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BOROUGH OF PALMYRA

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CALL TO ORDER.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Gural, President Dobbs, Ms. Scheffler, Mr. Scott, Mr. Norcross, Mr. Bostock,

Absent: Mr. Dorworth.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Public Notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Borough Clerk in the following manner:

- A. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board at the Palmyra Borough Hall on January 5, 2010.
- B. Mailing written notice to the NewsWeekly, the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 5, 2010.
- C. Notice to All Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS.

A. Discussion of EDC Ordinances-outdoor dining and display of merchandise. Mayor Gural discussed that Kate Tasch worked on the ordinance with EDC and that the ordinance has been forwarded to the land use board. Mr. Bostock inquired if the zoning or code enforcement officer is not available; could the police department issue warnings or summons for the ordinance? Mayor Gural explained that the police can enforce any ordinance. Mr. Bostock discussed that he is concerned about things occurring at night and the enforcement of the ordinance. Mr. Norcross explained that the police would enforce it. President Dobbs inquired as to how code enforcement can enforce it if they do not witness it. Mr. Norcross explained that the police officer would be called as a witness. OIC Lippincott informed council that a police officer could not enforce the abandon vehicle ordinance on private

property. Mr. Scott discussed that he is concerned about serving food outside and the blocking of the sidewalks. Mrs. Kilmer explained that she has a copy of the ordinance and has not reviewed it, but that either she as the zoning official or Pam Scott/Forman as the code enforcement officer can enforce the ordinance. Mr. Rosenberg explained that the abandon vehicle ordinance is under property maintenance code, which is enforced by the zoning official or code enforcement officer, but all other ordinances can be enforced by the police department.

B. Discussion on the BID ordinance-Mayor Gural explained that the plan was to introduce the amended ordinance at the next meeting, but that there are still some blocks and lots that need to be clarified. Mayor Gural discussed that Harry Fox, engineer also has some concerns on the list of blocks and lots. The discussion will be postponed until next Monday. Mr. Norcross discuss not rushing with the amended ordinance. Mayor Gural explained that Mr. Rosenberg and Mr. Fox will meet and will let council know.

C. Police Study-Mayor Gural discussed that the final study was given to council. Mr. Norcross explained that he is not in favor of paying them any more money and sending the balance back to the state. Mayor Gural agreed and discussed that the council is responsible to make sure the funds are spent according to the grant. Council will review the bills at a later date for payment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Mr. Bostock made a motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2009, Mr. Norcross second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Dobbs, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Norcross.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Ms. Scheffler.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Budget Meeting Schedule-President Dobbs made a motion to hold a budget meeting on March 13, 2010 at 8:30am, Ms. Scheffler second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

B. Borough owned lot-authorization of appraisal-Mayor Gural discussed that council had received a quote from Michael Molinari for the appraisal of the lots at a cost of \$450.00 per lot. Mr. Norcross inquired if it is possible to obtain a flat rate for all of the lots. President Dobbs inquired if it was worth the appraisal, since they are undersize lots and has there been any interest in buying them. Mr. Norcross explained that there are residents interested in two of the lots. Mr. Rosenberg informed council that they could add the price of the

appraisal to the sale price of the lot and that they need an appraisal to sell the lots. Mayor Gural discussed that the Borough should have the value of Borough property on a fixed assets list. Resolution 2010-45, Resolution Appointing Edward T. Molinari, SRA As An Appraiser For The Borough Of Palmyra. Mr. Norcross made a motion to appoint Mr. Molinari at a cost of \$450.00 per lot, President Dobbs second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Dobbs, Ms. Scheffler, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Norcross.

NAYES: None.

C. Security System-police headquarters-OIC Lippincott informed council that he had met with the engineer Mr. Fox on the system and that they will be working on the bid process.

D. Cell Towers-Mr. Rosenberg informed council that Bridan Communications is requesting a meeting on March 8th to discuss the leases and other items.

E. Appointment of Judge-the Judge will be appointed at the council meeting of March 8th.

F. Energy Audit-Mayor Gural announced that the kick-off meeting with Steve Winters Associates is scheduled for March 2nd at 9am for anyone from council who would like to attend.

G. Grant Management-leave on agenda.

H. Sidewalk repair ordinance-leave on agenda.

I. Revaluation-update. Mayor Gural discussed that council needs to be prepared to start the revaluation process in the next month; most towns have been ordered to conduct a revalue. The tax assessor will be attending the April 5th meeting.

J. Four day work week-leave on agenda.

NEW BUSINESS.

A. Resolution 2010-46, Resolution Approving Request Of GB For The Subordination Of A Second Mortgage Held By The Borough Pursuant To The Borough's Small Cities Rehabilitation Program. Mr. Norcross made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Scheffler second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Dobbs, Ms. Scheffler, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Norcross.

NAYES: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Mr. Bostock made a motion to open the public comment, Ms. Scheffler second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. No public wishing to be

heard, Mr. Bostock made a motion to close the public portion, President Dobbs second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

CLOSED SESSION.

Resolution No. 2010-47, Resolution Permitting The Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting In Certain Circumstances Per Section 8 Of The Open Public Meetings Act C. 231 P.L. 1975. (litigation & contracts). President Dobbs made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Bostock second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Council went into executive session at 7:40pm.

ADJOURNMENT.

President Dobbs made a motion to adjourn at 8:15, Ms. Scheffler second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.