



City of Lambertville
Special Session
Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 7 p.m.
Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville
MINUTES

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

Mayor DelVecchio called the special session of the Governing Body to order at 7:00 p.m., and read the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act into the record, noting that the Clerk provided the required notice on March 21, 2016 to the Democrat, the Times, posted the agenda to the bulletin board at city hall, the website at www.lambertvillenj.org, and noticed various people on the list serve, inclusive of department heads, city attorney and city engineer.

ROLL CALL.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Councilwoman Asaro, Councilman Sanders, Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: Councilwoman Warner.

RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACTS, ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, POTENTIAL LAW SUITS AND PERSONNEL.

The Governing Body did not go into closed session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

The City Clerk led the public in a moment of silence in honor of those serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in a moment of silence in honor of Nancy Reagan, the First Lady who recently passed away. Reagan became First Lady of the United States in January 1981, following her husband's victory in the 1980 presidential election. She championed recreational drug prevention causes by founding the "Just Say No" drug awareness campaign, which was considered her major initiative as First Lady. She had a strong influence on her husband, and played a role in a few of his personnel and diplomatic decisions.

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION.

Ordinance Number 13-2016: A CAP Bank Ordinance.

Mayor DelVecchio read the ordinance into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that this ordinance will permit the City to use the funds that were not appropriated in the 2016 Budget in the next two succeeding years.

City of Lambertville
ORDINANCE NUMBER 13-2016
CALENDAR YEAR 2016
ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Asaro, Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio.

(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriations to 0.00% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations; and,

WHEREAS, a municipality may, by ordinance, bank the difference between its final budget appropriations and the 3.5% increase authorized by this ordinance when said difference is not appropriated as part of the final budget; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lambertville City, County of Hunterdon, hereby determines that this difference in the amount of \$122,411.84 that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION: February 16, 2016

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: March 23, 2016

Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing on Ordinance Number 13-2016 and asked for questions or comments from the public. There being no questions from the public, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance Number 13-2016. Council President Stegman made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance Number 13-2016. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt on second reading, granting final approval of Ordinance Number 13-2016. Councilwoman Asaro made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 13-2016 on second reading granting final approval. Councilman Sander seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS.

2016 BUDGET .

Public Hearing and Final Adoption of the 2016 Budget.

Mayor DelVecchio gave the members of the public present the following commentary on the 2016 budget includes: The services and staffing will remain the same in 2016. The average house

in 2015 was \$353,681 and in 2016 will be \$363,200. The assessed taxes in 2015 were \$2,261,758 and in 2016 are \$2,262,005. The 2016 budget represents a \$247 increase in the tax levy. We will begin the year with \$683,064 in surplus and will use \$390,000 in the budget to pay down debt. State Aid is flat. Salaries will increase by 2% except for new hires and includes increases to health benefits, workers compensation and a new line item for public events in the amount of \$7,500. The Library's annual contribution is set by statute. The City is paying more than in prior years on the debt and will start the year with \$675,375 in surplus. The 2016 budget represents a \$247 tax levy on the average property valued at \$363,200.

Mayor DelVecchio opened the public hearing on the 2016 budget and asked for questions or comments from the public. There being no questions or comments from the public, Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to close the public hearing on the 2016 Budget. Councilman Sanders made a motion to close the public hearing. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution to Amend the Budget.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that the budget was amended, less than 10% which did not require the Clerk to advertise the amendment. The following areas were amended:

Revenues: Surplus anticipated was increased from \$390,000 to \$397,689. Special Items of General Revenue was increased from \$150,000 to \$172,500.

General Appropriations: Solid Waste S&W was increased from \$100,200 to \$107,889, Group Insurance for Employees inside CAP decreased from \$548,747 to \$548,465, Group Insurance for Employees outside of CAP increased from \$8,933 to \$9,215, Municipal Debt Service, excluded from CAPS increased from \$00.00 to \$22,500.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution Amending the 2016 budget. Council President Stegman made a motion to adopt the resolution to amend 2016 Budget. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Final Adoption of the 2016 Budget.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt the 2016 Budget as amended. Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt the 2016 budget as amended. Council President Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution Number 53-2016: A Resolution to Authorize the Contract with Innovative Electrical Contractors for the Installation of a Permanent Generator at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center in an Amount not to Exceed \$68,900.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that Resolution Number 53-2016 will authorize the contract with Innovative Electrical for the installation of the permanent generator at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center. This will be an elevated unit that will allow the City to continue to perform elections, Court, and regular business during a power outage.

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION NUMBER 53-2016

A Resolution Authorizing the Contract with Innovative Electrical Contractors for the installation of Permanent Generators at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center In An Amount Not to Exceed \$68,900

WHEREAS, Bids were submitted to the City for the Installation of Permanent Generators at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center and publicly opened on July 8, 2015. All bids were in excess of the funds available for the project, and therefore, the bids were rejected.

WHEREAS, the project was rebid, with bids submitted to the City and publicly opened on October 27, 2015, which were in excess of the funds available for the project, and therefore, the bids were rejected.

WHEREAS, In accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5, since the bid had been advertised and rejected on two occasions, City Council authorized T&M Associates to solicit quotes for the Installation of Permanent Generators at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center.

WHEREAS, Innovative Electrical Contractors submitted a proposal to complete the work for an amount not to exceed \$68,900.00.

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified that funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that the contract with Innovative Electrical Contractors in an amount not to exceed \$68,900.00 for the Installation of Permanent Generators at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Engineer is authorized to perform Construction Observation and Administration services related to the Installation of Permanent Generators at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk are authorized to sign the contract with Innovative Electrical Contractors for the Installation of Permanent Generators at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center is hereby authorized.

ADOPTED: March 23, 2016

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt Resolution Number 53-2016. Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 53-2016. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CAVALLO PARK UPDATE: We are pleased to announce that the playground at Cavallo Park will reopen Good Friday, March 25. A formal rededication ceremony will be scheduled at a future date.

STREET SWEEPER RESUMES on Tuesday, March 15, 2016! Help us keep our streets clean and remember to move your car on your scheduled day.

SPECIAL SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 starting at 7 pm. Agenda items include the public hearing and adoption of the CAP Bank Ordinance and the 2016 Budget.

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CITY OFFICES CLOSED on Friday, March 25, 2016. Friday's garbage and recycling will be picked up on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

LANDLORD REGISTRATION is due by April 1, 2016. All rental units must be registered with the City of Lambertville (Ordinance 2010-23). All rental properties with two (2) or more rental units must also register with the State of New Jersey.

SHAD RUN will be held on April 16, 2016.

SHAD FESTIVAL will be held on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PETITIONS OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

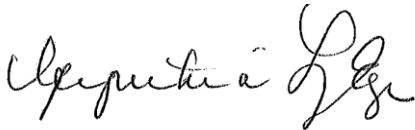
Mayor DelVecchio asked for public participation or petitions of Citizens.

Paul Rotundi of York Street commented that he wanted to attend the budget hearing but did not have public comment.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Council President Stegman made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia L. Ege
CMR, RMC, City Clerk

The March 23, 2016 session minutes were approved by the Governing Body at the regularly scheduled session held on April 19, 2016.

