

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. March 13, 2012
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. On the motion of Council President Rummler, seconded by Councilmember Bugdon, and carried to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Endicott, Donna Riegel, Doris Bugdon, John Adams, Kevin Wessler, Craig Rummler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Giberson

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson

ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK: Kimberly A. Campellone

ATTORNEY: Kristopher Facenda, Esq.

Council President Craig Rummler called the meeting to order and lead the flag salute. This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the minutes, in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act". The Municipal Clerk of the City of Port Republic posted at City Hall, 143 Main Street, Port Republic and mailed and/or faxed to the Atlantic City Press and the Mainland Journal, a meeting notice setting for the time, date and locations of this meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 14, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Wessler, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 14, 2012 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Wessler, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 14, 2012 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 28, 2012 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2012 BILL LIST

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried.

YES: Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Wessler, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN: Bugdon abstains on PO 12-00093

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Endicott, Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Wessler, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN: Bugdon abstains on PO 12-00093

ORDINANCE:

02-2012 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (First Reading/Introduction)

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Wessler, Rummler, Endicott

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

INTRODUCTION OF 2012 BUDGET (First Reading/Introduction)

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Wessler, Rummler, Endicott

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

Police/Emergency Management:

Activity report provided by the Tuckerton barracks. Emergency Management Coordinators meeting this month – report to follow.

Administrative/Personnel:

City Council President congratulated Deputy City Clerk/Acting CFO on her latest grade for the CFO position she received a 100 on her test.

Public Works:

Approval to purchase the new backhoe will be discussed later in the meeting. Jimmy Milton has been working hard keeping the old one running.

Recreation:

Baseball applications have been approved. Schedule will be posted inside and outside the concession stand. Community day has been set for June 16th. We are working on getting signage for dog exercise area. Bill Smallwood discusses the resurfacing of the tennis courts which would make them playable and would not cost as much money compared to total replacement. The extra money could be used to purchase trees for the park.

Fire and Ambulance:

Dinner planned sometime in May.

Board of School Estimates:

Meeting on March 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the school. The school board is screening applicants for the superintendent position.

Planning Board:

No Meeting.

Code Enforcement:

Work in progress.

Construction:

Thirteen inspections were done; 4 permits: 3 for alteration and one for zoning.

Senior Services:

Property reimbursement tax forms have been mailed. Requests are still coming in for health aid appliances and we have received many contributions. Many seniors have been

utilizing the senior transportation to go shopping and have been meeting with Galloway seniors for events.

Finance:

No report.

Building:

We received some information regarding the court's recommendation for the new building, such as, changes in the layout of the courtroom and violations window, as well as, a private bathroom for the judge. Some of the recommendations are not feasible. It is still a work in progress.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried.

Resident Gail Haviland requested a speed limit sign on Upper Pomona Road and police presence on English Creek Road onto Pomona Road because of speed violators.

Resident Kathy Cox inquired about whether gas will be coming into town. She expressed that gas would be appealing. Council President Rummler advised that South Jersey Gas does not have a franchise agreement with the City.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

Hearing nothing further from the public, Councilmember Bugdon moved, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to close the public portion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence was acknowledged by City Council.

RESOLUTIONS:

38-2012 Tonnage Grant

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Endicott, Adams, Wessler, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

39-2012 Transfer Resolution 2011

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Endicott, Adams, Wessler, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

40-2012 Examination of Budget Resolution

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Endicott, Adams, Wessler, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

41-2012 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Backhoe

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Wessler, Rummler, Endicott

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

42-2012 Authorizing Shared Services Agreement to Provide Certified Recycling Professional Services with ACUA

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Endicott, Adams, Wessler, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

01-2012 Tax Map (*On hold per city solicitor*)

02-2012 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (First Reading/Introduction) (Introduced before budget)

03-2012 Ordinance Authorizing the City of Port Republic to Purchase Property Designated as Block 31, Lots 2, 2.01, 2.02 and 2.03 on the Tax Map of the City of Port Republic (First Reading/Introduction)

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried.

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Endicott, Adams, Wessler, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Giberson

ABSTAIN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Construction Fee: Needs Review

NEW BUSINESS:

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded by Councilmember Riegel and carried.

CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR TOPICS FOR PUBLIC PORTION:

Hearing nothing further from the public, Councilmember Bugdon moved, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to close the public portion.

RESOLUTION NO. ES 03-2012 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session
Councilmember Bugdon moved and seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried.

1. South Jersey Gas Company Regarding Franchise Agreement
2. Acquisition of Endicott Property known as Block 31, Lots 2, 2.01, 2.02 and 2.03
3. Letter dated February 28, 2012 from Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson. County Acquisition Resolution #2012-4 from the Atlantic County Planning Advisory Board Supporting the city of Port Republic's Application to the New Jersey Green Acres Program for Acquisition Funding for Block 20 Lots 7 & 8 (Percoskie)
4. Gravel Lease and Bid Package

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon seconded of Councilmember Riegel and carried to adjourn Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Wessler and carried to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk