

Work Session
Mayor and Council
December 12, 2013

A Work Session of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:30 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 McSwiggan, White, Wilczynski and Mayor Barra. Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. Casais, Mr. Bole were also present.

Public Comments

Mayor Barra opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no one present wishing to speak Mayor Barra closed public comment without objection.

Agenda Review

Mayor Barra stated that minutes for the previous two meeting dates were on the evening's agenda for approval.

The public hearing on Ordinance 13-17 will be this evening.

Mayor Barra reviewed the consent agenda resolution with the members of Council. Discussion ensued on the following resolutions:

R. 13-412 Amending Resolution 13-408

- The Mayor noted that this simply clarified language in Resolution 13-412 regarding the Borough's new Municipal Clerk

R. 13-415 Authorization for Mayor to Sign Interlocal Court Agreement

- The Mayor noted that this is the regular agreement with Ho-Ho-Kus and that the amount of the agreement has stayed fairly level with increases in salaries that coincide with the 2% cap

R. 13-416 Cancellation of Current Operating Fund Appropriations

- The Mayor noted that this is in regard to the agreement the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority
- Councilwoman White thanked the Mayor for his work on this and a job well done

Councilwoman LaMonica joined the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

R. 13-417 Property Maintenance Tax Lien – 84 E. Crescent Avenue

- Councilwoman White asked if this is how the process will continue; passing one resolution each time there is a violation
- The Mayor stated that this was proper procedure and that the Land Use Committee is in agreement.

He further stated that he asked Mr. Casais to look into an amendment to the current Borough provision for properties that are in the foreclosure process. The intent is to close all loopholes for property maintenance violations. Mr. Casais will advise the Land Use Committee and Council in the coming months.

R. 12-420 Approval of Contract with Green Sky

- Councilwoman White stated that Green Sky came in with a higher rate of return for recyclable materials and an expansion of what will be accepted. The Borough has had a good experience with Green Sky and the DPW Committee recommends Council's approval of the proposed two-year contract.

Mayor's Report

No report

Executive Session Resolution

Mrs. McCarthy read the following resolution into the record:

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and,

Whereas, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and,

Whereas, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

Personnel

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the public be excluded from this meeting.

Councilwoman White made a motion to go into executive session at 7:46 p.m., Councilwoman McSwiggan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

On a motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Wilczynski, the Council voted unanimously to return to open session and adjourn the work session meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk