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SPECIAL MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
Monday, June 30, 2003 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to the attached legal notice inserted in the Hammonton Gazette, a Special Meeting of Mayor and Council was held Monday, June 30, 2003 at the hour of 7:00 p.m., Mayor Ingemi presiding.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons answering roll call were Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Morano, Olivo and S. Lewis.

PRESENT ALSO

Present also were Frank Olivo, Town Solicitor; and David Cella of ARH, Town Engineer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

This meeting has been properly posted the on the bulletin board reserved for such notices on the first floor of the Town Hall and mailed to two newspapers pursuant to law. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exit drawing to the rear of the Council Chambers. Also, there is to be no smoking in Town Hall at any time.

REASON FOR MEETING

To discuss Town Hall issues and other issues as deemed necessary.

SOLICITOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. From William Donio, Esq. re: reply use of school facilities.
2. From Michael Cuneo, Business Adm. re: properties along W.H.P.

Request Amendment to Land Development Ordinance

Councilperson S. Lewis requested Frank Olivo, Solicitor, to prepare an ordinance for introduction at the next Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council concerning Amendment to Land Development Ordinance.

The Solicitor advised this will require Planning Board approval.

Welcome Councilperson Ralph Morano

Mayor Ingemi welcomed newly appointed Councilperson Ralph Morano.

COUNCILPERSON OLIVO'S COMMUNICATION

1. From William Librera, State Commissioner Education, advising he sustained \$553,500 and restored \$227,000 of Mayor and Council's tax levy reduction.

Councilperson Morano questioned how are the taxes dispersed between Hammonton and Waterford.

Councilperson Olivo responded that Waterford pays a fee per student and does not receive a Town of Hammonton tax bill for their children to attend Hammonton Schools.

RESOLUTION #94-2003 EXTEND CONTRACT S.J.SANITATION-BULKY BID

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONTRACT WITH  
SOUTH JERSEY SANITATION FOR BULKY WASTE HAULING

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton has an annual contract with South Jersey Sanitation for the hauling of bulky waste containers which expires on December 31, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town did advertise for bids for bulky waste transportation for the Year 2003, said bids having been rejected due to inconsistency with bid submissions.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that the contract with South Jersey Sanitation for the Year 2002 is and shall be extended for a period of ninety (90) days in order to afford the Town of Hammonton an opportunity to re-advertise and accept bids for the Year 2004.

Motion by Councilperson Clark, seconded by Councilperson Chiofalo, the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL - Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Morano, Olivo,  
S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi declared the motion carried.

AUTHORIZE DEPUTY CLERK TO RE-BID BULKY BID

Motion by Councilperson Clark, seconded by Councilperson Chiofalo, authorize the Deputy Clerk to re-bid the Bulky Waste Bid to take effect immediately after contract extension deadline.

ROLL CALL - Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Morano, Olivo,  
S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi declared the motion carried.

Request Noise Ordinance – Bellevue Avenue

Councilperson S. Lewis requested the Solicitor to prepare a Noise Ordinance for traffic along Bellevue Avenue in Hammonton for the next Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council.

COUNCILPERSON BERTINO RECUSED HIMSELF

Councilperson Bertino recused himself from the following portion of the meeting that involves the Town Hall Site Selection discussions.

Place Fleet Bank Site Back on List of Possible Sites

Councilperson Olivo requested that the Fleet Bank Site be placed back on Mayor and Council's list of Town Hall Site Selections.

Mayor and Council concurred.

Councilperson Morano Request Site Information

Councilperson Morano requested the Deputy Clerk to forward any site selection information as of this date to him.

The Deputy Clerk was so advised.

Authorize Traffic Study

Motion by Councilperson Olivo, seconded by Councilperson Clark, authorize a purchase order to Jerry Canter in the amount of \$8,000.00 to perform traffic study on all four Town Hall Site Selection Areas.

ROLL CALL - Yeas: Chiofalo, Clark, Morano, Olivo,  
S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.  
Recused: Bertino.

Mayor Ingemi declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARD

Frank Ingemi – Police Chief

Chief Ingemi questioned if Fleet Bank is for sale?

Councilperson Chiofalo responded no, but the other properties are not for sale either.

Chief Ingemi questioned how large is Fleet Bank?

Councilperson Olivo responded approximately 20,000 square feet.

Chief Ingemi then reminded Mayor and Council of the pending Town Hall Janitor Issue and the obvious need for additional Janitors should the Town Hall become two separate buildings instead of one.

Councilperson Olivo assured the Chief that once the Town Hall site is selected, Mayor and Council will hire the additional help required.

Chief Ingemi finally stated that since Mayor and Council are considering the separation of the Police Department from the other Town Hall offices, they might also want to consider a more centralized location for the Hammonton Police Department such as the White Horse Pike area.

Nelson Johnson, Esquire

Mr. Johnson stated the Town Hall site is definitely a public interest discussion. He is open to the Fleet Bank idea. However, he does not feel Mayor and Council can make a decision concerning the traffic study by the proposed July 14, 2003 Special Meeting. He asked that Mayor and Council give their professionals proper time so that they can come back to Mayor and Council with accurate numbers.

Mr. David Cella of ARH Town Engineer concurred with Mr. Johnson that the traffic study may require additional time.

Gabe Donio – Hammonton Gazette

Mr. Donio questioned Mayor Ingemi, since his June 30, 2003 site selection deadline has now passed, does he have a new deadline?

Mayor Ingemi responded he is hopeful that Mayor and Council will be able to make a decision by the July 14, 2003 Special Meeting, but cannot promise the public at this time.

Mr. Donio then questioned the Solicitor concerning the bulky bid extension.

Frank Olivo, Town Solicitor, responded that Mayor and Council had rejected former bids and needed additional time to review how they want to handle this bid as it's currently bid on a per pull basis, not by tonnage. The Town pays ACUA for tonnage. Therefore, Mayor and Council will extend the current contract and re-bid same.

Dr. Michael Hozik – President Hammonton Revitalization Corp.

Dr. Hozik questioned did Mayor and Council authorize traffic investigation for the Vine Street/Third Street area?

Mayor and Council responded, yes.

Mr. & Mrs. Farley – 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. and Mrs. Farley wanted to bring to Mayor and Council's attention an urgent situation that they feel needs to be resolved as soon as possible. It concerns Patriot and the Prosecutors office's traffic cutting through their street when entering and exiting work. Most workers are speeding in excess of 50 mph which is creating a hazard for children in the area. Recently, a driver hit Mr. Farley's large truck so hard that the truck moved 10 feet. They fear that should an accident occur or someone accidentally drive off of the roadway, a child could be killed. They stated they realize the Police Department is very busy but are requesting this situation be prioritized.

Frank Ingemi, Police Chief, responded he forwarded a letter to the State concerning this matter and has placed officers in the area for observance of same. He further stated that he will continue to do everything possible to aid in the correction of this matter.

Jim Donio – Bellevue Avenue

Mr. Donio questioned Mayor Ingemi's deadline of June 30, 2003 for Town Hall Site Selection? He implored Mayor and Council to pick a site, any site. This issue has been a matter of discussion for over four years now. He pointed out that only ½ an hour was dedicated to the Town Hall Site Selection Discussion during this meeting. Once again, he requested Mayor and Council to finally make a decision and close this matter for the good of the Town!

Angela Donio – Tilton Street

Mrs. Donio stated that she understands Councilperson Olivo's problem as his site was not looked into. She further stated she has a problem with Mayor and Council referencing this site as 10 properties. Also, the traffic problem here must be addressed whether the Town Hall is placed here or not. She further advised in her experience it is very expensive to renovate old buildings and she doesn't think splitting up the building will be in the best interest of the public or the employees.

Adjourn

Motion by Councilperson Chiofalo, seconded by Councilperson Clark, the meeting be adjourned and the Deputy Clerk authorized to advertise for the July 14, 2003 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

April Boyer Maimone, Deputy Clerk