

Work Session
Mayor and Council
March 28, 2013

A Work Session of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Mayor Barra who announced that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act were met by the required posting and notice to publications.

The following individuals answered roll call: Council members Bernstein, LaMonica, McSwiggan, Strauch, White, Wilczynski and Mayor Barra. Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Bole were also present.

Public Comments

Mayor Barra announced that the Public Hearing with regard to the approval of a contract with United Water would be held at the end of the Regular Session. He noted that handouts were available on the table near the doorway. Those handouts include a copy of the Request for Proposals, the formal responses that were received from Ridgewood Water, Newark Water and United Water and a variety of additional information.

There were no comments from the public.

Agenda Review

Ordinance 13-02 – Zoning
Public Hearing

Mr. Barra stated that warehousing was left out of the E Zone when the Zoning Ordinances were written. This amendment to the Zoning Ordinance addresses that situation. Ordinance 13-02 has been sent to the Planning Board for review and recommendation, and the members of that Board agreed that not including it was an oversight that should be corrected. It's inclusion is in conformance with the Borough's Master Plan.

Ordinance 13-05 – Sidewalk or Curb Damage Caused by Shade Trees

Mayor Barra said that residents are responsible to replace damaged sections of their sidewalks and curbs. This Ordinance will allow for sections of sidewalk that are damaged by town shade trees to be replaced by the Borough at no cost to the homeowner. This issue has been discussed for several months and the Council feels it will be beneficial to the residents to make this change. This will be an ongoing program that will be accomplished over a period of time. The Construction Code Official or the Shade Tree Committee must certify that a damaged sidewalk has been caused by a Borough shade tree. He added that generally this situation only involves one or two sections of sidewalk.

Ordinance 13-07 – Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations and Establish a CAP Bank

Mr. Barra noted that although this Ordinance is passed by the Governing Body every year, it has not been utilized for several years.

Mr. Barra also announced that the budget newsletter went out today and the public hearing on the Municipal Budget will be held on April 25th.

Ordinance 13-08 – Bond Ordinance – Multi Purpose

Mrs. White said that the Borough has kept its Capital Budget to \$750,000. Included in the budget is playground equipment for Crestwood Park, a field edging machine and a diagnostic computer for vehicles for the Department of Public Works, turnout gear for the Fire Department, new weapons for the Police Department, technology upgrades for the Department of Public Works, nine streets to be paved, inlet repairs, sidewalk upgrades and improvements to Crestwood Lake. She thanked the Department Heads and the Committee Chairs for their work on the Capital Budget.

Resolution 13-229 – Approval of Contract with Teamsters Local Union No. 11

Mr. Barra said this Union includes the DPW and Water Department Employees.

Mrs. White thanked the bargaining unit of the Teamsters for their cooperation during the negotiation process.

Mr. Barra added that those individuals were very cognizant of the Borough's financial issues.

Resolution 13-220 – Third Amendment to the Developer's Agreement with the Allendale Whitney

Mr. Barra said there were lengthy discussions on this issue at other Council meetings. The Whitney has asked for relief on the payment of COAH fees due to slow sales. This resolution will allow for an extension of time for the Whitney to pay those fees with the entire amount being due by June 2014 at the latest.

Mr. Barra did not have a Mayor's Report this evening.

On a motion by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Mrs. White, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn from Work Session at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk