

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2020

Meeting began: 5:40 PM

Attendees: Council Vice President Tency A. Eason (TE), Council Member Weldon M. Montague III (WM), Council Member Clifford R. Ross, (CR), Christopher Hartwyk (CH) Business Administrator, Adrian Mapp (AM) Finance Director; Nile Clements, (NC) Chief Finance Officer; Joyce L. Lanier, (JL) City Clerk; Vaughn Parchment, (VP) Assistant Attorney, Tamara Robinson, (TR) Clerks Office, Carol Perkins (CP) Citizen Representative, Tom Boran (TB) Citizen Representative, Lydell Carter (LC) Citizen Representative, Charles Pryor II (CP II) Citizen Representative

ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

45-2020 Adopting the amended Central Orange Redevelopment – CH confirmed that this ordinance includes Orange Memorial Hospital site and surrounding areas. The City has added the hospital parcels to the list of properties to be condemned. CH advised this will allow the City to move forward after second reading and publications.

ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:

50-2020 Amending Chapter 46 “Air Pollution”, to update open burning/open fire requirements and responsibility for overnight functions. – CH explained that ordinance is creating laws for Fire Pits in the City with regulations to be inspected by the Fire Official and a fee is associated with approval of pit. Move forward

51-2020 Handicapped Parking Spaces (433 Lincoln Avenue) – TE mentioned that the process of Handicapped Parking should go back through Public Works Department. CR had question regarding payment of a fee for the handicapped parking signs. VP confirmed the fee is listed within City Code. Move forward.

52-2020 Amending Chapter 88, “Fees” Article VIII entitled “Department of Public Works”. – Return to Administration

53-2020 Amending bond ordinance number 43-2019 to amend the description of improvements and the useful life set forth therein. - CH confirmed that this is amending the description of the authorized proposed to include sewer. Move forward.

54-2020 Amending bond ordinance number 51-2019 to amend sections 1, 3 and 5 therein. - CH explained ordinance’s purpose is to add the work of sewer as bond ordinances, can only be used for the purpose stated in the Ordinance. Recommend to move forward.

RESOLUTIONS

***413-2020 Amending the CY 2020 Municipal Budget by inserting items of revenue and appropriations totaling \$708,119.59 in additional grant funding.** - CH confirmed the CARES act reimbursement received from County. Resolution is adding the money to the City budget. Move forward.

***414-2020 Authorizing the refund to lienholder fig cust FIGNJ19LLC for water payment made on 206 North Center Street in the amount of \$50.22.** – Move forward

- *415-2020** Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund duplicate payment of taxes by Corelogic for 475 South Jefferson Street Apt #5A in the amount of \$2,447.83. – Move forward
- *416-2020** Authorizing the Tax Collector to refund duplicate payment of taxes by Corelogic for 475 South Jefferson Street Apt #5C in the amount of \$2,553.76. – Move forward
- *417-2020** Clarifying Resolution 364-2020 and authorizing the Tax Collector to abate the outstanding water balance on 372 Crane Street. - CH confirmed that the building is being torn down. This parcel will be used for visitors parking and used as a staging area during the construction period. CR asked how much is abatement? CH replied \$4,488.54 for water bills. Move forward.
- *418-2020** Naming October 2020 as National Breast Cancer Month. - Move forward
- *419-2020** Naming October 13, 2020 Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day – Move forward
- *420-2020** Honoring Thomas Wright – Move forward
- *421-2020** Designating D&R Orange Urban Renewal II, LLC as the redeveloper for properties 33-51 Lincoln Avenue and 60 Scotland Road within the Main Street Redevelopment Area. - CH will set up meeting with Council Members to review the project plans that have been approved by the Planning Board. LC asked if there has been a conversation about the number of families and children that would move into building, considering the impact on schools. CH confirmed that the building is designed for 1-bedroom and studios, not families sized units. LC recommends that the BOE be included in the discussion. CH confirmed that the BOE is always included in these discussions. Move forward.
- *422-2020** Authorizing the awarding of a contract to IBN Construction Corporation for the demolition of 47-51 Hillyer Street, in the amount not to exceed \$39,765.00. - CH advises that this is an emergency demolition contract. The Building Inspector and Fire Chief agree that it is a danger to the surrounding area and should be taken down. Move forward.
- *423-2020** Amending resolution 54-2020(WO) titled “A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to enter into an installment payment agreement with St. Matthew A.M.E. Church for the collection/payment of delinquent taxes owed on the properties” seeking approval of amendments to the agreement. - CH is proposing an amendment to the original agreement due to COVID-19. Churches have not been operating and will need additional time to make payments. Move forward.
- *424-2020** Amending resolution 55-2020(WO) titled “Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to enter into an installment payment agreement with Debre Ganet Kidus Gabriel Ethiopian Church for the collection/payment of delinquent taxes owed on the properties” seeking approval of amendments to the agreement. - CH explained that this resolution’s reason is the same as Reso. 423-2020. Churches are not collecting money due to COVID-19 and The City is giving them an extension on the original agreement. Move forward

- *425-2020** Authorizing the Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation as to whether certain parcels should collectively be designated as an area in need of redevelopment without condemnation and/or an area in need of rehabilitation and further directing the Planning Board to hold a public hearing, report recommendations to the City Council, and prepare a redevelopment and/or rehabilitation plan for any area so designated by the City Council.- CH stated that properties are listed at bottom of page. All located are on Main Street, S. Jefferson or Bell Street. The City is adding properties to section C Main Street redevelopment area. The majority of the properties are located in the West Ward. Move forward.
- *426-2020** Approving the bill list (Grand Total: \$5,331,570.84). - CP II advises that we should be mindful of overtime and find ways to reduce it. Move forward.

Adjournment Time: 6:15 PM