

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL WORK SESSION

December 6, 2011
7:20 P.M.

Present: Council members; Hopper, Kilmartin, Kane, Misciagna, Council President Maguire

Absent: Councilmember Viola and Mayor Ruschman

Also Present: Council Elects Bosi and Galdi
Kelley O'Donnell, Borough Clerk / Administrator

Council President Maguire read the compliance statement as required by the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Council President Maguire advised those present that the liaison appointments for 2012 will be handled differently than last year.

Council President Maguire stated that Mayor Ruschman had advised the Council in 2010 that as liaisons their responsibility is not to be an advocate for the Boards and Committees that they represent, but to be a conduit to the Governing Body.

- Council President Maguire advised those present that effective 1/1/2012 there would be a vacancy on the Council once he takes his seat as Mayor.
 - County Committee will be providing three names for the Governing Body's consideration at the January 10, 2012 meeting to fill the vacancy.
 - Council President Maguire stated that the actual liaison assignments would have to wait until after the vacancy is filled.
 - Second meeting in January (1/24/2012)
- Council President Maguire stated that he had spoken to the Council members and Council Elects with regard to the assignments they would be interested in.
 - He further stated that he hoped everyone took the opportunity to think about the liaison roles
 - Council President Maguire asked those present to indicate what their first choice would be
 - Councilman Misciagna – Police Commissioner
 - Councilman Hopper – Green Team
 - Councilwoman Kilmartin – Pool Commission and Board of Education
 - Councilman Elect Galdi – Recreation Committee
 - Councilman Elect Bosi – Utilities
- Council President Maguire stated that it was a month before the actual assignments would be made
- Council discussed filling the vacancies on certain committees that were previously represented by Councilman Kane and Councilman Viola

- Council discussion on appointing liaisons with the possible replacement of Councilman Maguire
 - Councilman Kane stated that he felt certain liaison positions should be consistent; i.e. Police Commissioner, allowing for uninterrupted representation
 - Council President Maguire stated that he was aware that Councilman Elect Bosi was interested in Fire Commissioner
 - Due to the fact that he is a member of the PRFD, Council President Maguire did not think that was a good match
 - Council President Maguire recommended Councilman Elect Galdi
 - Councilman Elect Galdi agreed
 - Council Discussion on Council Liaison for Shared Services
 - All present agreed it should be the same liaison for Pascack Valley Joint Court and Police Consolidation Study
 - Council President Maguire stated that the Council needed to discuss the Finance Committee
 - Council President Maguire stated that he would like Councilwoman Kilmartin to continue on the Finance Committee
 - Councilwoman Kilmartin agreed
 - Council President Maguire stated that he asked Councilman Hopper to serve on the Finance Committee
 - Councilman Hopper declined
 - Stated that it is a very busy time of year for him and he would not be able to serve

- Councilman Misciagna asked Council President Maguire if he had someone in mind for Shared Services; Police Consolidation Study, Pascack Joint Court
 - Council President Maguire stated Councilman Misciagna and Councilman Elect Galdi

- **Council President Maguire advised those present that if they had a strong interest in serving as liaison to a Board or Committee they should contact him**

- Council discussed liaisons for Negotiations Committee
 - Discussed that Councilman Misciagna is still working with the Utility Employees
 - Recommendation that Councilman Misciagna and Councilman Elect Galdi serve on Negotiations Committee

- Councilman Hopper stated that the TriBorough Shared Services Committee did not meet many times in 2011
 - Did not accomplish as much as they had hoped
 - Councilman Kane added that the Committee was supposed to think up new opportunities for shared services
 - Think “outside the box”

- Councilman Kane stated that he would be attending the December 15 PV Joint Court Meeting in Montvale

- He further stated that at this time no one is interested in adding Hillsdale until after 7/1/2012
 - Councilman Kane stated that the 3 original members of the court should benefit as other towns join
- Council discussed the distribution of costs and revenues
 - Council discussion that 4 towns may work
- Councilman Kane stated that he does not foresee the Governor appointing a judge soon

RFQ's

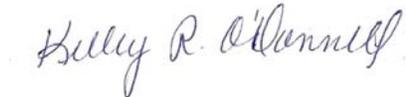
- Council discussed RFQ's due back on 12/13 at 10:00 am
 - Clerk will open them at 3:00 pm
- Council President Maguire stated that in previous years the Councilmembers split up the assignment of reviewing the professionals
 - Councilman Kane stated that the Auditor is truly non-political
 - He further stated that he felt that the present auditor has done an outstanding job since they have been brought in
 - He felt that is was warranted to continue on this path
 - Council President Maguire stated that he agrees; they have done an excellent job and he would support that
- Council President Maguire asked those present if they wanted to split up into committees the review of the professionals
 - Councilman Misciagna asked if the committee was responsible to make a choice or just narrow down
 - Council President Maguire stated that the committee would be responsible for narrowing down the selections
- Council President Maguire stated that the Utility Board was ok with the insurance changes in the filing instructions
 - Council President Maguire stated that the Utility Board had no criteria they wished to include for their professionals
 - He further stated that the Board has the expertise in determining what they need of their professionals
- Council President Maguire stated that he would like to have a Goals and Objectives meeting in January 2012 after vacancy filled
- Council discussion on a general meeting to review Open Public Meetings Act, Open Public Records Act and Liaison roles
 - Need to prioritize and determine what the Governing Body hopes to accomplish
 - **Council President Maguire asked the Clerk to distribute the minutes from the 2011 meeting**
- Council President Maguire advised those present that he would communicate the assignments for Boards and Committees
 - Need to find out who will fill vacancy

- Councilman Kane recommended the Governing Body reappoint R. Mancinelli as Borough Attorney
 - Since 2009 the Borough has gone through a lot and he has done a great job for the Borough
 - Council President Maguire stated that a lot of progress had been made

- Councilman Kane stated that he was glad the Governing Body continued with the Reorganization Planning meeting
 - Last year was the first year
 - Feels there is good reason to hold this meeting
 - Thinks it is the right way to do it

Work Session adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelley R. O'Donnell, RMC
Borough Clerk