

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

October 10, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on October 10, 2006 at 8:07 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

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 3, 2006 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 3, 2006.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano, Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba, Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilman Thomas E. Meli, Councilman Ronald F. Kistner Councilman Justin A. DiPisa

Absent: Councilman Justin A. DiPisa

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

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Reverend Patrick V. Donohue, Parochial Vicar, Holy Trinity R.C. Church, Hackensack

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Letter from Commerce Bank Regarding Grand Opening Date of October 28, 2006
- 2) Invitation to Annual Children's Ragamuffin Parade Saturday, October 28, 2006 at 1 p.m.
- 2) Thank you letter from Supt. of Schools Joseph Luongo to Mayor Jones

A motion to accept the Communications was made by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (June 13, 2006 Work Session and Closed Session)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman Introna, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,009,078.00 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, having been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy, be paid and that warrants be issued therefor.

Signed Thomas E. Meli
Commissioner of Finance

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

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS: 152. Payroll

153. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

153. Marriage Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

153. Renewal of Bond Anticipation Note

156. Authorizing Professional Contract with Robert M. Czech

157. Authorizing Agreement with Nextel of New York for Reconfiguration of the Borough's Specialized Mobile Radio Frequency

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolutions were approved (Copies attached).

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2142 for anyone wishing to speak on these ordinances.

Comments from the council members included the wording being too ambiguous, make it more specific and the need to make it more defined, including maintenance codes, that it shouldn't eliminate a blighted condition, that it didn't include commercial property. A committee was recommended to look at this ordinance further. Mayor Jones, Councilman Meli, Councilwoman Saccomano and Borough Attorney Chandless would form the committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 2142:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE THEREIN A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED “CHAPTER 24A, EMINENT DOMAIN, USE OF,” SO AS TO LIMIT THE POWER TO CONDEMN LEGALLY OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE HOUSING AND MAINTENANCE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS BOROUGH”** was recommended to be withdrawn.

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was withdrawn.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public.

Martin Saccomano, 55 Ottawa Avenue, on the ordinance previously discussed regarding eminent domain and was concerned with the word blighted.

Robert Searle, 51 Henry Street, questioned if the Zoning and Planning Boards should be allowed to address the eminent domain ordinance, and was told they could, although this was not a land use law.

Chris Buxbaum, 146 Berkshire Road, questioned the parking lot survey. She was told this would be discussed in the work session.

Dorothy Petroulis, 215 Central Avenue, had observed stop signs with red posts and questioned if one could be placed at the exit of the Municipal Building parking lot.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Councilman Introna, on four-way stop signs, questioned Chief Colaneri if there was a change in policy. The chief had not seen anything recently, but would provide the councilman with a copy of what is required.

Dorothy Petroulis, 215 Central Avenue, questioned why the flu shots were to be given out so late this year. The Board of Health would be consulted.

When questioned, Borough Engineer Ken Job gave a summary of the criteria of four-way stop signs.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public portion was closed.

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Jones announced that the meeting would be recessed for Work Session, to which he invited all present to stay.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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 October 10, 2006.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk