

WORK SESSION MARCH 23, 2010

Mayor Tedeschi called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Tedeschi, Deputy Mayor Swain and Weinstein and Councilmembers Baratta and Trawinski.

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Manager Kwasniewski, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski and Attorney Rosenberg.

DATES FOR INTERVIEWS AND BUDGET MEETINGS:

Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated they have scheduled a budget meeting for Saturday, but they never scheduled any more dates. Councilmember Trawinski felt they should take one department that night. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated they would hear Recreation and she is going to talk to Ron Conte to see if he is going to come back to do the budget or have the division heads do it. She would like to do Recreation and DPW because they are the two largest groups. Councilmember Trawinski supported going with the Manager's plan. He felt they could always have the Municipal Clerk's office, Manager's office and the Finance Department as fill-ins.

Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated they would still have the smaller departments and the Library. Deputy Mayor Swain would like to have a Closed Session before talking to the Library about the budget. Councilmember Trawinski suggested holding a Closed Session on Tuesday, April 6th. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated the Closed Session should be on Personnel because they need to get started with this so they can move ahead with the budget.

Deputy Mayor Tedeschi requested that when they do Recreation they also include the Cultural Center. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated they could but they would not have anyone specifically talking about it because it is the 501(c)3, they never have them in. Deputy Mayor Tedeschi asked if they had any numbers on the Cultural Center. Councilmember Trawinski stated they received that information today. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated they should remember that was just for the theater, nothing to do with the Recreation piece.

Councilmember Trawinski thought that the meeting on April 6 they should continue to carryover additional dates for interviews and budget meetings.

Mayor Tedeschi asked Attorney Rosenberg if the Borough had to Rice anyone for the meeting on April 6th. Attorney Rosenberg advised they may have to. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated she is waiting for a call from the Labor Attorney. If they are talking about positions and theory in abstract, no Rice notices are needed but if they are talking about a person she believed that they would need to Rice the employees. Mayor Tedeschi said that some positions are singular and he presumed they would have to be Riced.

Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated they still need to choose a date for the Library budget and Borough Manager Interviews. Assistant Municipal Clerk stated that CFO Palermo had asked if they were meeting on April 10. The Council discussed that date and most of them could not be there on that date. Mayor Tedeschi stated they are at the point now that they have to keep going. Councilmember Trawinski said they had all agreed to keep moving forward. He did not have objections to continuing the process even if he can't make it. Mayor Tedeschi suggested if one of the Councilmembers cannot make the meeting, they should be able to call the person.

Acting Manager Kwasniewski asked when they will continue the budget. Councilmember Trawinski suggested doing it after the regular meeting. Deputy Mayor Weinstein suggested holding a meeting after they do all of the interviews.

Mayor Tedeschi asked if there were any questions they should give to the Library before they come. Councilmember Trawinski wanted to know what their rationale was for their increases. Mayor Tedeschi thought they could put together a list of questions that will be discussed when they get here. Deputy Mayor Swain stated she would like an explanation of the percentage of increase.

Deputy Mayor Swain and Councilmember Baratta stated they could be there on April 10 at 9:00 a.m. with three interviews.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon motion by Councilmember Baratta and a second by Deputy Mayor Swain, the following Closed Session resolution was unanimously adopted at 8:20 P.M.

WHEREAS; the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey permits the public to be excluded from certain matters to be discussed by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS; the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Lawn desire to discuss Pending Litigation – Tax Appeals, Attorney / Client Privilege – Landmark and Personnel – Health Benefits; and

WHEREAS; these matters are ones which permit the exclusion of the public from such discussions; and

WHEREAS; minutes will be taken during this closed session and once the need for confidentiality no longer exists the minutes will be available to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Lawn that the public be excluded since these matters as set forth above are ones which permit the exclusion of the public from such discussions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Councilmember Baratta and a second by Deputy Mayor Weinstein, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approved the foregoing minutes.

Mayor Joseph Tedeschi

Councilmember Jeanne Baratta

Deputy Mayor Lisa Swain

Deputy Mayor Steven Weinstein

Councilmember Ed Trawinski