out of the sidewalks program to fund the project. Councilmember Fernandez urged that that project be done this year, but that agreed that money should not be taken from sidewalk program, and Mayor Klein agreed. He suggested that the question be left to Township Engineer Harduby to determine which roads can best wait one more year. It was agreed that Township Engineer Harduby should be given direction to move forward with bidding process for the Foxcroft/Hillside Intersection project.

The Council discussed a draft letter to go local businesses in connection with "**Pick It Up Livingston!**" Clean-up day, and determined the letter should go out on Committee letterhead and be signed by Committee.

The Council discussed the letter from Walter Elliot regarding **Route 31 Livingston Service (Coach USA)**, and determined to take no action.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Purchase of Property

At 7:55 p.m., the following resolution was considered:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Livingston has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the Conference meeting of the Governing Body will reconvene; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this 6th day of March, 2017, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Purchase of Property and such other matters as may come before the Council and that are exempted from the public as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in closed session will be made public upon disposition.

On motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote, all members present voted YES.

At: 8:05 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

At 8:05 p.m., the Conference Meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular Meeting.

At 9:45 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

The Council considered a draft letter to the corporate business headquarters of local businesses, requesting that signs be placed near registers in the Livingston stores in order that patrons can consider whether or not they really need a bag, in order to reduce usage of **plastic disposable bags**. It was agreed that the letter should go out over the signature of the Recycling Committee

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Potential Loss of Federal Funding (Welcoming City Resolution); Labor Negotiations; Purchase of Property

At 9:55 p.m., the following resolution was considered:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Livingston has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the Conference meeting of the Governing Body will reconvene; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this 6th day of March, 2017, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Potential Loss of Federal Funding, Labor Negotiations, Purchase of Property, and such other matters as may come before the Council and that are exempted from the public as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in closed session will be made public upon disposition.

On motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote, all members present voted YES.

At 10:25 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

The Chief will address the Council on March 20 and will bring his TNR Schedule.

Councilmember Fernandez asked Acting Township Manager Jones about whether the Township had generators for the traffic lights in town, as **generators for traffic lights** can be obtained from the County.

Acting Township Manager Jones advised that due to scheduling, the discussion about **Pools** will be carried to April 3 Conference meeting, and that the **Budget** discussion would continue during the March 13 Conference meeting.

Acting Township Manger Jones advised that the **Madonna Field** change order was moving along, and that a date would be set for the Madonna Field ribbon cutting.

At 11:05 p.m., the Conference meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk