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Special Meeting of Mayor and Council  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, N.J.  
April 11, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Present

Esposito - Present

Gribbin - Present

Pullia - Present

Rodio - Present

Torrissi - Present

Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this meeting has been posted and given to official newspapers. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exits to the right and rear of the Council Chambers. Please do not proceed beyond the front benches without invitation from the Mayor to do so.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one desired to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Session – March 28, 2011

Regular Session – March 28, 2011

Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Torrissi, the minutes be approved.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Rob Scharle, CFO, made a 2011 Municipal Budget Presentation to Mayor and Council which included documentation attached hereto.

NEW BUSINESS-ORDINANCES

Ordinance # 012 -2011 Index Rate

TOWN OF HAMMONTON COUNTY OF ATLANTIC  
CALENDAR YEAR 2011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic finds it advisable to increase its CY 2011 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$140,196.30 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2010 budget year, the final appropriations of the Town of Hammonton shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$140,196.30, and that the CY 2011 municipal budget for the Town of Hammonton be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Esposito, the ordinance be taken up for and pass first reading and given legal publication.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#R055-2011 Introduce 2011 Municipal Budget

TOWN OF HAMMONTON  
RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following statement of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2011;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the said budget be published in the Hammonton Gazette, edition of May 4, 2011 as follows:

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Town Hall on the 23rd day of May, 2011 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at which time and place objections to said budget and tax resolution of the Town of Hammonton for the year 2011 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

**Summary of General Section of Budget**

**Current Fund**

Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	\$9,547,818.74
Municipal Purposes excluded from "CAPS"	2,074,442.41
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	867,275.84
Total General Appropriations	\$12,489,536.99
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>5,905,768.42</u>
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$6,583,768.57</u>

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Pullia, the 2011 budget introduction resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

#R055A-2011 Award Professional Service Contract Stockton/Hammonton Architect

**#R 055A-2011**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING HIRING OF THE FIRM OF BLACKNEY HAYES ARCHITECTS TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE STOCKTON/HAMMONTON PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton advertised for and received thirty (30) submissions from firms interested in providing architectural services associated with the Stockton/Hammonton project; and

WHEREAS, a joint committee of representatives from the Town and from Stockton met and narrowed the list of those under consideration from ten (10) firms and then to three (3) firms; and

WHEREAS, following the review of the credentials of the final three (3) firms along with their submissions and a personal presentation/interview the committee determined that the firm of Blackney

Hayes Architects, 150 South Independence Mall West, Suite 1200, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106 best met the committee's criteria.

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that on this 11th day of April, 2011 by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows;

1. The committee and the Town Solicitor shall be and hereby are authorized to negotiate a contract with the firm of Blackney Hayes Architects consistent with the Blackney Hayes proposal dated March 29, 2011 with the following additions/modifications:
  - a. That the contract price shall be **ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$175,000.00)**, inclusive of all reimbursables;
  - b. That Blackney Hayes shall also assist the committee in preparation of specifications for furniture, fixtures and equipment; and
  - c. That Blackney Hayes shall further assist the Town with respect to DEP and/or Pinelands Commission stormwater management regulations.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Town containing the aforesaid terms.

Motion by Councilperson Pullia, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARD

No one desired to be heard.

MEETNG ADJOURNED

Motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, the meeting be adjourned.

Frank Zuber, Town Accountant