

BOROUGH OF JENKINTOWN
JENKINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 22, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

President Whitney called the May Meeting of the Borough Council to order in Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:32 p.m. this 22nd day of May 2006.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Wall led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Clark, Mr. Davis, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Golden, Ms. Goldman, Mr. Kilkenny, Mr. Madden, Mr. McCabe, Ms. Pancoe, Ms. Wolff, , and President Whitney (11). Vice-President Montanaro asked to be excused (12).

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Gregory Wall, Solicitor Michael Hynes, Police Chief Albert DiValentino, Secretary/Manager Edwin Geissler, Assistant Manager Meghan Jack.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Madden moved, seconded by Councilman Golden, to approve the minutes of the April 24th 2006 Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE".

Councilman Madden moved, seconded by Councilman Davis, to approve the minutes of the May 10th 2006 Special Council Meeting, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE".

APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND INVOICES:

Councilman Kilkenny reported the fund expense totals for the various funds for the month of April 2006, as listed in detail in the agenda packet and summarized below:

General Fund (including 2 payrolls)	\$ 179,355.18
Streetlight Tax Fund	\$ 9,240.40
Fire Tax Fund	\$ 13,074.77
Fire Apparatus/Building Reserve Fund	\$ 1,347.50
Library Tax Fund	\$ 40,000.00
Escrow Fund	\$ 4,329.76
Solid Waste Collection Service	\$ 28,333.08
Capital Account	\$ 45,378.96
Highway Aid/Liquid Fuels	\$ 731.47

Police Pension Fund	\$ 14,597.72
Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Fund	\$ 1,704.35

Councilman Madden moved, seconded by Councilman Golden, to approve the payrolls and invoices for the month of April 2006, as listed in the agenda packet.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

No Comments

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

In the absence of Vice-President Montanaro, Councilman Kilkenny reported that the Committee met a week ago and had substantive discussions on interviewing a Conflict Engineer for situations that may arise, the Emergency Services Tax, and institution of a Rental Permit License.

Public Works:

Councilman McCabe reported that his minutes were in the agenda packet and that he would be happy to entertain any questions.

Public Safety:

Councilman Madden reported that the minutes were in the agenda packet and that he would be happy to entertain any questions.

Building, Planning & Zoning

Councilman Golden reported that the minutes of the meeting were in the agenda packet, that there were two items on the agenda and that he would be happy to entertain questions.

Jenkintown School Board:

Councilwoman Goldman reported that Mrs. McKenna was retiring from the High School, that contract negotiations are ongoing, and that there is a 6% increase in taxes for 2007.

JCA:

Councilman Dobbs reported that the monthly meeting would take place the following morning, during which there would be continued discussions on the BID and the final draft of the BID Plan. In addition, the Borough is hosting the required Public Hearing on June 13, 2006.

Redevelopment Oversight Committee:

Councilman Kilkenny and Councilman Golden had no comments.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Hynes stated that he had no report. There are suits ongoing and liens ongoing, but otherwise, status quo.

Mayor's Report:

No Report.

Chief's Report:

Chief DiValentino stated that the Police Department has hired a new Parking Enforcement Officer.

Assistant Manager's Report:

Ms. Jack informed Council that the Borough was the recipient of the PECO Green Region grant.

Manager's Report:

Manager Geissler informed Council that the bid opening for Johnson Street was today and that he would like permission to include it on the agenda this evening, as both he and the Engineer were pleased with the numbers. He also informed Council that Open Space was not placed on the agenda this evening, but it is a Committee item that needs to be considered this evening.

Councilman Kilkenny asked Manager Geissler why the rental license was not on the agenda, to which Manager Geissler replied that he did not have it in the Committee minutes as a Council item.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2006-3

ORDINANCE 2006-3 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 181, ZONING, ARTICLE XI, PROVISIONS APPLICABLE IN ALL DISTRICTS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF JENKINTOWN:

Councilman Golden moved, seconded by Councilwoman Goldman, to authorize the administration to advertise Ordinance 2006-3 An Ordinance to amend Chapter 181, Zoning, Article XI, Provisions applicable in all districts, of the Code of the Borough of Jenkintown and to schedule a Public Hearing for June 26, 2006 during the Regular Council Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

ORDINANCE 2006-2

ORDINANCE 2006-2 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 91, ALARMS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF JENKINTOWN:

Councilman Golden moved, seconded by Councilman Madden, to adopt Ordinance 2006-2 an Ordinance to amend Chapter 91, Alarms of the code of the Borough of Jenkintown.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

RESOLUTION 2006-11

RESOLUTION 2006-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH REGARDING CABLE FRANCHISING LEGISLATION:

Councilman Kilkenny moved, seconded by Councilman Golden, to adopt Resolution 2006- a Resolution of the Borough regarding, cable franchising legislation and to oppose and changes. Copies along with letters are to be sent to state and federal legislators.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

CONFLICT ENGINEER

Councilman Kilkenny moved, seconded by Councilman Golden, to interview for a conflict engineer to serve the Borough and make a recommendation to Council.

MOTION CARRIED, Wolff voting "NAY"

ORDINANCE 2006-4

ORDINANCE 2006-4 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC CODE CHAPTER 172 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF JENKINTOWN.

Councilman Madden moved, seconded by Councilwoman Goldman, to authorize the administration to advertise Ordinance 2006-4 an Ordinance to amend the Vehicles and Traffic Code.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

RESOLUTION 2006-12

RESOLUTION 2006- A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JENKINTOWN RECOGNIZING TWO RETIRING TEACHERS FROM THE JENKINTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

President Whitney authorized Resolution 2006-12 to recognize the work of retiring teachers.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPERTIES:

Manager Geissler asked for approval of Council in authorizing the hiring of an individual or firm to appraise certain properties.

Councilman Golden moved, seconded by Councilman Madden, to hiring an individual or firm to appraise certain properties as directed by the Borough Manager.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Madden moved, seconded by Councilman Golden, to recess the Regular Order of Business for an Executive Session regarding litigation at 9:02 p.m..

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

RECONVENE:

Councilman Golden moved, seconded by Councilwoman Dobbs, to reconvene the Order of Business at 9:44.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

President Whitney announced that Vice President Montanaro sent him an email stating his need to step down as Vice-President of the Borough Council. President Whitney read the email to the members.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"

Councilman McCabe moved, seconded by Councilman Kilkenny to nominate Councilman Golden to serve as Vice-President of the Jenkintown Borough Council.

Vice-President Golden took a moment to thank the members of Council for their confidence and stated that he looked forward to working in this capacity.

ADJOURN:

Councilman Golden moved, seconded by Councilwoman Dobbs, to adjourn the May 22, 2006 Regular Council Meeting at 9:45 this 22nd day of May 2006.

MOTION CARRIED, all present voting "AYE"