

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
May 27, 2015

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 7:01 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 and Star Ledger.

Present at Roll Call:

Mayor	James P. Barsa
Councilman	Tom Brizzolara
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Barry Scott

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Anthony Kurus
Chief Financial Officer	Judith Curran
Chief of Police	Jeffrey Krapels

Absent:

Councilman	Frank Marino
Council President	Joseph Ascolese

Introduction of Bond Ordinance No. 15:08 Authorizing the 2015 Road Improvement Program and Livingston Street Phase III - Approval of Resolution 15:106

Motion to introduce Bond Ordinance No. 15:08 and approve Resolution 15:106 was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. Mayor Barsa announced that the Public Hearing on this ordinance will be Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Items for Discussion:

Parking restrictions on Jay Street in the newly paved parking lot – Mayor Barsa reminded that there is a shared parking agreement between Dr. Liu and the Park Buildings to include spaces in the Borough right-of-way. Although the landlord of the three buildings on the Cousin's strip chose not to be a part of such an agreement, their employees are now using the spaces in the Borough right-of-way. Mayor Barsa asked whether an ordinance could be adopted prohibiting them from parking in these spaces. Mr. Fede advised that although there would be a legal issue restricting parking in the Borough right-of-way, a time limit could be imposed.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Fede prepare a draft ordinance amending the traffic ordinance to limit parking to two hours on Livingston Street from Broadway to Hudson Avenue and in the Borough lot at the end of Jay Street for introduction at the June 10, 2015 Public Meeting.

Borough Engineer's Report – Rockland Electric has not given a date when the new service will be installed and the old disconnected.

Mr. Brizzolara referred to the condition of the Telescript property as the lawn has not been cut and has become unsightly. Mrs. McMackin advised that the Property Maintenance Officer issued a violation notice today to the attorney for the contract purchaser.

Mr. Rapaport questioned the status of the Starting Anew Developer's Agreement and Mr. Fede advised that this matter had legal issues and should be discussed in Closed Session.

Borough Attorney's Report – Mr. Fede advised that he had a tax appeal matter to discuss in Closed Session.

Administrator's Report – Mrs. McMackin had nothing to report.

General Public Comment:

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

Closed Session:

Resolution 15:107 authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed Session to discuss proposed settlement of tax appeal for Block 80, Lot 4, 370 Chestnut Street and Police Personnel Matters, and Pending Starting Anew Developer's Agreement was made by Mr. Brizzolara. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. Formal action may be taken upon returning from the Closed Session.

Motion to offer the position of Patrolman to Joseph Palazzola with a starting date of June 15, 2015 to be sworn in on June 10, 2015 was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mrs. Orecchio. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Orecchio and Rapaport
Nays: Scott
Absent: Marino and Ascolese

Motion to approve Resolution 15:108 authorizing settlement of tax appeals of chestnut Street Holding Co., Block 80, Lot 4, 370 Chestnut Street was made by Mrs. Orecchio. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brizzolara and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:21 PM was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk