

Special Meeting of California Borough Council, December 4, 2014, 6:00 pm

President Alfano called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Glab, and Mrs. Gutosky

ABSENT: Mr. Mariscotti, Mr. Encapera, and Mayor Weld

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Maddiex asked if Mr. Sears should be added to the agenda. Mr. Sears stated he has an item from the Planning Commission but he's not sure if it should be at this special meeting or the committee meeting at 6:30. Mr. Alfano stated you might as well do it now.

Mr. Sears stated he has the downtown overlay and the accompany documents to support that for council's approval. Mr. Alfano thanked him.

Mr. Agrafiotis asked if other business was in the advertisement. Mr. Maddiex stated yes. Mr. Agrafiotis stated he would like to add Fayette Engineering Letter under his report.

Mr. Alfano read the letter from the Planning Commission. Dear Mr. Alfano, as a result of a meeting of the California Borough Planning Commission with representatives from Mackin Engineering on Dec. 2, 2014 the attached draft downtown overlay district map with supporting documents is provided for the council's consideration and placement on its agenda for official review and ultimate approval. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the draft map and supporting documents respectfully recommends council approves it as well. The Planning Commission thanks Borough Council for its unending support to the Planning Commission in its quest to develop plans for the economic improvement of the downtown are of the Borough of California, signed by Mike Sears, President of the Planning Commission. Mr. Alfano stated he will submit these and we have a bid map we can display in council chambers and the draft of the ordinance changes. Mr. Alfano stated there will not be a public meeting next Thursday and he was very disappointed to find out that there are all these other hoops to jump through and he wished that would have been made known to us from the start because he's telling everybody that we're looking at a December 11th target date to have this public meeting and we're still 90 days out at a minimum and he's not happy. Mr. Alfano stated he is going to have a conference call with Ms. Roselli and Mr. Martinak from Mackin tomorrow.

PRESIDENTS REPORT – MR. ALFANO

SICK PAY PURCHASE – MS. EVANS

Mr. Alfano stated he has a request from Ms. Evans to purchase back 6 sick days at a cost of \$35.00 per day for a total of \$210.00.

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to purchase back 6 sick days at a total cost of \$210.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB

Nothing to report

PUBLIC WORKS – MR. MARISCOTTI

Nothing to report

PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER

Nothing to report

FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY

ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGETS

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo to adopt the tentative 2015 General fund budget which is balanced at \$1,763,558.63 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo to adopt the tentative 2015 Sewer fund budget with revenue of \$1,855,500.00 and expenses of \$1,293,636.56 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Gutosky/Bittner to adopt the tentative 2015 Highway Aid fund budget which is balanced at \$158,903.26 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

ADVERTISE 2015 TENTATIVE BUDGETS

Motion by Gutosky/Glab to authorize the secretary to advertise the tentative budgets for a 10 day review period duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

ADVERTISE 2015 TAX ORDINANCE

Motion by Gutosky/Bittner to advertise the 2015 Tax Ordinance duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes..

Mrs. Gutosky thanked everyone for the hours and input involved in the budget process.

PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO

Nothing to report

PERSONNEL – M R. MARISCOTTI & MR. ENCAPERA

Nothing to report

MAYOR’S REPORT – MR. WELD

Nothing to report

ENGINEER’S REPORT –MR. LEER

Nothing to report

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS

Mr. Agrafiotis stated he has a draft letter for Mr. Mechling as a result from two letters sent to him one of November 12th and November 17th asking for records and we haven’t received anything back yet so I prepared this letter. If we don’t get the records soon council will need to authorize him to send a letter threatening litigation. He also included in the records heaving hauling agreements and road bonds. Mr. Agrafiotis stated if you authorize him to send it he will send this letter tomorrow.

Mr. Glab asked that he states a specific time frame. Mr. Agrafiotis stated the Peach alley and sewer plant records were supposed to be here by Nov. 27th and that has come and gone. The additional records were to be here by Dec. 17th so he still has some time on that. They agreed that all records need to be returned by Dec. 17th or the solicitor can take all further actions as required.

Motion by Glab/Bittner to authorize the Solicitor to send letter to Mr. Mechling of Fayette Engineering and take further actions as required duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present stating yes.

Mr. Mariscotti entered the meeting at 6:30 pm

Mr. Difilippo stated he would like to let all the Borough Engineering applicants and the Borough Manager applicants know that we are not going to act on them until after the first of the year.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

BETHANY TOBIAS

Mrs. Tobias asked council permission and date that she could hold a memorial race for Ashley Evans. She asked council if they would prefer a race route and if they would feel it be better done in the spring or the fall. Mrs. Tobias stated she would like it to be on a Saturday so working folks could participate. She noted the date of May 16th as her preferred date. That would not interfere with commencement or the Memorial Day holiday. Mr. Alfano suggested she go through the recreation authority first and they will be meeting this Monday here at 6:30 and work that out with them and establishing a date and time. Mr. Agrafiotis asked her if she would be

willing to give the borough liability insurance for the day of the race. She asked what that was. Mr. Agrafiotis stated it is insurance that would purchase and name the borough as an added insured in the event someone gets hurt they can't sue the borough.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to adjourn at 6:40 carried with all members present stat