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BOROUGH OF PALMYRA

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CALL TO ORDER

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, 2011.

- B. Mailing written notice to the NewsWeekly, the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 5, 2011.

- C. Notice to All Council Members.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mr. Brahl. (arrived late).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

President Scheffler made a motion to approve the minutes from April 11, 2011. Mr. Norcross second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Dobbs and Mr. Bostock abstained. Ms. Dobbs made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2011, President Scheffler second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Dorworth abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A. Letter from Board of Chosen Freeholders-Municipal Park Grant-Mr. Gerken explained that the Borough had received the first round of grant monies for the Ethel Hardy Park, but was not award the second round for the riverfront area.

Mayor Gural announced that council would be going into executive session as soon as Mr. Brahl arrived.

NEW BUSINESS.

A. Resolution 2011-109, Resolution Approving Request Of M.K. For The Subordination Of A Mortgage Held By The Borough Pursuant To The Borough's Housing Rehabilitation Program. Mr. Dorworth made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Bostock second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Norcross and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

B. Resolution 2011-110 , Resolution Authorizing An Application To And Acceptance of Funds from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Juvenile Justice Commission's 2011 Summer Expansion Program. Mr. Gerken explained that this grant money would help fund scholarships for the YMCA summer campership. President Scheffler made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Bostock second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Norcross and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

C. RICE notice- Mayor Gural explained that a notice was to Bogustava Nahrwold for discussion of her position as crossing guard. Mrs. Nahrwold requested that the discussion be held in open session. Mr. Bostock abstain from the discussion and step down from the council bench. Mr. Brahl arrived at 7:10pm. Mrs. Nahrwold was represented by an attorney. Mayor Gural advised Mrs. Nahrwold that she was in front of council due to a suspension from her post as crossing guard and that she was alleged as passing out campaign literature while on duty. Mrs. Nahrwold explained that she was not aware of the law and would not jeopardize her job. Mayor Gural explained that the problem is that it is a crime to hand out political literature while on duty as well as within 100 feet of a polling place. Mrs. Nahrwold

informed council that she had given the literature to the children to hand out and is sorry that she put the children in jeopardy. Mr. Dorworth discussed that council and Mrs. Nahrwold is not here to discuss her job performance, but the fact that she violated the rules and the law while on duty as a crossing guard. Mayor Gural discussed that councils concerns are numerous and that borough employees while working cannot promote candidates. The children are the main reasonability of the crossing guards. Mrs. Nahrwold explained that she understands and that it will never happen again. Mr. Rosenberg inquired if her attorney had any questions. Mrs. Nahrwold attorney inquired if she knew that it was wrong to hand out the literature. Mrs. Nahrwold replied that she was unaware of the law and that it was illegal. Mr. Rosenberg requests a break in the discussion so that he could confer with Mrs. Nahrwold attorney.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Scheffler made a motion to open the meeting to public comment.

Mrs. Jones- inquired as to where the community center stands for the seniors use. She had spoken to Kevin from the YMCA and he was not aware of their schedule. Mayor Gural replied that the center is not run by the YMCA and that the summer camp is the only thing that they will do as of now. The center was built for all of the residents of the Borough and that if there is a misunderstanding from the public; Borough Council has meetings twice a month with public comment. Mayor Gural explained that the center was designed for the seniors to use and that they can move in there as soon as possible. Mrs. Jones inquired as to whom coordinates the activities for the center. Mrs. Jones requested a lock closet for the seniors to store their items and some shelving. Mayor Gural explained that council had decided not to make a lot of storage space, so that the money could be used for more rooms. Mrs. Jones explained that the rooms are too small for some of the seniors items, such as the ping pong table. Mayor Gural replied that in the back of the center there is a large room and several small rooms as well as two meeting rooms on the side of the center. Mrs. Jones explained that the seniors will be there Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm. Council will work out a schedule as there has been many request for the use of the center.

Mrs. Scott-Front Street discussed that Mr. Gerkens had commented that there was no funding for park improvements and did this mean that the Ethel Hardy Park would not be updated. Mayor Gural explained that the borough ahs the funding for the improvements to the park, the county did not approve funding for the waterfront area. Mrs. Scott requested if the neighborhood could have some input on the improvements to the park. Mr. Fox will be in touch with the neighborhood be final plans are made.

Mr. Bostock-inquired as to why the lights are on all day and night at the Legion Filed playground and who answers the questions about the park. The goal post was vandalized and twisted and it took 4 months to have it fix. Mayor Gural explained that the matter will be reviewed and that the problem with the lights is the sensor that is being repaired.

Mr. Dorworth made a motion to close the public portion, Mr. Brahl second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

RICE notice-continuation. Mr. Rosenberg informed council that the suspension that was imposed is acceptable to Mrs. Nahrwold and that he will be resigned and start back to work. Chief Pearlman and Mr. Dorworth agreed with Mr. Rosenberg's recommendation. Mrs. Nahrwold and her attorney informed council that yes, they were in agreement as well. Resolution 2011-111, Resolution Confirming Decision Of Chief of Police To Suspend And Re-Instate Crossing Guard. President Scheffler made a motion to approve the resolution, President Dobbs second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brahl, Mr. Norcross, Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Bostock.

Resolution 2011-112,

Resolution Excluding The Public From Certain Meetings Pursuant To Section 8 Of The Open Public Meetings Act C. 231 P.L.1975. Mr. Brahl made a motion to approve the resolution, President Scheffler second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brahl, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Norcross, Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None. Council went into executive session at 7:30pm for the discussion of personnel and litigation.

GENERAL SESSION.

Council returned to public session at 8:45pm.

Resolution 2011-113, Resolution Authorizing A Contract With Lexis/Nexus. President Scheffler made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Dobbs second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brahl, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Norcross, Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

Resolution 2011-114,

Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Sign The Police Contract For The 2011 Year. Ms. Dobbs made a motion to approve the resolution, President Scheffler second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brahl, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Norcross, Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

Resolution 2011-115,

Resolution Authorizing The Borough Clerk And The Solicitor To Take Appropriate Action To Confirm Insurance Coverage And A Defense For The Borough As Well As The Mayor, All Present And Former Council Members For Lawsuit Filed By Joseph Stoever. President Scheffler made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Dobbs second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brahl, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Norcross, Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

Resolution 2011-116,

Resolution Waiving Administration Fees For Outside Employment For Saint Charles Borromeo Church. Ms. Dobbs made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Norcross second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brahl, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Norcross, Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

Adjournment.

Ms. Dobbs made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm, Mr. Dorworth second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.