

SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 16, 2013

The Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede was held on the above date in the meeting room of the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Absent: Mayor Kalvaitis. The following members were present at roll call: Council members: Kappatos, Kelly, Root, Moore, White & Passio
Present: Borough CFO/Treasurer Richard E. Wright.

STATEMENT: Council President Kappatos read the notice of this meeting pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act."

A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Passio to approve the 2013 Municipal Budget (\$7,396,652.82-Current Fund & \$870,000.00-Sewer Utility) by Title and advertise according to law with a public hearing to be held on 5/28/13 at a meeting beginning at 5:00 PM. Business Administrator Richard Wright then gave an explanation of the budget process and further explaining the capital improvement and debt service portions. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Passio, Kelly, Root, Moore, White & Kappatos; Nays: None; Absent: None. Council President Kappatos declared the budget approved on first reading.

RESOLUTION #13-69

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAIVING A PERFORMANCE BOND FOR GARDNER FUNERAL HOME

WHEREAS, in 2010 Gardner Funeral Home, Block 108, 12.01-12.03, 12-05, 12-06, submitted an application to the Runnemede Planning/Zoning Board for a major site plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2011, the Runnemede Planning/Zoning Board granted approval for this project; and

WHEREAS, Mark Basehore, the Borough Engineer, reviewed and inspected the project and found that the performance bond required to be posted for this project should be in the amount of \$319,098.24; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2013, Gardner Funeral Home appeared before the Runnemede Planning/Zoning Board to amend their initial application and drastically reduce the scope of the project; and

WHEREAS, a request was made to the members of the planning board to waive any performance bond due to the reduction in the scope of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Runnemede Planning/Zoning has recommended to Mayor & Council, by letter from the planning/zoning board solicitor, to waive the bond requirement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the performance bond requirements be waived for the Gardner Funeral Home Project as per the amended application.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Moore, seconded by Kelly this resolution be approved. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Passio, Moore, Kelly, White & Root. Absent: None. Nays: None. Council President Kappatos declared the resolution adopted.

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RESOLUTION #13-70

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR
TO SOLICIT BY RFQ/RFP FOR COLLECTION OF
MUNICIPAL COURT DEBT**

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of New Jersey pursuant to Public Contracts and Pay-to-Play legislation authorizes request for qualifications/proposals for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Runnemede wishes to contract with an agency to collect municipal court debt; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the Court (AOC) advises that this process be instituted by the borough solicitor; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Runnemede that the Borough Solicitor, Leonard Wood, is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the collection of municipal court debt per the specifications.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Root, seconded by Passio this resolution be approved. Various council members had questions about the purpose of this resolution. Business Administrator Richard Wright explained the outstanding court debt. Several members of council expressed concerns as to how this process would work. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Passio, Moore & Root; Abstentions: White & Kelly; Absent: None; Nays: None. Council President Kappatos declared the resolution adopted.

Councilwoman Moore reported on the need for a stop sign at the intersection of 5th and Bowers Avenue. Beverly also stated that the Police Chief approves of this stop sign.

The following ordinances were read by title by title by the clerk:

ORDINANCE #13-06

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106-20 ENTITLED
"VEHICLES & TRAFFIC" SCHEDULE VI, STOP INTERSECTIONS
OF THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

A motion was made by Moore, seconded by Root the ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, with a public hearing to be held on May 7, 2013 at a meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Passio, White, Kelly, Moore, & Root. Nays: None. Absent: None. Council President Kappatos declared the ordinance approved on first reading.

ORDINANCE #13-07

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 316 OF THE ARTICLE III, OF
THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

A motion was made by Moore, seconded by Root the ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, with a public hearing to be held on May 7, 2013 at a meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding prohibiting the use of plastic bags for yard waste. Councilwoman Passio expressed concerns about banning the use

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of plastic bags for yard waste. Councilman White thought it was a good idea to ban the use of the plastic bags because of the gasses released when the bag is slit open. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, White, Kelly, Moore, & Root. Nays: Passio. Absent: None. Council President Kappatos declared the ordinance approved on first reading.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Seeing no one wishing to speak, a motion was made by Moore, seconded by Passio to close the good and welfare portion of the meeting.

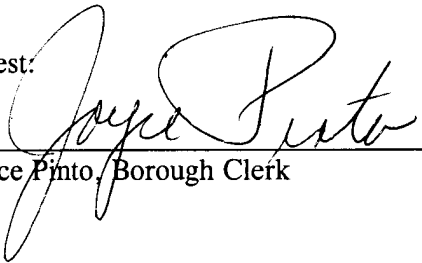
There being no further discussion, a motion was made by White and seconded by Passio to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Approved by:



Nick Kappatos, Council President

Attest:



Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk