

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
6:00 P.M. MARCH 19, 2024
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Doris Bugdon, Roger Giberson, Eugene Hawn (arrived at 6:10 pm), Jeffrey Ropiecki, Michael Turner

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Steven Allgeyer, Donna Riegel

MAYOR: Monica Giberson

DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Brandy M. Blevin, RMC

ATTORNEY: William Kaufmann, Esq.

MUNICIPAL AUDITOR: Nancy Sbrolla, CPA, RMA

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: Jenna Kelly, CMFO

Council President Giberson 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 Current Newspaper, a meeting notice setting for the time, date, and location of this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

44-2024 Resolution by the City Council of the City of Port Republic in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey Authorizing a Municipal Levy CAP Referendum on April 16, 2024

On the motion of Councilmember Ropiecki, seconded of Councilmember Turner and carried to adopt Resolution 44-2024.

YES: Bugdon, Giberson, Hawn, Ropiecki, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

BUDGET 2024

First Reading / Introduction

ORDINANCE 02-2024 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Turner and carried to introduce Ordinance 02-2024.

YES: Bugdon, Giberson, Hawn, Ropiecki, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION 45-2024 Resolution Authorizing the Budget be Read by Title Only
On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Turner and carried to adopt Resolution 45-2024.

YES: Bugdon, Giberson, Hawn, Ropiecki, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION 46-2024 Resolution Authorizing Introduction of the 2024 Municipal Budget
On the motion of Councilmember Hawn, seconded of Councilmember Turner and carried to adopt Resolution 46-2024.

YES: Bugdon, Giberson, Hawn, Ropiecki, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION 47-2024 Self-Examination of Budget Resolution

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Turner and carried to adopt Resolution 47-2024.

YES: Bugdon, Giberson, Hawn, Ropiecki, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCES – 1ST READING/INTRODUCTION:

03-2024 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 72-1986, as Amended and as
Codified in Chapter 160, Recreation Areas and Parks

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Turner and carried to introduce Ordinance 03-2024.

YES: Bugdon, Giberson, Hawn, Ropiecki, Turner

NO:

ABSENT: Allgeyer, Riegel

ABSTAIN:

OPEN TO PUBLIC PORTION:

On the motion of Councilmember Turner, seconded of Councilmember Bugdon and carried to open public portion.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION:

Hearing nothing from the public, on the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Turner and carried to close the public portion.

Council discussed amending the lease for the old gravel mine site (400 English Creek Road). They would like to proceed with the redevelopment plan for the property. This is necessary if Council

would like to enter into a shared services agreement with another municipality in the future. Attorney Kaufmann shared some of the terms which were suggested to the City.

1. \$300,000 lease payment up front
2. Lease subject to environmental due diligence, 60 days
3. Lease term of 15 years, commencing after governmental approvals
4. Volume payments pursuant to the bid solicitation
5. No \$300,000 bond requirement based on advanced payment
6. Restoration bond needs to be proportionate to the area disturbed and not the entire site, suggesting that a \$250,000 roll over bond is more than sufficient protection
7. The parties agree to explore shared services arrangements

Council is favorable to the upfront lease payment. This would be for a five-year period and payment would be made again for the next five years of the term. They also are comfortable with a ten-year lease term, allowing for five-year extensions. Council decided on \$3 per yard for the minimum bid amount. Attorney Kaufmann will revise the lease to include the terms discussed and present it at the next City Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Bugdon, seconded of Councilmember Turner and carried to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy M. Blevin, RMC
Municipal Clerk