

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBOKEN

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2011

Mayor Dawn Zimmer is calling a Special Meeting of the Hoboken City Council on January 10, 2011 at 8:00 PM in Council Chambers, 94 Washington Street, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030.

President Mason opened the meeting at 8:05 P.M. and stated, "This Special Meeting to pass temporary appropriations for the calendar year 2011 was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. Notices of this meeting were faxed to the Jersey Journal, Star Ledger, and Bergen Record on Friday, January 7, 2011. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the City Hall and posted on the City of Hoboken website(www.hobokennj.org) and filed with the office of the City Clerk on the aforementioned date.

Proper notice having been given, the City Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting. Minutes of this meeting should also reflect the purpose for which the meeting was called.

The City Clerk reads Mayor's letter calling for a Special Meeting.

11-799

January 7, 2011

Via Hand Delivery
James J. Farina, City Clerk
94 Washington Street
Hoboken, NJ 07030

Dear City Clerk Farina,

Please be advised that I hereby amend the time of the Emergency Special Meeting of the
Hoboken City Council for Monday, January 10, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to **8:00 p.m.**
The meeting will still occur in the City Council Chambers, 94 Washington Street,
First Floor,
Hoboken, New Jersey 07030, for the following purpose:

A Resolution to Authorize Temporary Appropriations for Calendar Year 2011

Consideration of this Resolution is necessary and constitutes an emergency because failure to appropriate will result in the inability to authorize the City's payroll obligations which must be financially obligated on or before Tuesday, January 11, 2011. No other matters may be discussed, considered, or acted upon at this meeting. Action on the forgoing item may be taken at the meeting. Please notice this meeting in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Very truly yours,

Dawn Zimmer
Mayor Dawn Zimmer

cc/City Council Members
Arch Liston, Business Administrator
Mark A. Tabakin, Corporation Counsel
The Jersey Journal/The Star Ledger/The Record

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

The Clerk then called the roll:

PRESENT: Council persons Bhalla, Castellano, Cunningham, Giacchi, Lenz, Marsh, Mello, Russo and President Mason. Also in attendance Arch Liston, Business Administrator, Mark A. Tabakin, Corporation Counsel, Nick Trasante, Director of Finance.

Council President calls for a moment of silence for the victims of the shooting in Tucson, Arizona and Congresswoman Giffords.

Council President comments on going into Public Portion.

11-800

---By Councilman Russo

THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the calendar year 2011 budget, temporary appropriation should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, Seventeen and one half percent (17.50%) of the total appropriations of the current fund in the fiscal year 2010 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvements fund, public assistance and public utilities in said calendar year 2011 budget is the sum of \$16,218,062 and for the Parking Utility is the sum of \$1,278,298; and

WHEREAS, the temporary appropriations in the calendar year 2011 budget for interest and debt redemption charges are requested to be \$6,483,313 for the current fund and \$1,974,539 for the Parking Utility; and

WHEREAS, the temporary appropriations in the calendar year 2011 budget for Capital Improvement Fund charges are requested to be \$100,000.00 for the current funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the City of Hoboken that the following appropriation, which now totals \$22,801,375 for the current fund including debt service and \$3,252,837 for the Parking Utility including debt service be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his/her records:

**City of Hoboken
Temporary Appropriations
CY 2011**

		Adopted SFY 2010	Temp Appr CY 2011
Operations Within CAPS			
Mayor Office	S/W	240,989.74	42,173.20
	O/E	10,000.00	1,750.00
City Council	S/W	236,864.10	41,451.22
	O/E	5,000.00	875.00
Office of Clerk	S/W	432,591.44	75,703.50
	O/E	31,275.00	5,473.13
Legal Advertising	O/E	25,000.00	4,375.00
Cod of Ordinances	O/E	30,000.00	5,250.00
Elections	S/W	35,000.00	6,125.00
	O/E	77,500.00	13,562.50
Bus Administrators	S/W	268,688.67	47,020.52
	O/E	20,000.00	3,500.00
Purchasing	S/W	289,503.08	50,663.04
	O/E	2,670.00	467.25
Licensing Bureau	S/W	123,002.49	21,525.44
	O/E	9,100.00	1,592.50
Personnel & Health Benefits	S/W	202,020.13	35,353.52
	O/E	2,400.00	420.00
Zoning Administration	S/W	93,487.49	16,360.31
	O/E	11,800.00	2,065.00
Uniform Construcion Code	S/W	705,514.32	123,465.01
	O/E	180,705.00	31,623.38
Corporation Counsel	S/W	390,991.50	68,423.51
	O/E	99,000.00	17,325.00
Special Counsel	O/E	760,000.00	133,000.00
Expert Witness & Appraisal	O/E	10,500.00	1,837.50
Revenue & Finance Director	S/W	682,099.97	119,367.49
	O/E	55,649.00	9,738.58
Annual Audit	O/E	97,500.00	17,062.50
Tax Collections	S/W	290,999.80	50,924.97
	O/E	68,252.88	11,944.25
Information Technology	S/W	132,000.00	23,100.00
	O/E	24,446.00	4,278.05
Municipal Court	S/W	1,074,737.21	188,079.01
	O/E	197,500.00	34,562.50
Public Defender	S/W	69,472.30	12,157.65
	O/E	4,300.00	752.50
Office of Tax Assessor	S/W	349,448.81	61,153.54
	O/E	22,520.31	3,941.05
Human Services Director	S/W	233,026.60	40,779.66
	O/E	2,000.00	350.00

Rent Leveling	S/W	191,703.75	33,548.16
	O/E	29,350.00	5,136.25
Housing Inspection	S/W	42,643.00	7,462.53
	O/E	1,750.00	306.25
Health	S/W	599,022.01	104,828.85
	O/E	161,299.00	28,227.33
Senior Citizens	S/W	471,168.85	82,454.55
	O/E	27,300.00	4,777.50
Recreation & Cultural Affairs	S/W	588,975.02	103,070.63
	O/E	212,570.00	37,199.75
Cultural Affairs	S/W	107,622.00	18,833.85
	O/E	1,000.00	175.00
Director Environmental Svc	S/W	275,694.66	48,246.57
	O/E	3,000.00	525.00
Parks	S/W	654,165.82	114,479.02
	O/E	120,000.00	21,000.00
Public Property	S/W	777,833.54	136,120.87
	O/E	250,000.00	43,750.00
Streets & Roads	S/W	676,572.29	118,400.15
	O/E	92,000.00	16,100.00
Central Garage	S/W	254,161.98	44,478.35
	O/E	175,000.00	30,625.00
Sanitation	S/W	906,968.80	158,719.54
	O/E	3,400,000.00	595,000.00
Director Community Develop	S/W	195,442.37	34,202.41
	O/E	104,500.00	18,287.50
Grants Management	O/E	1,000.00	175.00
Planning Board	S/W	126,530.29	22,142.80
	O/E	65,500.00	11,462.50
Zoning Board of Adjustments	O/E	100,000.00	17,500.00
Redevelopment	O/E	175,000.00	30,625.00
Historic Preservation Comm	O/E	600.00	105.00
Police	S/W	15,622,092.44	2,733,866.18
	O/E	286,700.00	50,172.50
Acquisition of Vehicles	O/E	175,000.00	30,625.00
Fire	S/W	12,979,504.32	2,271,413.26
	O/E	189,900.00	33,232.50
Uniform Fire Safety	S/W	86,145.00	15,075.38
Office of Emergency Mgnt	S/W	129,802.91	22,715.51
	O/E	12,000.00	2,100.00
Insurance			
General Liability	O/E	1,500,000.00	810,000.00
Workers Compensation	O/E	700,000.00	183,750.00
Employee Group Health	O/E	15,413,460.00	5,100,000.00
Unclassified			
ABC Board	S/W	4,000.00	700.00
	O/E	2,500.00	437.50
Volunteer Ambulance	O/E	40,000.00	20,000.00
N H Reg Council of Mayor	O/E	56,700.00	14,175.00
Settlements of Claims	O/E	10,000.00	1,750.00

Towing/Storage of Aband Veh	O/E	7,500.00	1,312.50
Engineering	O/E	75,000.00	13,125.00
Labor Arbitrations	O/E	75,000.00	13,125.00
Municipal Dues & Membership	O/E	3,500.00	612.50
Celebration of Public Events	O/E	15,000.00	2,625.00
Postage	O/E	150,000.00	26,250.00
Copiers/Printers O/E		56,131.68	9,823.04
Central Office Supplies O/E		80,500.00	14,087.50
Electricity	O/E	580,000.00	101,500.00
Street Lighting	O/E	725,000.00	126,875.00
Gasoline	O/E	300,000.00	52,500.00
Fuel	O/E	35,000.00	6,125.00
Water & Sewer	O/E	190,000.00	33,250.00
Comminications	O/E	300,000.00	52,500.00
TeleCommunications Equipment	O/E	6,000.00	1,050.00
Salary Adjustment	O/E	1,500,000.00	262,500.00
Master Plan	O/E	40,000.00	7,000.00
Salary Settlements	O/E	1,500,000.00	400,000.00
Sub Total Within CAPS		71,232,365.57	15,631,810.97
Outside Caps			
Maintenance of Free Public Library		3,350,002.54	586,250.44
Public Employee Retirement		492,871.00	
Police & Fireman's Retirement		3,101,291.00	0.00
Hoboken Housing Authority			
Tax Maps		275,000.00	0.00
Matching Funds for Grant		40,000.00	0.00
Subtotal Outside caps		7,259,164.54	586,250.44
Total Appropriations Included in 26.25% limit		78,491,530.11	16,218,061.42
Statutory Expenditures			
Social Security System		1,687,296.00	295,276.80
Consol Police/Fire Pension		33,000.00	33,000.00
Public Employees Retirement (PERS)		617,057.00	
Early Retirement Pension Adjustment		4,252,621.00	0.00
Unemployment Compensation		250,000.00	65,625.00
Police/Firemen's Retirement		3,095,007.00	
Subtotal Statutory Expenditures		9,934,981.00	393,901.80
Capital Improvements Outside "CAPS"			
Capital Improvement Fund		150,000.00	100,000.00
Computer Technology upgrades		100,000.00	0.00

Emergency Repair City Piers	400,000.00	0.00
Total Capital Improvements From CAPS	650,000.00	100,000.00

Municipal Debt Service

Payment Bond Principal	3,020,000.00	3,090,000.00
Interest on Bonds	2,046,833.50	1,917,587.00
Interest on Notes	1,100,426.67	198,467.32
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	1,015,000.00	0.00
BAN Notes Principle	624,000.00	444,020.00
Green Trust Loan Repayment	212,924.27	106,462.00
Underground Storage Tank Loan	24,473.00	24,474.00
Interest of Garage Sale	525,000.00	195,000.00
Principal on HCIA Police Car 2008	91,160.00	88,400.00

Total Municipal Debt	8,659,817.44	6,064,410.32
Judgement	100,000.00	25,000.00

Total	19,344,798.44	6,583,312.12
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Total Temporary Municipal Budget	97,836,328.55	22,801,373.54
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Parking Utility

Salary Wages	2,517,000.00	440,475.00
Other Expenses	3,337,016.00	583,977.80
Group Health	1,005,540.00	175,969.50
Capital Outlay	445,000.00	77,875.00
Total Approp. Included in 26.25% limit	7,304,556.00	1,278,297.30

Statutory Expenditures

Public Employee Retirement System	150,000.00	
Social Security System	180,000.00	47,250.00
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	65,000.00	17,062.50

Debt Service

Payment of Bond Principal		1,075,000.00
Interest on Bonds	1,025,460.00	485,532.00
Payment of Note Interest (916)	287,500.00	109,694.44
Payment of Note Principal (916)	200,000.00	200,000.00
Trustee Fee	40,000.00	40,000.00
Surplus (General Budget)	3,500,000.00	
Total Parking Statutory Excluded from 26.25%	6,522,960.00	1,974,538.94

Total Temp Parking utility Budget	13,827,516.00	3,252,836.24
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The speakers who spoke on the above resolution:

Scott Siegel statements on the budget and bonds from the City of Hoboken – need to spend money but not on raising taxes.

Forde Prigot statement on why the meeting occurred this evening this evening and not adopt a regular budget.

Melissa Paparone spoke

Lane Bajardi statements on the Directors and the Governing Body on why there was no direction

Roman Brice statements regarding approvals (Corporation Counsel)

Joe Branco statements on voting on the temporary budget vs. the last 10 years

Michael Lenz statements on the voting for the temporary budget deadline Feb. 10, 2011, need to pay your bills.

Council President asks for a motion to close the public portion hearing.

Councilman Occhipinti asks question of Business Administrator makes statements of favor.

Nick Trasente, Finance Director comments on municipal law City Council has 30 days to pass the budget Payroll needs to be passed so the City can function but looking back at the meeting and researching I called NJ Division of Local Government Services and to asked how tabling resolution would affect the city. The State commented that no purchases or payroll would be made until the temp. budget is adopted. confirmed with the Auditors and recommend that the City calls an Emergency Special Meeting as soon as possible.

Corporation Counsel advises City Council to be aware that if the governing body does not pass the temporary budget the city will shut down.

Councilman Mello asks Corporation Counsel regarding city employees reporting to work March 3rd.

Councilman Bhalla states he voted against motion to table from last meeting. Council could have avoided current meeting if voted for 26.25%.

Councilwoman Marsh asks questions regarding 17.5% and confirms funding to March 1st from Business Administrator.

Councilwoman Marsh requests Council to change it back to original resolution of 26.25%.

Nick Trasente – Finance Director responds by stating (line) for the insurance. These numbers changed from last week.

Councilwoman Castellano states Council was ill-advised from our professionals, sought to work in the spirit of Corporation.

Councilman Russo states his distrust of the Mayor's numbers. Continue to watch every dollar March 1st date that the Council can move forward with budget.

Council President statement on the disappointment on objective to tighten the oversight of expenditures. Current over taxing of the taxpayers. Priorities should be about the residents and the health, safety and welfare. Directors come prepared and be able to anticipate questions brought on by the Council.

---Motion duly seconded by Councilman Bhalla.

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

---Yeas: Council persons Bhalla, Castellano, Cunninghamman, Giacchi, Marsh, Mello, Occhipinti, Russo and President Mason.

---Nays: None

PUBLIC PORTION

Helen Hirsch comments on 1600 Park Hoboken Cove, and a need for new telephone system. Concern over transparency of Hoboken Hospital and bid process.

Forde Prigot comments on Councilman Russo, the Hoboken FY year and Councilman Giacchi.

Councilman Russo comments his record speaks for itself.

Councilman Giacchi comments in his 10 years experience. Have changed temporary appropriations budgets. In the past believes there will be no disruption of city services.

Business Administrator states that waiting until March for State Aide.

Melissa Paparone comments about Council and control.

Corporation Counsel raises concern to Council on comments that may constitute slander.

Councilman Mello asks about law and risk of slander.

Corporation Counsel comments about concern given live on the web.

Lane Bajardi comments on Councilman Mello, Bhalla, a Political Consultant and Corporation Counsel re: Public Safety.

B.A. responds to comment regarding Mayor's letter to council requesting all communications go through the B.A. for efficiencies.

Roman Brice comments on attacks on city workers and what brought us here tonight and would like to see workshops on what the City saved.

Councilman Russo comments

Michael Lenz comments on the resolution that was taken over by the state and the City was overspending 10's of Millions of Dollars and has some knowledge of local budgets

Joe Branco comments and apologized to Councilman Giacchi and would like to question the difference for 26.25% vs. 17.5%

At 9:47 PM the Governing Body on a motion by Council President Mason; duly seconded by Councilman Occhipinti voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting,

President Mason then adjourned the meeting at 9:47 PM.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CITY CLERK