

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2006
6:00 p.m.

In compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4, Open Public Meetings Law, notice was given to two newspapers and posted, that a special council meeting of the Mayor and Council was scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present. The Engineer Mr. Bach was also present.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince to open this portion of the meeting to the public. Councilman Whalen seconded. All Council voting aye. No one from the public spoke.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa, with all Council voting aye.

Old Business:

Motion made by Councilman Wilson to adopt, seconded by Councilman D'Amico for:

RESOLUTION 2006-28
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION AN AGREEMENT
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Borough Redevelopment Counsel; and
WHEREAS, funds are available for the purpose from professional developers trust accounts; and
WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40:11 et seq) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" with competitive bids must be publicly advertised.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement with Stuart Platt.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Services" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because this contract is to be performed by a person authorized by Law to practice a recognized profession and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

All Council voted aye.

New Business:

Motion made by Councilman DePrince to adopt, seconded by Councilman D'Amico for:

Resolution 2006:33 Mutual Aid Agreement

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Councilman DePrince motioned to adopt, seconded by Councilwoman D'Amico for:

RESOLUTION 2006-34

WHEREAS, the State of NJ has allocated funding in the amount of \$100,000. for Domestic Preparedness Projects; and
WHEREAS, the Fire Company is in need of a generator for an alternate power source for the emergency shelter; and
WHEREAS, specifications have been supplied to the Borough Clerk,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 19th day of January, 2006 by Mayor and Council to authorize the Borough Clerk to advertise and receive bids for the supply and installation of a 85kW generator for the fire department.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made to adopt by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz for: Resolution 2006:35 Authorize Distribution of Smart Future Grant Funds WHP Coalition All Council voted aye for first reading by roll call vote.

Motion made to adopt by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen for:

RESOLUTION 2006-36

WHEREAS, the Borough Redevelopment Engineer/Planner has prepared a Redevelopment Report for the Lion's Head Plaza area; WHEREAS, the Report states the findings of determination for declaring the Lion's Head Plaza in need of redevelopment, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 19th day of January, 2006 by Mayor and Council to recommend to the Planning Board to expand the area of investigation for Lion's Head Plaza Redevelopment Project to include: B. 3.02, L. 20; B. 3.10, L. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12; B. 4.06, L. 1, 1.02, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince to approve, seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve Firemen's Association Membership for Jason M. Parks, 415 Ashland Avenue, Magnolia, NJ. All Council voted aye.

Councilman D'Amico made a motion to approve the minutes for December 29, 2005, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa, with all Council, with the exception of Councilman Wilson and Councilwoman Martz who abstained since they were not present at the December 29, 2005 meeting.

Councilman DePrince made a motion to approve the minutes for January 04, 2006, seconded by Councilman Whalen, with all Council voting aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen to approve the payment of the bills as listed on the bill list provided, seconded by Councilman D'Amico, with all members voting aye by roll call vote, and agreeing to hold the Haddon Janitorial check for waxing the floors of Borough Hall.

Roundtable Discussion:

Councilman Whalen stated a schedule of meetings has been set for the 2006 budget. The tax collection rate for 2005 is 98.28% to date.

Councilman D'Amico stated forms are being given to members of the emergency management team for medication release if an emergency does occur.

It was explained the Mayor and some of Council met with Sam Ross at the old Camden Landscaping recently. Mr. Ross had purchased the site. He had explained he wanted to build another new building, and make improvements to the site that would include a new rear retaining wall and fence. This would be a future Planning Board application.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman D'Amico to appoint Councilman Wilson to continue talks with Mr. Ross.

Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to take a 15 minute recess before starting the 7:00 PM meeting with National Realty.

Being 7:00 PM the Mayor welcomed the residents who were in attendance. She introduced John Orrico of National Realty who managed the Lion's Head Plaza. Mr. Orrico stated he was the Regional Director for National Realty, and gave a short history of the site from its beginning to its present condition. He then introduced his traffic engineer. The engineer addressed the present conditions of traffic and the cut through of vehicles along Jefferson and Lafayette Avenues. He presented a slide presentation of various options which may assist the area noted. He explained the new traffic light would be offset 200 feet from Washington Avenue as originally proposed. The three main entries of White Horse Pike, Evesham, and Kennedy Boulevard were noted. He explained the widening of the White Horse Pike to allow for a center turning isle.

He went into detail of the traffic calming solutions to the nearby streets.

Questions and answers occurred from the residents. Deana Ballinger of 236 East Washington noted her thankfulness of changing the location of the proposed traffic signal.

John Furlong of West Adams Avenue spoke of his concern of the traffic calming and the effect on property values.

Janet Gillespie of 514 Bryant expressed her concern.

Anthony Comella of 133 Jefferson Avenue questioned the traffic study and how it was done. It was explained by the Borough Engineer and the Traffic Engineer.

Kevin Reid spoke as a business owner of Magnolia Gardens and his agreement to the new proposal for the site.

All Landsman a business owner was also present.

It was noted that the Somerdale Police substation would continue to exist at the new site as it has at the present site.

Mayor Passanante spoke of the White Horse Pike Coalition and the study that has been done and the types of businesses which the study states could be suitable on the Pike.

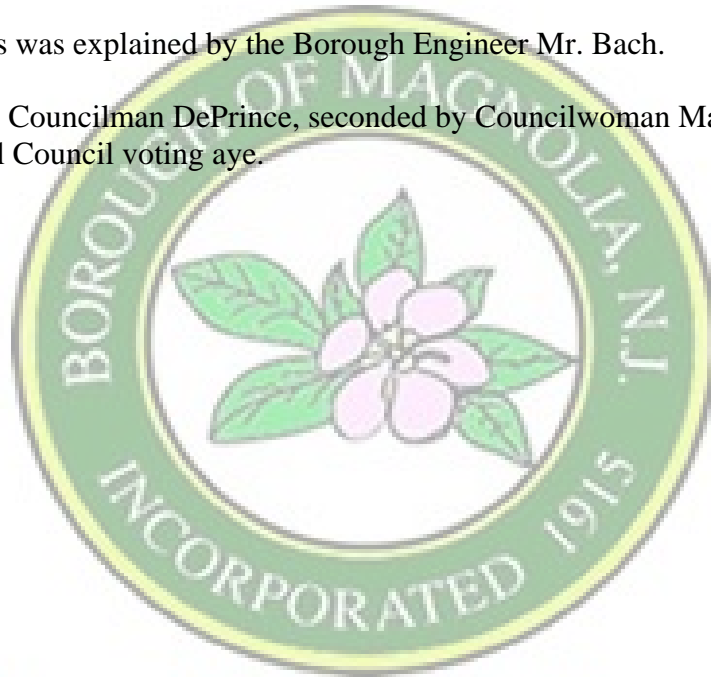
Bill Anderson of Jefferson questioned the Traffic Engineer and how socio-economic factors of the area could show variances in traffic to the new site. The Traffic Engineer spoke in detail of the Institute of Traffic Engineering and the sources they used are national averages.

Mr. Farland questioned the socio-economic factors and how over the surrounding area there are lows and highs and would average out and would not make the data any different.

Mr. Nealer a resident for over 50 years spoke of how Magnolia and progress have changed over the decades.

The time process was explained by the Borough Engineer Mr. Bach.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adjourn the meeting, with all Council voting aye.



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