



December 2, 2011

Dear Council Members,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. My Administration has been working hard to compile all of the information requested with regard to the line item transfers. Each of you should have already received thousands of pages of documents from the Clerk's office.

The line item transfer resolution will be on the agenda again next Wednesday. Without the passage of this measure, the City will not be able to pay our firefighters and other employees after the November 30th pay period. In addition, we are currently not able to hire the outside legal expertise needed to protect the City's interests. For example, Block 112 litigation requires land use expertise.

We have spoken with the DCA about this matter. They understand that if the line item transfers are not passed by the City Council with six votes, then the City of Hoboken will not be able to pay its employees without legal action. If the Council votes down the line item transfers for a third time, then the City will have no choice but to seek guidance from the courts. Without the support of six council members, the City will be forced to ask a judge for permission to pay our firefighters and other employees and professionals.

For the sake of our employees, including our firefighters who work very hard to protect our community, I hope that you will review all of the information provided and let us know as soon as possible if you have questions. Regarding the overtime in the Fire Department please be advised that Director Tooke is in the process of completing a review of this matter. The review indicates that the peak overtime occurred in May, June, July, and August, with minimal overtime in other months.

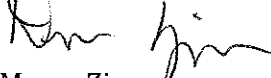
If you have questions, please email or call Arch Liston any time so that the answers can be provided to everyone prior to the meeting, or we can be prepared to answer your questions at the meeting. We encourage you to ask your questions in advance of the meeting so that we can assemble and provide all the information you need to make an informed decision. We want to work with you to move the legislative process forward in the best interests of Hoboken residents. If you wait to ask your questions at the meeting, then we may not be able to provide an answer immediately and may have to follow up with additional documentation.

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Please also be advised that given the necessity of absorbing unanticipated costs in this budget year, including Hurricane Irene costs totaling an estimated \$360,000, and bankruptcy legal costs related to saving the hospital, as well as unexpected excessive litigation related to rent control, additional transfers will be necessary at the end of December and most likely in early 2012 (in order to properly close out the budget for 2011).

Many of you stated that you would vote for the line item transfers if you had more information. I hope that the information you received helps to answer your questions and will enable you to support the line item transfers necessary for the operation of our City.

Thank you and best regards.



Mayor Zimmer

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