

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBOKEN

SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

President Marsh opened the meeting at 6:08 P.M. and stated, “I would like to advise all those present that notice of this meeting has been provided to the public in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, and that notice published in the Jersey Journal, City website, copies were provided in the Hoboken Reporter, The Record, The Newark Star-Ledger and also placed on the bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall

The Council President then called for the Salute to the Flag.

The Clerk then called the roll:

PRESENT: Council persons Bhalla, Cunningham, Castellano, Mason, Lenz, Mello and Marsh

ABSENT: Giacchi and Russo (they arrived later during the meeting – see below)

****Councilman Russo arrives at the table at 6:09 PM****

****Councilman Giacchi arrives to the table at 6:12 PM****

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Presentations by Director Pellegrini of Health and Human Services and Chief Blohm from the Hoboken Fire Department

Council President gives the overview of the budget workshop; the Western Edge Development Plan has been pulled from the public.

Council President is allowing someone to speak in Public Portion (jump to Public Portion – bottom of page)

Councilwoman Mason point of order comments

Councilman Lenz comments

Councilwoman Mason comments

Councilwoman Castellano comments

Councilman Lenz comments

Councilwoman Mason comments

Councilman Cunningham comments

Councilman Mello comments

Councilman Lenz comments

Councilwoman Mason comments

Councilman Lenz comments

Councilman Russo comments

Council President comments

Councilman Lenz comments

Director Pellegrini comments and points out (3) three changes on 15C Salary and Wages - Senior Services and Recreation Salary and Wages and Cultural Affairs on page 15D. \$1,338,426.00 amended to \$1,140,203.00.

**Business Administrator comments
Councilman Russo comments**

**Director Pellegrini begins his presentation
Councilman Cunningham comments
Councilman Russo comments
Business Administrator comments
Councilman Cunningham comments
Business Administrator comments
Councilwoman Mason comments and questions the B.A.
Councilman Lenz comments
Business Administrator responds
Councilman Cunningham comments
Councilwoman Mason comments
Councilman Lenz comments
Council President comments
Councilman Lenz comments**

**Councilman Bhalla has left the table at 6:38 PM
Councilman Bhalla returns to the table at 6:44 PM**

**Councilwoman Mason comments
Business Administrator comments
Councilman Lenz comments and requests an Office Equipment Line for the future budget presentations
Councilman Cunningham comments
Councilwoman Castellano comments
Councilwoman Mason comments
Councilman Russo comments**

Councilman Russo has left the table for the Housing Authority meeting at 7:08 PM

**Councilwoman Mason has left the table at 7:10 PM
Councilwoman Mason has returned to the table at 7:11 PM**

**Councilman Lenz comments
Councilwoman Mason comments
Councilman Cunningham comments
Councilwoman Castellano comments
Councilman Giacchi comments
Councilman Lenz comments
Councilman Mello comments**

**Councilman Lenz has left the table at 7:37 PM
Councilman Lenz has returned to the table at 7:29 PM**

**Councilwoman Mason comments
Councilman Bhalla comments**

Council President comments
The Director responds to the Governing Body

The Governing Body takes a 10 minute break at 7:40 PM.
The Governing Body has returned to the meeting at 7:55 PM

Chief Blohm presents the Hoboken Fire Department Budget

Business Administrator comments about the insert he handed out to the Governing Body
Councilwoman Castellano comments
Business Administrator comments
Councilwoman Mason comments
Councilman Bhalla comments
Councilman Lenz comments
Councilwoman Mason comments
Councilman Lenz comments
Councilman Cunningham comments
Business Administrator comments
Chief Blohm comments
Councilman Russo returns to the table at 8:20 PM

Councilman Russo comments
Councilman Lenz comments
Councilman Cunningham comments
Councilman Bhalla comments
Council President comments
Councilman Lenz comments
Councilwoman Castellano comments
Council President comments
Councilman Russo comments
Business Administrator comments
Councilman Lenz comments
Council President comments

Councilman Russo has left the table at 8:44 PM.
Councilman Russo has returned to the table at 8:56 PM

Chief Blohm comments
Business Administrator comments
Councilman Cunningham comments
Business Administrator comments
Councilman Lenz comments
Councilman Cunningham comments
Councilman Bhalla comments
Councilwoman Castellano comments
Councilman Russo comments

PUBLIC PORTION

David Leibler speaks
Director Forbes responds to David Leibler
Councilwoman Castellano comments
Director Forbes comments
Councilman Mello comments
Director Forbes comments
Lane Bajardi comments

Council President asks the Governing Body to motion to close the public portion.
Seconded by Councilman Bhalla

Adopted by the following vote: YEAS: 9 - NAYS: 0 ABSENT 0

YEAS: Council persons Bhalla, Castellano, Cunningham, Giacchi, Lenz, Mason, Mello, Russo, and Marsh
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Castellano

City Clerk asked Council President if he may speak regarding Sheldon Frank who has passed and a gathering is taking place at 227 Grand Street on Oct. 2nd at 3:00 PM

At 9:35 P.M. the Governing Body on a motion by Council President duly seconded by the Governing Body.

President Marsh then adjourned the meeting at 9:35 P.M.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CITY CLERK