

# FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

## NOVEMBER 16, 2020

Meeting began: 5:31 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, Nile Clements, (NC) Chief Finance Officer; Joyce L. Lanier, (JLL) City Clerk; Vaughn Parchment, (VP) Assistant Attorney, Marlin Towns (MT) Legislative Research Officer; Carol Perkins (CP) Citizen Representative, Tom Boran (TB) Citizen Representative, Lydell Carter (LC) Citizen Representative, Charles Pryor II (CP II) Citizen Representative, Tamara Robinson, Clerk's Office (TR)

### ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

- 50-2020 **Amending Chapter 46 entitled "air pollution"** – CH confirmed that this is the fire pit ordinance. Move forward
- 51-2020 **Amending Chapter 200 Handicapped Parking Spaces (433 Lincoln Avenue)** – Move forward
- 53-2020 **Bond ordinance amending bond ordinance 43-2019** – CH explained that amendments are to improve sewer. Move forward
- 54-2020 **Bond ordinance amending bond ordinance 51-2019** – CH confirmed that this is same as Ord. 53-2020. Move forward

### ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:

- 56-2020 **Amending Chapter 88 "Fees" Department of Public Works Fees** – CH explained that this amendment is to change water tap and connection fees to be in line with state statues. LC asked CH what initiates these amendments. CH states it is for new developments. Move forward.
- 57-2020 **Providing special emergency appropriation to fund deficit in operations of the City due to COVID-19** – CR asked about COVID-19 impact on possible lay-offs. CH explained COVID-19's impact on all departments but lay-offs are unknown at this time. Move forward.

### RESOLUTIONS

- \*450-2020 **Authorizing approval to submit grant application with NJ Department of Transportation for FY 2020 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program** – LC asked if this resolution would include lights near stairwells, as possible quality of life concern. CH confirmed it only includes alternatives, not upgrades. Move forward.
- \*451-2020 **Authorizing a contract for support software for the police dispatch, mapping and records management services to Enforsys Police Systems, Inc.** – Move forward
- \*452-2020 **Awarding of a contract for managed phone line solution to Municipal Technologies** – Move forward

- \*453-2020     **Approving the bill list (Grand Total: \$3,841,498.99)** – CP II questioned the status of the Public Safety Committee. CH confirmed he is working with the Mayor on this issue and should have a resolution presented next month in December. Move forward
  
- \*454-2020     **Authorizing the City of Orange Township to join Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund** – TB pointed out that most concerns care based in out-of-pocket expenses and network doctors, will these significantly change for existing employees? CH confirmed that it will be a linear move; no anticipated change except lower costs. Move forward.
  
- \*455-2020     **Appointing Christopher Hartwyk as Fund Commissioner and Marty Mayes as Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund** – Move forward
  
- \*456-2020     **Approving the certification of the CFO as to the anticipated deficit in operations and approving the submission of an application to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in connection with the proposed funding of such anticipated deficit** – NC confirmed that this is tied to Ordinance 57-2020. Move forward

**Adjournment Time: 6:23 PM**