

WORK SESSION OF MARCH 24, 2009

Mayor Weinstein called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Swain, Deputy Mayor Tedeschi, Councilmember Baratta and Councilmember Trawinski

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

2009 Smart Growth Planning Grant:

Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated that Michael Hakim submitted a proposal in the amount of \$2,200 to complete the grant application. The cost to compose a natural resource inventory would be \$15,000. The grant application would need to be Federal Expressed on Monday to meet the deadline on Tuesday. She has received letters of support from Joan Goldstein and Maureen Moriarty. Superintendent Graff is working on a letter. Mayor Weinstein noted that Peter Kortright would be sending a letter on behalf of the Planning Board. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated that Ms. Dabney emailed her what she considered an ERI to be. Mr. Hakim will expand on that information in the grant application,

The application requires a detailed work plan; it is not a simple grant. Councilmember Trawinski stated that Mr. Hakim did not feel the work on the application would be wasted if they were denied, because it could be used to reapply next year. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated that it would be a piece of the master plan, which is scheduled to be redone in 2010.

Mayor Weinstein stated that a new natural resource inventory would include trees and could be used by the Planning Board. Councilmember Trawinski stated that an inventory had not been done since 1996. He trusted Michael Hakim's abilities. It would cost them matching funds in the amount of \$7,500. Acting Manager Kwasniewski stated that some of the \$7,500 would be in kind services. Councilmember Trawinski stated it would save costs when they redid the master plan as that component would already be completed. Ms. Dabney, the Environmental Commission and Peter Kortright, Chair of the Planning Board strongly supported applying for a grant for this project.

It was the consensus of Council that Michael Hakim be hired as a consultant to prepare the 2009 Smart Growth Planning Grant application.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Special Meeting:

Upon motion by Councilmember Trawinski and second by Councilmember Baratta the Work Session was recessed to the Special Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Weinstein reconvened the Work Session at 8:53 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION:

Upon motion by Councilmember Trawinski and a second by Councilmember Baratta, the following closed session resolution was unanimously adopted at 8:53 p.m.

WHEREAS; the Open Public Meeting 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 Anticipated Litigation – NJSIAA and Contract Negotiations – Greenstar; 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 the 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.

Mayor Weinstein reconvened the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Swain stated that she could not attend the April 7th meeting due to a family commitment prior to Passover.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Councilmember Baratta and second by Councilmember Trawinski the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

Mayor Steven Weinstein

Councilmember Jeanne Baratta

Deputy Mayor Lisa Swain

Deputy Mayor Joseph Tedeschi

Councilmember Ed Trawinski