

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
CAUCUS MINUTES, Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Mayor Klaus called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the reading of the Sunshine Statement. He led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called roll with the following present:

Council President Popiolek, Councilwoman Bergeron, Councilman Rink, Councilwoman Nicholson. Councilman Ludwig was absent and Councilman Robenolt had not yet arrived (arrived at 6:15). Also present were Solicitor Tim Higgins, Secretary Eileen Holcombe, CFO Denise Moules and Clerk Terry Shannon.

First Public Portion—on a motion by Council President Popiolek, second by Councilwoman Nicholson, the public portion of the meeting was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilwoman Bergeron, second by Councilwoman Nicholson, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Engineer:

Greg Evans was not present as he was ill. Clerk Shannon reported the following action items will be on the council agenda:

Resolution for bond reduction for Commerce Drive Holdings (Fed Ex parking lot project)

Resolution to reject the quotes received for video surveillance system. We will reduce the scope of the work and go back out for quotes.

Shannon added that KEI sent out letters today to the vendors who bid on the Streetscape project requesting an extension. DOT is working out possible additional funding so we can award the alternate.

Administration:

Clerk Shannon reported on the following items:

Meeting calendar—do we want to have the council meetings in June and November on Monday or Wednesday because of the elections? It was agreed that we will go with Wednesdays.

DOT Traffic Signal Agreement—we received agreement pertaining to Bell Avenue traffic signal. We need to sign agreement and authorizing resolution will be on the agenda. Tim will review language.

Ambulance roof—we received one quote from Winchester and Mike Ciocco is waiting for a second. Resolution of award will be on the agenda.

Clerk Shannon then reviewed the items for the council meeting agenda as follows:

Resolutions—

Authorizing DOT traffic signal agreement

Awarding contract for roof recover at ambulance building

Reducing the bond amount for Commerce Drive Holdings

Finance:

CFO Moules reported on the following items:

Review of monthly financial reports; summary of police overtime; year-end revenue surplus due to court revenue. Budget schedule was reviewed. Packets will be distributed to department heads by end of this month. We should be able to adopt in May.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Nicholson reported on a sump pump issue on Clements Bridge Road that resulted in ice. Public Works handled ice and John Z will look into the problem with the property owner. Softball wants to have an event at VFW and will contact Terry.

Councilman Robenolt arrived to the meeting at 6:15pm.

Clerk Shannon asked Councilwoman Nicholson about the fireworks—July 4 is on a Monday. It was decided the fireworks will be on Friday, July 1 with July 2 as the rain date.

Nicholson added that they are considering expanding Barrington Day to be more like a carnival and include a beer garden. Mayor Klaus said it would have to move to Deerr Field. Also owner of restaurant said his insurance company is charging him \$3000 for letting non-patrons park in his lot. Clerk Shannon said we can provide a certificate of insurance to cover him. It was suggested they may want to expand Barrington Day in 2017 as part of the Centennial celebration.

Councilman Rink reported the new president of the BBA is Dr. Kennedy. They are looking to start a farmer's market in Barrington. Rink then reported he received complaints from the owner of Time Out regarding the clean-up of the fire site next to the business. Clean-up is moving very slowly. It was suggested that he discuss the situation with John Z as he has been involved.

Councilwoman Bergeron reported that the Mayor, Chief Roberts, Chief Willson and I will be meeting with the resident who came to the last council meeting with complaints about the ambulance service and the Mews. We did get information that the Mews is supposed to be smoke-free but they grandfathered long-time residents. Solicitor Higgins said we have no enforcement there—they have to go directly to HUD. Bergeron said we want to meet with the management company to discuss some alternatives and the complaints we have been receiving. We want to help them improve the conditions at the Mews.

Councilman Robenolt reported the police department will be getting eight body cameras. They are working on the policies and procedures for the cameras. He then added that we will be trying to revitalize the Green Team this year. Clerk Shannon said that Councilman Ludwig requested that the camera at Wish Upon a Star Park get repaired. Robenolt said he will look into it.

Councilman Robenolt then reported that Chief Roberts approached him about a chaplain program. Pastor Archut has taken the necessary training and would like to offer his services. Clerk Shannon said she sent information to Solicitor Higgins for his review and will also be requesting information from the JIF regarding chaplain programs. There may be some liability so we just need to be sure we have everything covered.

Council President Popiolek thanked everyone for the award given to him on Sunday. Reorg was great. We will be meeting with redeveloper on Wednesday to discuss restaurant parcel. Community Development meets this month—meetings will now be quarterly.

Mayor Klaus added that Reorg was a great day. He thanked everyone for their work on the event. It was good to see all the dignitaries and was great that we could honor all the award recipients. Attended the County Reorg last night and it was very enjoyable. He thanked everyone for all their hard work this past year. The next Centennial meeting will be January 20 at 6pm.

Seeing no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilwoman Nicholson, second by Council President Popiolek at 6:55pm.

Approved: *Terry Shannon*
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC