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WORKSHOP MEETING February 10, 2025

A workshop meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the North Brunswick Township Council Room at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Messrs. Chedid, Mehta and Ms. Guadagnino and Mayor Womack

Absent: Ms. Hutchinson, Messrs. Davis and Socio

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by email on February 4, 2025 to the following:

a) The Home News Tribune b) Star Ledger c) North Brunswick Sentinel

Notice receipts are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Also, notices were posted on the doors at the Municipal Complex and filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

<u>Also present</u>: Township Attorney partner Supana Shah, Department of Public Works Director Steve Bloyed, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Chief of Police Joseph Battaglia and Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo

Councilman Chedid lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Hutchinson arrived at 7:03 PM

Jonathan Flanders and Siobhan Gibbons, members of the Environmental Commission, both spoke supporting the proposed "NJ Climate Superfund Act", which is pending before the New Jersey Legislature, which would impose liability on large fossil fuel companies for certain climate change related damages they caused instead of imposing all of the costs on New Jersey taxpayers.

Workshop Agenda Items

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Gallimore to present her items for consideration under the Department of Finance as follows:

- 1. Bill List
- 2. General Fund Revenue 12-31-24
- 3. General Fund Budget SW 12-31-24
- 4. General Fund Budget OE 12-31-24

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Progebin to present Ms. Benson's items (in her absence) for consideration:

Ms. Progebin presented the following items:

- 1. Middlesex County Grant Swim Lessons Free for second grade students living in Middlesex Cunty. Phone 732-247-0922 ext. 475 for specific details and ask to speak to Director Benson.
- 2. Stand Watch calling upon all businesses, organizations, resident sign up for Traveling Vietnam Traveling Wall. Veteran's Park Memorial Day Weekend
- 3. Update Municipal Alliance 2025 Grant Program Women's and Men's Leadership Conference Series. School Prevention Program
- 4. Paver Brick Project Veteran's Park deadline March 3rd in order to receive for the 2025 Memorial Day Ceremony. Forms are located on the Township website.

Mayor Womack asked Chief Battaglia to present the items for consideration for the Department of Public Safety as follows:

- 1. Authorizing the Sale of Abandoned Vehicles
- 2. Confirming the updated Fee Schedule under Chapter 69 "Police Department", Article VI, Employment by Outside Entities of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick
- 3. Authorizing the Award of Contract BID25004 to Nielsen Ford of Morristown, Inc. for three (3) 2025 Ford Explorers

Councilman Mehta departed the meeting.

Mayor Womack asked Mr. Bloyed to present items for consideration for the Department of Public Works as follows:

- 1. Authorizing an amendment to the 2025 PSA with T&A Associates for services related to the Resiliency Center MEP/FP Design through Construction Administration
- 2. Authorizing an amendment to the 2025 PSA with USA Architects for services related to Resiliency Center Design through Construction Administration
- 3. Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works for BID25003 Fuel Pump Station
- 4. Authorizing an agreement with Applied Landscape Technologies for the replacement of the Sabella Park Turf Field

Mayor Womack asked Mr. Hritz to present his items for consideration for Department of Community Development as follows:

- 1. Discussion: Environmental Commission support for Climate Fund Resolution
- 2. Authorizing Public Improvements Bond Reduction for K-Land No. 65, LLC
- 3. Authorizing Public Improvement Bod Release for Public Service Electric and Gas Company (need public hearing)
- 4. Authorizing and appointing SPG 100 Fidelity Plaza, LLC as a Conditional Redeveloper for property located at 100 Fidelity Plaza, identified as Block 143, Loy 24.06 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, and authorizing the execution of an interim costs agreement

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Progebin to present her items for consideration for Administration as follows:

- 1. Authorizing an adjustment to Township Customers for their Water-Sewer Utility Account
- 2. Authorizing an amendment to the PSA for Tax Appeal Counsel
- 3. Authorizing essential server and network upgrades under Contract BID22002 with IT Network Solutions
- 4. Authorizing a Contract with Dell Technologies for the purchase of Power Vault Storage Area Network (SAN) Array under the State Contract
- 5. Discussion Garden State Joint Insurance Fund Supplemental Assessment (Mayor spoke)
- 6. Mayor Womack added the Youth Sports Festival has advised they would like to hold the carnival again this year on the DeVry property

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Russo to present items for consideration for the Municipal Clerk's Department as follows:

- 1. NJ State Fireman's Application / Christopher M. Agudelo / Fire Co. #3
- 2. Approval of Minutes / Workshop Meeting / 01.27.25
- 3. Approval of Minutes / Regular Meeting / 02.03.25

Council President Guadagnino discussed the North Brunswick Township School Bond Referendum on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Polls are open 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 8:13 pm.

Mr. Nastus questioned the following:

- 1. Sidewalks snow removal if not removed who do residents call?
- 2. Status update on Georges Road
- 3. How does Code Enforcement work?
- 4. Beverly Street violations
- 5. Do Code Enforcement Officers have specific areas in town?

Mayor Womack called of a motion to close the Public Hearing. So moved by Councilwoman Hutchinson, second by Council President Guadagnino.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson, Mr. Chedid, and Ms. Guadagnino

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Messrs. Davis and Socio

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approved *item a.* on the consent agenda. So moved by Councilwoman Hutchinson, seconded by Council President Guadagnino

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson, Mr. Chedid, and Ms. Guadagnino

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Messrs. Davis and Socio

Consent Agenda

a. 83-2.25 Bill List

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Council President Guadagnino called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. So moved by Councilwoman Hutchinson, second by Council President Guadagnino.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson, Mr. Chedid, and Ms. Guadagnino

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Messrs. Davis and Socio

Adjourn 8:31 pm

Lisa Russo Municipal Clerk