

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Byrd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mayor Byrd read the OPMA into the record as follows:

This meeting of the Fairfield Township Committee shall come to order. The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meeting of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interests are discussed or acted upon. This meeting held on this 5th day of October 2016 at the Fairfield Municipal Building in Fairton New Jersey is held pursuant to notice of date, time and place of same having been submitted to The South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal, and The Press of Atlantic City and also duly posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Township Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF PRAYER

Mayor Byrd led the flag salute followed by a moment of prayer by Committeeman Clark.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Clark, present; Deputy Mayor Pierce, present and Mayor Byrd, present.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Byrd announced that Committeeman Gonzalez and Committeeman Manson are not present due to other engagements and the present members had no problems with them being excused.

ALSO PRESENT

Administrative Assistant Wymbs, Township Solicitor Carr and Township Clerk Gonzales.

ABSENT

Administrator Surrency.

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record:

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes. There were none.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

CLOSED SESSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer. There were none.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

There were none.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mayor Byrd read the following Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only into the record as follows: In order for the Committee to conduct the business of the Township in the most productive manner possible, meeting attendees will be given five (5) minutes, all inclusive to comment on any agenda item(s) without comment or question from the Committee, but only on items specified on the agenda listed for the current meeting. Please step up to the microphone at the appropriate time, and state your name and address for the record.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open the meeting for Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to open and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

There were no comments. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agendas Items Only.

Committeeman Clark moved to close seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Byrd read the following resolutions into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 156 - 2016
A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,668.13
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 156 – 2016 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 157 - 2016
A RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A FULL-TIME TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS LABORER
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 157 - 2016 appointing John Gonzalez as full time Township Public Works Laborer seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 158 - 2016
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SYNNERGY LLC TO SUBMIT A NON-BINDING RENEWABLE ENERGY INTERCONNECT APPLICATION TO ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 158 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any Old Business. There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any New Business. There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record as follows:

The Committee welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals during work session/action regular/action and special meetings. However, in order to conduct the business of the Township in the most productive manner possible, attendees will be given five (5) minutes, all inclusive, including all dialogue, questions, and responses from both the speaker and the Committee for the designated public portion of the meeting. There may be no transference of a speaker's time to other attendees. Please step up to the microphone at the appropriate time, and state your name and address for the record.

Mayor Byrd entertained motion to open the meeting to the public.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to open and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and inquired the date and times for observing Trick or Treat Night. Mayor Byrd advised that the dates and times will be established at the next meeting.

There were no further comments. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to close and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Clark had no reports or remarks at this time.

Deputy Mayor Pierce had no reports or remarks at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd had no report to give at this time. Mayor Byrd stated that it was nice to see new faces in the audience.

Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will now enter into Executive Session and entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following and that no action is anticipated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 159 - 2016
AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
PERSONNEL MATTERS N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(8)
A. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to enter into Executive Session seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

The Township Committee is now in Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session with all members present at 7:18 p.m.

Township Solicitor announced that the Township Committee is now in Open Session after having discussed Animal Control Services and also added a matter relating to the Attorney-Client Privilege correspondence from Siciliano Salvatore, conflict solicitor detailing the dismissal with prejudice of Geneva Griffin's Complaint by Judge Curcio.

Mayor Byrd announced that it is the consensus of Cumberland County that Trick or Treat night will be observed on October 31, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Linda M. Gonzales, RMC

Linda M. Gonzales, Township Clerk