

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
April 12, 2018
7:00 p.m.

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for April 12, 2018 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark at 7:01 p.m. The Statement of compliance was read.

Council Members Chirido, Giandomenico, Pellegrine and Golabek were present. Councilwoman Balistreri arrived at 7:25 p.m. and Councilman Dombrowski arrived at 7:50 p.m. Also present were Mayor Francesco A. Caramagna, Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark and Borough Attorney Giuseppe Randazzo.

Whereas, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey requires at the commencement of every meeting a Statement of Compliance be read by the presiding officer.

Now, therefore be advised, that the meeting requirements for this meeting have been met by the publishing an annual notice in The Record and Herald News of Woodland Park and by posting such notice in the office of the Borough Clerk as well as in a public place within the Municipal Building and by notifying interested citizens. A notice was posted on January 4, 2018.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeff Frietag, Hillman Drive, inquired about the number of units regarding COAH. The Borough's obligation at Riverfront Boulevard was discussed.

1 – ENGINEERING REPORT:

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Mr. Richard Alaimo reviewed the monthly status report with the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Letter from Carol Argeski regarding the paving of Washington Avenue** – Direction has been made to pave the area addressed in the letter with the 2018 Road Program.
- c. **Revised Preliminary Construction Cost Estimates – 2018 Road Program** – The Mayor and Council discussed the list of roadways for consideration. It was decided that roadways listed in the red and blue sections of the proposal with the addition of a portion of Washington Avenue and the Police parking lot. A request for the design and construction phases for the 2018 Road Program was requested. This agenda item was revisited so that Councilwoman Balistreri and Councilman Dombrowski could be brought up to speed with the earlier discussion. Councilman Chirido at this time discussed his thoughts regarding a portion of Washington Avenue being resurfaced before Tuella Avenue which has been a street that has had many complaints made regarding the condition of the roadway.
- d. **Email from Donna Puglisi regarding 2018 Bergen County Open Space Grant application** – Mr. Kazmark discussed the need to send a letter of intention by the end of the month. Mr. Wright of Alaimo will be notified to prepare a letter of intent to be submitted.
- e. **Discussion regarding the reporting of pot holes** – After some discussion the Mayor and Council agreed to have an email set up for residents to report any concerns.
- f. **Emergency Generator – Recreation Building** – Discussion ensued as to the emergency generator being placed in front of the building. Costs to have the generator located behind the building would be approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 more than the original quote. The decision was made to have the generator located in the front of the building but concealed with fencing.
- g. **Improvements to Market Street and Mola Boulevard Intersection** – A bond ordinance for said improvements will be introduced at the April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- h. **Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair – 275 Kipp Avenue** – A resolution authorizing the payment for the repair will be placed on the April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council. Discussion ensued as to the bidding process taken in the past for emergency water and sewer repairs. Borough Auditor Steve Wielkotz does not feel the Borough needs to go out for bid for such emergency repairs.

2 – Discussion of proposed re-development zone with Philip Abramson – Mr. Kazmark introduced Mr. Abramson to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Abramson discussed his role in different municipalities and their approach to re-development. He further discussed 90% of his customer base being municipal and the 20% being re-development. Discussion ensued to the different avenues that can be taken to achieve the redevelopment of the Borough. Discussion ensued as to different areas in town that could benefit from re-development especially to address the parking issues. Discussion ensued as to the rezoning of a portion of Market Street that will allow the addition of parking behind businesses which include a buffer zone between residential homes.

3 – CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **Letter from Peter Aiosa regarding early morning recycling collection for Borough businesses** – Mayor Caramagna stated he had a conversation with Bio Reference and was advised that they have reached out to the contractor and advised them to collect the recyclables at a later time.
- b. **Letter from Dale Fava regarding the usage of Mosquito Jungle for men’s softball** – Recreation Director Donna Puglisi will reach out to the NJ Department of Transportation regarding the lease agreement.
- c. **Letter from David Meyers regarding a speed survey conducted on Palsa Avenue** – Chief Foligno reviewed the survey with the Mayor and Council and stated there is no reason to take any action at this time.
- d. **Project review agenda from RSC Architects regarding the Elmwood Park Library** – Mr. Kazmark reviewed the agenda with the Mayor and Council.
- e. **Letter from David Meyers regarding parking investigation on Parkview Avenue** – An ordinance restricting the parking on Parkview Avenue will be introduced at the April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

4 – RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Request for vacation buybacks** – A resolution authorizing vacation buybacks will be placed on the April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Request from VFW Post # 5084 to distribute poppies for donations** – A resolution authorizing the distribution of poppies by VFW Post 5084 will be placed on the April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

5 – ORDINANCES:

- a. **Draft ordinance – Recreation Marijuana dispensaries** – Mr. Randazzo reviewed the ordinance with the Mayor and Council. The ordinance will be held until the State passes their legislation regarding recreational marijuana.
- b. **Rent Control Ordinance** – Mr. Randazzo reviewed the ordinance with the Mayor and Council. Discussion ensued as to subleasing an apartment. The ordinance will go to the Ordinance committee for further discussion.
- c. **Drug Policy Ordinance** – Discussion was held regarding the consequences when an employee violates the Drug & Alcohol Policy. A resolution will be placed on the April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda.
- d. **Snow Parking Ordinance** – Chief Foligno discussed the decrease in parking tickets since the implementation of the higher fine and the ability of the Department of Public Works to more efficiently plow the roadways.
- e. **Market Street Bus Stop** – An ordinance to delete the bus stop by Market Street and Terrace Avenue will be introduced at the April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- f. **Elmhurst Avenue** – Chief Foligno discussed the parking issue and the steps the Police Department is taking regarding the complaint that was made at a previous public meeting.
- g. **Eastside Park** – Chief Foligno discussed the current policy and a meeting that is being scheduled with the Police Chief in Paterson regarding the noise complaints.
- h. **Parkview Avenue** – An ordinance to prohibit parking on Parkview Avenue will be introduced at the April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. **Municipal Court Report – March 2018** – Accepted without discussion.

7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Balistreri reported progress.

Councilman Chirido inquired as to when the Council will be discussing Recreation personnel.

Councilman Dombrowski discussed the recent chamber of commerce meeting. He discussed the upcoming retirement of the Fire Official and asked the Council to include the Fire Chief in discussions regarding the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Councilwoman Giandomenico reported on the Elmwood Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Councilwoman Pellegrine reported on the upcoming forum with the Animal Control and the spring rabies clinic. She also reported on the upcoming Meet and Greet with the Police Department and upcoming Department Head meetings.

Council President Golabek reported on a meeting regarding Access-for-All.

Mayor Caramagna reported on a recent Mayor's Breakfast that he attended and items he would like to see addressed in town such as improving parking.

Discussion ensued as to the Underground Storage Tanks and which engineering firm would complete the project. After some discussion the Mayor and Council decided to have the project completed by Boswell Engineering.

8 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Jorge Martinez, Glenwood Avenue, inquired as to whether there is a legitimate reason for a vehicle parked on the roadway be exempt from a no parking rule. He also stated that he is looking to volunteer in some capacity for the Borough. Mr. Kazmark stated a volunteer form is available in his office.

Jean Frietag, Hillman Drive, inquired about line painting and Youth Week. She stated regarding Youth Week that Jakub Golabek is the liaison for the Student Congress.

Jeff Frietag, Hillman Drive, inquired as to whether there is a running list of when roadways in the Borough are paved.

9 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Personnel – Police Department**
- b. **White Collar/Blue Collar Contract**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 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; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

Personnel – Police Department
White Collar/Blue Collar Contract

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the public be excluded from this meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Chirido and seconded by Councilman Dombrowski to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel – Police Department
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A motion was made by Councilman Chirido and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to return to the public portion. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Chirido and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC
Borough Clerk

Approved at the July 19, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.