

Borough of Norwood  
Work Session  
May 23, 2012

The Work/Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood was held on the above date.

Mayor Barsa called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Mayor Barsa stated:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this Public Meeting through a legal notice published in the Record.

Present at Roll Call:

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| Mayor             | James P. Barsa  |
| Councilman        | John Nicolai    |
| Councilman        | Barry Scott     |
| Council President | Frank Marino    |
| Councilman        | Allen Rapaport  |
| Councilman        | Edward Condoleo |

Also Present:

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| Borough Attorney        | Andrew Fede     |
| Borough Engineer        | Daniel Kaufman  |
| Chief Financial Officer | Kunjesh Trivedi |
| Chief of Police         | Jeffrey Krapels |

Absent:

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| Councilwoman | Marianne Orecchio |
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Approval of Resolution 12:109 Authorizing Redemption and Cancellation of Municipal Certificate of Sale #2011-1 – Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve Resolution 12:109. The motion was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Condoleo and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

**Items for Discussion:**

CALEA – JIF Police Accreditation Grant Program – Following Chief Krapel's presentation (Attachment "A") regarding the training and manpower time required to implement accreditation, all Council Members were asked to e-mail their questions to him. Chief Krapel will then contact the Rogers group to provide the answers. He will also contact the Closter Chief of Police to determine the approximate time it took to become certified and the manpower hours involved and report back to the Council at a future Work Session meeting.

Review of 2011 Municipal Audit – Mr. Condoleo noted that the number of general comments and recommendations have been substantially reduced and commended Mr. Trivedi and his staff. The Chief Financial Officer thanked the governing body for providing him with a full-time employee and advised he would be preparing the Corrective Action Plan.

Review of proposed 2012 non-union salary ordinance – It was the consensus of the Council to introduce this ordinance at the June 13, 2012 Public Meeting.

Review of proposed ordinance revisions regarding bulk standards for stationary generators – Chapter 233 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood - It was the consensus of the Council to introduce this ordinance at the June 13, 2012 Public Meeting.

Review of proposed ordinance revisions regarding snow and ice removal – Chapter 202 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood – It was the consensus of the Council to introduce this ordinance at the June 13, 2012 Public Meeting.

Review of proposed ordinance regarding Portable on Demand Storage Units (PODS) to be added to the Code of the Borough of Norwood - It was the consensus of the Council to introduce this ordinance at the June 13, 2012 Public Meeting.

Engineer's Report

Livingston Street Beautification: Mr. Kaufman informed that the contractor has installed some of the pavers in the town square area and that the street lights should be delivered by the end of the week and installed sometime next week.

Pump Station Improvements: Mr. Kaufman reported that the contractor is currently working on controls and the electrical system and is on schedule. Mr. Kaufman continued that there was a meeting that he attended with the Borough Administrator, the contractor and DEP representatives noting that the DEP is satisfied with the progress being made.

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Borough Attorney's Report – Mr. Fede informed that he is working closely with the Planner, Mr. Kauker regarding the Borough's purchase of the affordable housing unit that is in foreclosure.

Administrator's Report

Bergen County Snow Plow Agreement 2012 – 2014 – Mrs. McMackin explained that according to the agreement, the County will pay \$90/hr. per snow plow and \$40/hr for standby trucks up to two trucks. It was the consensus of the Council that a Resolution authorizing execution of this contract be on the June 13, 2012 Public Meeting Agenda.

NJDOT Trust Enhancement Program - Mrs. McMackin asked for approval to work with the Borough Engineer to determine if the Borough has any project for submission and no objections were voiced. Mr. Scott asked that a bicycle trail be examined and questioned whether a movement could be started to have CSX relinquish their right-of-ways along the railroad tracks so that a bicycle path could go from Closter to Nyack. Mayor Barsa explained that the area Mayors are discussing re-examination of a light rail system on these tracks.

Mrs. McMackin referred to a request from Mr. Rapaport to appoint Rabi Moses Klein as Honorary Chaplain. Being that no objections were voiced, a resolution will be prepared for approval at the June 13, 2012 Public Meeting.

General Public Comment:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. No one wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

At this time, Mr. Condoleo reminded that the Fire Department was having its annual memorial service at the Fire House at 7 PM tomorrow evening, Thursday, May 24, 2012.

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**Closed Session:**

Approval of Resolution 12:100 authorizing the Council to convene into closed session for the purpose of discussing contracts re ASCAP and Haring Cemetery. Formal action may be taken upon returning to open session. At 8:45 PM, motion to approve Resolution 12:100 was made by Mr. Nicolai and seconded by Mr. Scott. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Barsa convened the meeting at 8:56 PM and asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Condoleo, seconded by Mr. Marino and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk