

Council President Buchanan opened the Council Meeting at 7:00 PM followed by a short prayer and salute to the flag.

- **STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Municipal Clerk Farbaniec announced that this April 11, 2016 Council Meeting has been advertised and posted in accordance with Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 by advertising in the Home News Tribune, notifying the Star Ledger and the Sentinel Publishing Co., posting on the bulletin board, and is on file in her office.

- **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilpersons Buchanan, Grillo, Kilpatrick, Lembo, Novak,
Rittenhouse

Absent: Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor

Others Present: Daniel E. Frankel, Business Administrator
Wayne A. Kronowski, C.F.O./Treasurer
Theresa A. Farbaniec, Municipal Clerk
Michael DuPont, Esq., Borough Attorney
Jay Cornell, P.E., Borough Engineer

Others Absent: None

- **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Council President Buchanan moved the following minutes be approved on roll call vote, subject to correction if necessary:

- ☒ March 14, 2016 – Regular & Agenda Sessions
- ☒ March 28, 2016 – Regular, Agenda & Executive Sessions

Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

- **PRESENTATIONS BY:**

- Police Chief John Zebrowski

- Public Safety - Radio Project (followed by a Closed Session)

Chief Zebrowski explained the progress that was made by the committee formed to put together and review the next radio system. He said that they now have the proposals and recommendations. He outlined the key areas they considered and looked at all the options that were available and objectively reviewed them.

Those key areas are financially, contractually, operatively and length of service.

At this time he turned the rest of the review over to the consultants, V-Comm.

Appearing were:

- Dominic Valecco, Principal in V-Comm

They developed the standards and reviewed proposals. He said there were two vendors under State Contract; are TPS/Harris Stand Alone system and Motorola Stand Alone system. He explained the P25 Phase 2 System, which is an interoperable system. The other option would be to use the County System which is also a P25 Phase 2 System and operates in a 700 & 800 MhZ range. He described the features they were looking for in both systems. He stated that the most cost effective system for the borough would be the Stand Alone system and explained those details and why. He said that their recommendation was for the Stand Alone system but both systems would give you very good coverage.

Council President Buchanan thanked V-Comm, the Chief and Tom Bracken for their hard work.

Councilwoman Novak clarified that the EMS was included in the proposal and they are.

Borough Attorney stated that there is a need for a closed session at this time. To discuss contract negotiations/personnel and read the following resolution into record.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:06 PM**
- 15 minutes / Contract Negotiations, Litigation, Personnel

Mr. DuPont read the following Resolution into record:

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Sayreville, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public portion of this meeting is hereby adjourned in order that the Governing Body may meet in a closed, private session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss the following matters:

**Contract Negotiations
Personnel**

2. Following the conclusion of said closed session, the Governing body shall reconvene the open portion of this meeting to consider any other matters which may be properly brought before it at this time.

3. The nature and content of discussion which occurs during closed session shall be made public at the time the need for non-disclosure no longer exists.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded and this resolution shall take effect immediately.

/s/ Mary J. Novak, Councilwoman

APPROVED:

/s/ Daniel Buchanan, Council President

Councilwoman Novak moved the Executive Session Resolution be adopted on Roll Call Vote. Motion seconded by Council President Buchanan.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes. Carried. Time: 7:13 PM

- **RECONVENE – 7:45 PM**

Councilwoman Novak made a motion to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Grillo.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Buchanan, Grillo, Kilpatrick, Lembo, Novak, Rittenhouse, all Ayes.

Next Presentation:

- Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Councilman Rittenhouse explained that he attended a Rutgers conference and heard some ideas that may be able to apply to maintaining the Blue Acres properties. He went on to say that last year Mayor O'Brien asked Stanley Drwal to look into these issues and he met with Rutgers and the representatives so he asked Stanley and the representative from Rutgers to come forward and give an overview.

Stanley Drwal explained the procedures they took at the Julian Capik Nature preserve and how he thought this would work in this area also. He explained the three basic areas – one almost natural, then reforestation then grasslands. Then on the far side of MacArthur Avenue you would have to do a little more extensive maintenance because of the homes that still exist. He said that after talking to Co. Rittenhouse and the Rutgers team he felt that it was a good team. He then turned the comments to Jeremiah Bergstrom a landscape architect from Rutgers.

Mr. Bergstrom explained their background, program and experience. He said that he prepared a scope of work that the council has in their packets. He went on to say how his programs are funded. He said that once a plan is in place they will provide full large scale images that could be shared and would present their ideas and recommendations and would work with the council to finalize the plans. He then asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Grillo asked what their deadlines were on rolling out the project. He said that with the council's authorization they are ready to prepare site assessment. The conceptual design and preliminary recommendation target date is mid to late summer and public presentation would be about September then they could work through the end of the year for that.

Councilman Grillo then asked if there was any consideration for passive recreation and future grant or funding opportunities.

Mr. Bergstrom said that this would be something that they would work on and that is something that they do, they work on grants for such projects. He also said the passive recreation is also something that is acceptable within these properties.

Mr. Frankel asked if they only looked at the Blue Acres acquired property or if they looked at the entire parcel that runs from MacArthur to the river. He then asked how these project workers are paid.

Mr. Bergstrom said that could be looked at but it is contiguous so it makes sense to look at what the opportunities are but he said that would make it a very large property.

Mr. Bergstrom said that they have full time staff paid on salary, they have students that are paid \$15.00 per hour. There would be engineers, scientists, etc. They would be paid to conduct the work under the direction of the staff or extension specialists and Sayreville's funds would cover the salary.

Mr. Frankel asked if the plan would be implemented by Rutgers and if he was familiar with Prof. Blumstein's study project from borough hall down to MacArthur.

Mr. Bergstrom said that maybe parts of it could be implemented and that he was not familiar with that project.

Councilman Rittenhouse made a motion to accept this contract and move forward and appoint Stanley Drwal as the project liaison, subject to the borough attorney approval.

Motion was seconded by Council President Buchanan.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Rittenhouse, Buchanan, Grillo, Kilpatrick, Lembo, Novak, all ayes.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- Proclaiming April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Sayreville

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Borough of Sayreville was named 2015 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effectuate urban forestry management; and

WHEREAS, Sayreville obtained this recognition by meeting the program’s four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Tree City USA program was started in 1976 and is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters; and

WHEREAS, Tree City USA is celebrating its 40th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Buchanan, Council President of the Borough of Sayreville, do hereby acknowledge that **ARBOR DAY** will be observed April 29, 2016 and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands to support our town’s urban forestry program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused this Proclamation to be issued and the official seal of the Borough duly affixed this 11th day of April, 2016 and the same duly attested by the Municipal Clerk.

/s/ Daniel Buchanan
Council President

Councilwoman Novak moved the Proclamation be approved on Roll Call Vote. Motion was seconded by Councilman Grillo.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Novak, Buchanan, Grillo, Kilpatrick, Lembo, Rittenhouse.

Mr. Frankel said that Elyse Barone our Recycling Coordinator has also worked hard on Arbor Day projects and distributed little planters to the Mayor and Council from the Green/Recycling Team which will grow Zinnias.

- Proclaiming the month of April, 2016 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the observance of “Denim Day” are intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Middlesex County, including lifelong mental health impact; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment greatly impact our community as statistics indicate 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before age 18 with many more experiencing other types of sexual violence in their adult life; and

WHEREAS, Prevention is possible so we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to stop sexual violence while supporting survivors; and

WHEREAS, Staff and volunteers of anti-violence and prevention programs in Middlesex County including the Middlesex County Center for Empowerment and Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence, however small, and to challenge the social norms that continue to perpetuate a culture of violence; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Sex Crimes Officers Association and the Middlesex County Sex Crimes Liaison Officers in connection with the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office are dedicated to ensuring the effective investigation and prosecution of sex crimes in our community through interagency collaboration and training; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Middlesex County through increased awareness, prevention education focused on increasing gender equity, healthy relationships, and bystander intervention, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of April, Middlesex County strongly supports the efforts of national, state and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is; how to prevent it; how to help survivors connect with services; and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Buchanan, Council President of the Borough of Sayreville, in collaboration with Middlesex County do hereby proclaim April 2016 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and that we join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence and encourage the observation of Denim Day on Wednesday, April 27th, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused this Proclamation to be issued and the official seal of the Borough duly affixed this 11th day of April, 2016 and the same duly attested by the Municipal Clerk.

/s/ Daniel Buchanan
Council President

Councilwoman Novak moved the Proclamation be approved on Roll Call Vote. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kilpatrick.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Novak, Buchanan, Grillo, Kilpatrick, Lembo, Rittenhouse.

- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a) Public Hearing on the following Ordinance(s):
 - None
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) Introduction of the following Ordinance

ORDINANCE # 328-16
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII
OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE
TO AMEND SECTION 7-25.4 COMMUTER PARKING
(Co. Grillo, Sponsor – Public Hearing April 25, 2016)

Councilman Grillo moved the ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a public hearing be held on the 25th day of April, 2016. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Grillo, Buchanan, Kilpatrick, Lembo, Novak, Rittenhouse, all Ayes.

Councilman Lembo brought up the courtroom magnometers personnel that was to be discussed earlier. He stated that the Police Chief's suggestion was to hire two (2) off duty police officers. Councilwoman Novak asked if this was discussed in the budget process and that the matter should be referred to the Finance Committee for discussion to be sure that there is money in the budget before approval. No objections heard.

CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

At this time Council President Buchanan opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the consent agenda items.

There were no appearances.

Council President Buchanan moved the Public Hearing be closed and the Consent Agenda Resolutions be approved on Roll Call Vote. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

Roll Call on Consent Agenda Resolutions:

Councilpersons Buchanan, Grillo, Kilpatrick, Lembo, Novak, Rittenhouse, all Ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2016-108

WHEREAS, all bills submitted to the Borough of Sayreville covering services, work, labor and material furnished the Borough of Sayreville have been duly audited by the appropriate committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that all bills properly verified according to law and properly audited by the appropriate committees be and the same are hereby ordered to be paid by the appropriate Borough officials.

/s/ Absent _____
Mayor

/s/Daniel Buchanan _____
Councilman

/s/Pasquale Lembo _____
Councilman

/s/Steven Grillo _____
Councilman

/s/Mary J. Novak _____
Councilwoman

/s/Victoria Kilpatrick _____
Councilwoman

/s/Arthur Rittenhouse _____
Councilman

Bill list of April 11, 2016 in the amount of \$7,914,202.99 in a separate Bill List File for 2016 (See Appendix Bill List 2016-A for this date).

RESOLUTION #2016-109

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE
IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A**

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO L.E.A.D. TO CONDUCT A CARNIVAL

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D) in conjunction with the Sayreville Police Department has requested permission from the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sayreville to conduct a Carnival at Kennedy Park from July 19, 2016 through July 24, 2016 as well as certain fees being waived; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Mayor and Council that such an event provides activities which are family and community oriented and will enhance community spirit and awareness to L.E.A.D. Chapter for programs on drugs and violence initiatives in Sayreville; and

THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.) Chapter in conjunction with the Sayreville Police Department is granted permission to conduct a fund raising Carnival at Kennedy Park from July 19, 2016 through July 24, 2016 and the Borough hereby waives the following fees, subject to their posting of a \$10,000.00 bond, the filing the proper facility’s use forms, hold harmless agreement and posting of the proper certificate of insurance. The fees are except for those fees associated with any employee hourly rates, social security contributions from our Department of Public Works and Police Services and any other services will be billed at cost.

Fees waived:

- Recreation Application Fee
- Daily Park Use Fee
- Carnival Permit Fee
- Fireworks Fees.

/s/Victoria Kilpatrick
Victoria Kilpatrick, Councilwoman
(Recreation Committee)

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/Theresa A. Farbaniec
Theresa A. Farbaniec, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/Daniel Buchanan
Daniel Buchanan
Council President

RESOLUTION #2016-110

BE IT RESOLVED that the following person is hereby permanently appointed to the following title and department as per NJDOP Promotional Procedures:

NAME OF APPOINTEE: Michael Turton

POSITION: Mechanics Helper

DEPARTMENT: Dept. Public Works

EFFECTIVE: May 2, 2016

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the compensation to be paid such appointee shall be fixed and determined by the Salary Ordinance or appropriate resolution adopted thereunder fixing the compensation to be paid municipal employees and that this appointment be made subject to all the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Department of Personnel.

/s/ Victoria Kilpatrick
Victoria Kilpatrick, Councilwoman
(Public Works Committee)

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Theresa A. Farbaniec
Theresa A. Farbaniec, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Daniel Buchanan
Daniel Buchanan
Council President

RESOLUTION #2016-111

WHEREAS, Borough Engineer David J. Samuel has recommended that certain increases and decreases be included in the following described project as will more fully appear in Contract Change Order No. 1:

- Project: Modifications to the former Bordentown Avenue Water Treatment Plant Building
- Contractor: Pharos Enterprises, LLC
879 Upper Main Street
South Amboy, NJ 08879
- Net Increase: \$42,257.66
- Reason: Adjustment of original contract to reflect actual quantities installed and work performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That the recommendation and approval of said Borough Engineer referred to above and in said Change Order be and the same is hereby accepted and approved:

2. That the Governing Body determines that said charges are proper and essential and that same be paid upon the submission of properly approved borough voucher.

/s/ Mary J. Novak, Councilwoman
(Admin. & Finance Committee)

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

/s/ Theresa A. Farbaniec
Theresa A. Farbaniec, RMC
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Daniel Buchanan
Daniel Buchanan
Council President

• **PUBLIC PORTION**

At this time Council President Buchanan opened the meeting to the public or any and all issues.

Appearing were:

- James Robinson
- Questioned the wording in Commuter Parking Ord. Ord. 328-16.
Response by the Borough Attorney.
- Stanley Drwal, 121 Bissett Street
- Commented on dumping on Jernee Mill Road and Bordentown Avenue.
- Commented on the discussion on the purchase of the property on Cheesequake Road and that the borough should not be purchasing property that has encroachments.
- Asked if the borough was still thinking about building the public works maintenance facility on the property that DuPont donated to the borough.
The business administrator responded that right now they are determining the needs/usage as far as square footage so they are putting together a plan.
- Commented on the property on Ernston Road that provides a buffer for the homes in Oaktree development and don't understand why the borough would want to remove the trees and buffer and build senior housing.
Response by Councilman Grillo that there are a lot of things that needs to get done before it gets to any point of development proposal.

Councilwoman Novak further commented that this was not voted on by the council this was a suggestion made by the Housing Authority and the council directed them to go to SERA and Planning Board and see if it was an area in need of redevelopment.

Councilman Grillo said that SERA said that this is an area in need of redevelopment and now we need to see what the study comes back with from the Planning Board.

Councilwoman Kilpatrick talked about property clean-up.

No further questions or comments.

Councilwoman Novak moved the public portion be closed. Motion seconded by Councilman Grillo.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes. Carried.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION -**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

No further discussion and No further business.

Council President called for a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Rittenhouse made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Time: 8:37 P.M.

SIGNED:

Theresa A. Farbaniec, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved