

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #17- July 10, 2017

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

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:35 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 Conference and Closed Session **Minutes** of June 19, 2017, June 5, 2017, June 15, 2017, June 7, 2017, February 15, 2017, May 23, 2017 and January 21, 2017.

The Council approved the **Genova Burns** Invoice Summary.

The Council agreed with the recommendation of Communications Coordinator Judith Heller and Acting Township Manager Jones, and a Resolution approving Change Order 1 for **Community Branding Project** will be considered during the evening's Regular Agenda.

The Council considered the material submitted showing the **Project Graduation** funding, and it was agreed to raise this issue to the upcoming "2 on 2" meeting with the Board of Education, specifically asking to be provided with the budget earlier in the year, and Councilmember Fernandez urged that the Council be "more involved dollar-wise" in the project.

The Council considered the Memorandum of Township CFO Kimberly Kientz and discussed a 3 percent increase for **Sprinkler Rates**.

The Council approved the May 2017 **Legal Fees** of McCarter & English.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Purchasing Manager Karen Sullivan for award of contract to USALO Baltimore Plant to **furnish and deliver polyaluminum** chloride for WPCF, and the matter will be considered during the evening's Regular meeting. Acting Township Manager Jones will find out the reasoning for the recommended two-year (as opposed to one-year) contract, and this will be discussed at the July 17 conference meeting.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Superintendent of Sewer Operations Joseph Greco, for an additional two year extension of a contract to Reivax Contracting Corp., for on-call **sanitary sewer repairs**, and a Resolution will be considered at this evening's Regular Meeting.

The Council discussed the request to hold a **Diabetes Research Network Color Run** on Labor Day, September 4, 2017. Clerk Turtletaub was asked to respond to the requesting organization that the Council felt the day selected would be a "bad date" to hold the event.

Alan Karpas addressed the Council on the new schedule for the **Livingston Shuttle**. Mr. Karpas expressed his concerns about the Shuttle, specifically that he expected ridership decline, the competition faced, and that the contract with the County would be up in December.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Personnel (Manager Search), Attorney/Client, Contract Negotiations

At 8:00 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 10th day of July, 2017, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel, Attorney/Client, Contract Negotiations, 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 8:10 p.m., the Closed Session concluded.

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At 9:30 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

Representatives Steven King, the Managing Partner and Director Nate Burroughs, of **Transparent Energy** gave a follow-up presentation in support of their request that the Council consider energy aggregation. Resident Herb Ford, who had previously volunteered to obtain information on the comparable programs, expressed his concerns and Township Attorney Weiner look into the Ordinance which the TE group claimed was required to enter into the program.

The Council discussed the recommendation of Acting Township Manager for a revised salary ordinance due to changes in compensation structure as a result of the 2017 budget. A **Salary ordinance** will be placed on the Regular Agenda of August 7 for introduction.

The Council asked and Acting Township Manager Jones discussed an appropriate scheduling of mid-year Department **Budget Review** at which time the Council would meet with Department Heads to review their budget mid-way through their half year numbers, addressing reasons why they department was over an or why under the budget. The half year numbers should be provided in advance of the meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for September 6 at 5 p.m.

The Council acknowledged receipt and review of **TNR Reports** prepared by Chief Handschuch for the weeks of June 19-24 and June 26-July 1.

Mayor Klein stated that the Clerk should advise that the Council thought the September 4 (Labor Day) would be a "bad date for the requested Color War benefiting **Diabetes awareness**, and the Clerk will so advise the requesting organization.

Councilmember Silverman and Clerk Turtletaub explained the request of the police department for passage of a Resolution authorizing receipt of **Cops in Shops** funding. The Mayor and Councilmembers each agreed to the request, with the vote to be memorialized at the next Regular Meeting of August 7.

At 10:50 p.m., the following resolution was considered:

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Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk