

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

(7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting)

Mayor Nagler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

Mayor Nagler certified that notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on March 30, 2012. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and sent to the Courier Post for information. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Present were: Mayor Keith Nagler, Deputy Mayor Rovenna Overton, Council Member Louise Campbell and Council Member Ricardo Rodriguez. Also present were: Township Attorney Eileen Fahey, Township Manager Thomas Czerniecki and Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White. Council Member Jay Springer arrived at 7:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Campbell, Ms. Overton, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Nagler and Mr. Springer arrived at 7:44 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:

Council Member Campbell presented Chris Russo from Russo's Italian Restaurant a certificate of appreciation for donating his facility and food for the Eastampton Senior Club.

Chris Russo thanked the Mayor and Township Council.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance 2012-3

Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Appropriation of a Sum Not to Exceed \$6,810,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds and/or Notes of the Township of Eastampton, in the Principal Amount not to Exceed \$6,810,000, to Refund, in full or in part, the Outstanding Balance of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2003 of the Township to Redeem in Full or in Part Such Outstanding Balance and to Finance the Costs of Issuance of Such Refunding Bonds on Behalf of the Township and to Provide for the Issuance of Such Refunding Bonds

Mayor Nagler opened the floor to the public, there being no comments the public hearing was closed.

Township Manager Czerniecki said the Township is refinancing old debt; which is open space bonds that we issued in 2003. He said that Chief Financial Officer Mingin did a good job keeping on top of this and doing what he had to do to get this to work.

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Ordinance 2012-3.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Nagler
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2012-3 was approved.

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Ordinance 2012-5

An Ordinance Amending Eastampton Township Code at Chapter 250 "Fees" to Establish or Amend Fees Associated with Recycling Carts

Mayor Nagler opened the floor to the public, there being no comments the public hearing was closed.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to approve Ordinance 2012-5.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Nagler
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the Ordinance 2012-5 was approved.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance 2012-6

An Ordinance Amending Township Code Section 540-98 Regarding Redevelopment Criteria For Transect District (T1): Village Core

Township Manager Czerniecki said this is a recommendation from the Economic Advisory Committee. It needs to be introduced it in order for it to go onto the Land Use Planning Board. The Land Use Planning Board will have a hearing on it so the process can start.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to send the Ordinance to the Land Use Planning Board for recommendation.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Nagler
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to approve the ordinance on introduction.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Nagler
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the ordinance was approved on introduction.

Mayor Nagler said the publication date of the ordinance would be June 1, 2012 and the public hearing would be set for June 11, 2012.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2012-63

Authorize Reading Budget by Title Only

Township Manager Czerniecki said this allows them to introduce the budget by reading the title only and not going through every line and publicly stating it. The budget was posted as required by law.

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It was MOVED by RODROGIEZ and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2012-63.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Nagler
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-63 was approved.

Resolution R2012-52 Adoption of 2012 Municipal Budget (*Pending DLGS approval*)

Public Hearing on Budget

Mayor Nagler opened the floor to the public to comment on the Municipal Budget. Mayor Nagler said he would close the floor due to no public comments.

Township Manager Czerniecki said the power point presentation would be on the website. The proposed budget is \$4.9 million and is a slight reduction from last year's municipal budget. The tax increase is 1.9 cents.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2012-52.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Nagler
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-52 was approved.

Resolution R2012-64 Determining the Form and Other Details of Not to Exceed \$6,810,000 Principal Amount of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, of the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Execution of an Escrow Deposit Agreement, Authorizing the Sale and Delivery of Such General Obligation Refunding Bonds to PNC Capital Markets, LLC and Authorizing Certain Officers of the Township to Make Disbursements for Costs of Issuance Incurred by the Township Relating to the Sale and Delivery of Said Bonds and to Make Disbursements for the Purchase of Obligations of the United States of America

It was MOVED by RODRIGUEZ and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2012-64.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Nagler
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-52 was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution R2012-65

Approving Memorandum of Understanding for Redevelopment of Block 900 Lots 12.05 and 12.06

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2012-65.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Nagler
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-65 was approved.

Resolution R2012-66

Appointment and Award of Contract for Animal Control Services

Resolution R2012-67

EMS Property (Block 1100.15, Lot 18) to the Fire Department

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2012-66 and Resolution R2012-67.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes - Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Nagler
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-66 and Resolution R2012-67 were approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 13, 2012

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the minutes.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes - Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Nagler
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the minutes were approved.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Electronic ticket processing

Township Manager Czerniecki said the shared court services with Westampton is working out very well.

Township Manager Czerniecki said he asked the Chief of Police to get more information on the e-ticketing process. Township Manager Czerniecki said they would have paper ticket books as backup. The police officers would use the computer system in the vehicles and the violator would pay online.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- 2011 Final Business Licenses
- 2012 Business Licenses
- Court
- Police (April)
- Township Engineer

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It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to approve the reports.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes - Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Nagler
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the reports were approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the bills.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes - Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Nagler
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the bills were approved for payment.

NEW BUSINESS:

- S-1914, which requires certain user fees for the provision of traditional municipal services to be included within the 2% municipal and county property tax levy cap

Township Manager Czerniecki said this bill came out of Trenton because some communities have been charging user fees for traditional services in order to meet their required cap. He said an example would be trash services, and he said he would do a letter from Council opposing the legislation if they would like him to.

The Township Council concurred that the letter should go out opposing the legislation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review applications and select a chairperson to the EDAC

Township Manager Czerniecki said two applications came in from Rich Renzulli and Mark Remsa.

Township Attorney Fahey said to hold off until all applications come in and then a Resolution would be prepared.

- Citizen Survey

Township Manager Czerniecki said he is working on a draft for Council.

Township Manager Czerniecki asked that the temporary sign ordinance be on the next agenda.

All of Council concurred to send Ordinance 2012-6 to the Landuse Planning Board for recommendation.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Council Member Campbell thanked Council Member Rodriguez for a wonderful Memorial Day Service.

Council Member Campbell thanked Deputy Mayor Overton for a wonderful 5-K Walk and Run.

Council Member Campbell said that June would be the last meeting for the senior club and the reading club until September.

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Deputy Mayor Overton said that the 5K Walk/Run was a success and was very happy the weather was good.

Council Member Springer thanked Deputy Mayor Overton and Council Member Rodriguez for taking the lead in the Memorial Day Service and the 5K Walk/Run.

Council Member Springer said they would be doing a joint rain barrel workshop with Mount Holly Environmental Commission on June 16th.

Council Member Rodriguez thanked everyone who helped him with the Memorial Day Service.

Township Manager Czerniecki said the Public Works Department has been doing a great job getting everything done so the Township can have successful events. He said the Public Works Director himself was out collecting trash due to low man power. He said he gave the reigns of the Township sign to Nancy, the custodian and she is doing a fantastic job updating the sign with events.

Township Manager Czerniecki thanked the Township Attorney Fahey for her expertise with redevelopment work. He said he appreciates the comments from Council regarding the 2012 Municipal Budget and thanked the finance department and Township Clerk White for working with him to gather information and filing everything with the State.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Donna Poitivient, 3 Darby Circle West, said that there is a severe cat problem with her neighbors. She has filed complaints, called the cops has have been to court. She said her property in the backyard smells of urine and there are cat feces everywhere. She would like the Township Council to adopt a cat licensing ordinance.

Township Attorney Fahey said that the Township appointed a very good Animal Control Officer and the Council could look at all their options.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes - Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Nagler
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, meeting was adjourned.

Kim-Marie White

Kim-Marie White
Municipal Clerk

Keith Nagler

Keith Nagler
Mayor

Approved: September 10, 2012