

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:30 p.m. May 8, 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: Donna Riegel, Doris Bugdon, John Adams, Kevin Wessler, Craig Rummler

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Endicott, Roger Giberson

MAYOR: Gary B. Giberson - Absent

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 APRIL 10, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 10, 2012 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 2012 BILL LIST

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO PAY ALL SIGNED BILLS

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Giberson

ABSTAIN: Bugdon Abstains on PO 12-00173; Riegel Abstains on PO 12-00190

Police/Emergency Management:

Police activity report provided below.

Administrative/Personnel:

Gina Simon will be taking a final exam on Wednesday and will be starting another class on Saturday. She is moving along to getting her certification.

Public Works:

No Report.

Recreation:

The clean team and lifeguards have been hired. Beach will be open for Memorial Day. Beach badges sales have started.

City wide clean is Saturday, May 12th. The ACUA is providing shirts and gloves.

Resident Bob Haviland has volunteered to pick up trash bags as they are filled up.

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:

Activity report provided by the Tuckerton barracks and given by Sgt. Brady – 23 property checks, 18 motor vehicle stops and, two motor vehicle accidents for the month of April.

Councilwomen Bugdon informed council of an incident in which a truck attempted to go over the Route 610 Bridge. She filed a complaint with the State Police in that regard.

Fire and Ambulance:

Roast beef dinner Saturday, May 19th.

Board of School Estimates:

No report.

Planning Board:

No meeting last month. Next meeting is May 14th.

Code Enforcement:

Letter sent out to Safeguard addressing the need to cut grass.

Construction:

Four alteration permits, one zoning permit and two CO permits were issued. There was also a UCC investigation and fine issued; \$1000 fine paid by contractor for working without a permit on 200 Riverside Dr.

Senior Services:

The Senior Tea held at the St. Paul's Church on May 5th was a success.

Hooked on Fishing has been changed from June 2nd to June 16th due to triathlon.

Finance:

No report.

Building:

Test borings were conducted at the site of the new city hall for the placement of the building – awaiting additional information.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Bill Smallwood presented several questions regarding the upcoming triathlon which were answered.

Resident Scott Summerill 114 Central Ave. presented several questions regarding the new dog park which were answered.

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:

Letter dated April 18, 2012 from Mayor Don Purdy of Galloway supporting the Jessica Lunsford Act.

Correspondence acknowledged.

Letter dated April 18, 2012 from County Executive Dennis Levinson in reference to the Urban County Re-Qualification Requirements - Community Development Block Grant Program - Home Investment Partnerships Program Fiscal Years 2013, 2014, 2015.

Correspondence acknowledged.

Letter dated April 18, 2012 from Bob Edmunds & Family of Edmunds & Associates regarding sponsoring the fifteenth annual Guts & Glory 5k Run in Ocean City, NJ

Correspondence acknowledged.

Public notice dated April 20, 2012 from Atlantic County Dept. of Regional Planning and Development.

Correspondence acknowledged.

Letter dated April 27, 2012 from the Port Republic Athletic Fund asking for the City's sponsorship.

Correspondence acknowledged and approved:

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Giberson

ABSTAIN: Wessler

Letter dated May 2, 2012 from Doran Engineering regarding Municipal Public Access Plan

Correspondence acknowledged.

Letter dated April 27, 2012 from Local 827 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Consumer Alert (Verizon)

Correspondence acknowledged.

RESOLUTIONS:

51-2012 NJLM for Municipal enlistment in the Military Initiative

On the recommendation of Councilman Adams insert the following ¶16: "as defined on the Mayors' Advisory dated April 12, 2012"

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

52-2012 Appointment of Construction Official

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

53-2012 Granting a Raffle License namely Port Republic PTS

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Giberson
ABSTAIN:

54-2012 Urging the State Legislature to approve A-2454, which would alter eligibility requirements for unemployment insurance for seasonal public entity workers

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

55-2012 Jessica Lunsford Act

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES:

01-2012 Amending Section 160-154 of the Port Republic Code (Payment of fees and escrows; waiver)

Second Reading/Public Hearing)

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Construction Fees

Revising and Updating the Election District/ward Map, Ward Boundary Report and Ward Boundary Description for Port Republic

NEW BUSINESS:

Boling Cemetery discussion requested by Councilwoman Doris Bugdon and Mayor Gary Giberson. It was recommended that the certificate of deposit be rolled over into a money market account until further development.

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION

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

Resident Bob Haviland presented comments regarding the Boling Cemetery and Edmunds & Assoc. letter.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ES 05-2012 Authorization to Enter into Executive Session Regarding:

1. South Jersey Gas Company Regarding a Franchise Agreement
2. Acquisition of Endicott Property Known as Block 31, Lots 2, 2.01,2.02 and 2.03
3. Gravel Lease Bid Packet

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

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

The deteriorating condition of the "Welcome to Port Republic" sign on the corner of Chestnut Neck and Route 9 is discussed by Council President Rummler.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tax appeal rebates proposed legislation (Email from Tax Assessor Bill Johnson regarding Proposed Legislation)

56-2012 Supporting Assembly Bill 3412

In favor to support:

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

YES: Riegel, Bugdon, Adams, Rummler, Wessler

NO:

ABSENT: Endicott, Giberson

ABSTAIN:

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Wessler, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly A. Campellone
Acting Municipal Clerk