

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AUGUST 18, 2020
VIA CONFERENCE CALL
6:30 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the August 18, 2020 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:30 PM via teleconference by Mayor Spango. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act in that the date, time, and location of the rescheduled meeting were sent to the official newspapers, posted on the Borough's website and the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk. The change of the location of the meeting to telephonic, the teleconference access telephone number, and the teleconference access were advertised in The Progress, sent to the Star Ledger, posted on the Borough's website, posted on the doors of the municipal building, and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk. The public was invited to join the Roseland Council Meeting via computer by logging in to: <HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/93530484582> or via telephone by calling +1 646-558-8656, Webinar ID: 935 3048 4582

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Council President
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Roger Freda, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Joni Noble McDonnell, Borough Attorney

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PRESENTATION

Councilman Bardi displayed a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the final tax bill:

2020 Total Appropriations	\$15,912,289.75
2020 Total Revenue	<u>\$ 5,969,048.50</u>
Amount to be raised by taxation	\$ 9,943,241.25

Municipal Tax Rate % = Amount to be raised by taxation/Total Assessed Valuation x 100

$$\frac{\text{Amount to be raised by taxation}}{\text{Total Assessed Valuation}} = \frac{\$9,943,241.25}{\$1,661,366,715} \times 100 = .599\%$$

For an average home assessed at \$466,970, the 2020 municipal tax increase will be \$17.29, and the total 2020 tax increase, including local school, regional school, County, Library, open space, and municipal will be \$97.23.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 21-2020 by title only for the first time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 30 Land Development to provide a Downtown Business District Overlay Zone". Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 21-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 via teleconference.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 17-2020 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending the Land Development Ordinance concerning the collection of Affordable Housing Development Fees to comply with current state Affordable Housing regulations". Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 17-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 17-2020 for the third and final time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending the Land Development Ordinance concerning the collection of Affordable Housing Development Fees to comply with current state Affordable Housing regulations". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 18-2020 by title only for the second time: "Ordinance repealing Section §30-1101 "Mandatory Growth Share Affordable Housing Production" and replacing with "Affordable Housing Mandatory Set-Aside"". Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 18-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Freda made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 18-2020 for the third and final time: "Ordinance repealing Section §30-1101 "Mandatory Growth Share Affordable Housing Production" and replacing with "Affordable Housing Mandatory Set-Aside"". Councilman Trillo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 19-2020 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance replacing the entire contents of the existing Affordable Housing Ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to address the requirements of the Fair Housing Act and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC) regarding compliance with the Borough's Affordable Housing obligations". Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 20-2020 by title only for the second time: "Bond ordinance providing for various road improvements in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$1,074,600 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$767,420 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof". Councilman

Freda made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 240-2020 approving the August 18, 2020 Bill List in the amount of \$212,414.61. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the nine resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 241-2020 ratification of salaries – July 2020

Resolution No. 242-2020 endorsing the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, approving the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan, approving the Affirmative Marketing Plan, and authorizing submission of the same to the Superior Court of New Jersey

Resolution No. 243-2020 authorizing the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for Lester C. Noecker School at a cost of \$6,330.00

Resolution No. 244-2020 appointing Chris Critchett and Joseph Pomante as Community Development Committee representatives

Resolution No. 245-2020 approving the Declaration of Emergency for Tropical Storm Isais

Resolution No. 246-2020 authorizing the Recreation Department to conduct a new youth cross country track program

Resolution No. 247-2020 authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$400.00 from the Roseland Relief Fund

Resolution No. 248-2020 authorizing refunds, overpayments or cancellations in the Tax Office

Resolution No. 249-2020 amending Resolution No 181-2020 "Authorizing Funds for 2020 Planning Board Professional Services"

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the one item on the Consent Agenda:

Accept with Regret the Resignation of Judge William Connell effective December 31, 2020

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Councilman Bardi thanked Judge Connell for his many years of service, noting that Judge Connell has served eleven terms for a total of thirty-three years.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango thanked the Department of Public Works (DPW), the police department, the fire department, the office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the first aid squad for their efforts during and after Tropical Storm Isaias. Mr. Spango announced that PSE&G has a program to reimburse residents who were without power for longer than seventy-two (72) hours for spoiled food. Claims must be submitted to PSE&G by mid-September. Council is looking to schedule a meeting in the third week in September with the Lincoln Street volunteer committee. The Borough will be taking delivery of the new playground equipment this year for Harrison Park. The installation will be rebid this fall for installation next spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi announced that a letter will be going out by the end of the week summarizing the final tax bill as presented earlier in the meeting. Mayor Spango will follow up with the County DPW for an update on the County's plan for mosquito control.

SHARED SERVICES

Councilman Trillo requested that the restoration of issuing field use permits be considered, noting that SCRAM was held successfully, and the Borough is considering running the fall soccer program.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda thanked the DPW and all emergency services for their storm response. The water tank maintenance program is scheduled to resume. Residents in Zone 1 may experience pressure changes or dirty water. Affected residents will be notified prior to commencement of the work. All residents are asked to monitor their lawn sprinkler systems between August 24th and September 30th, and to voluntarily restrict sprinkler use to odd/even days depending upon street number, or to shut systems off completely.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman confirmed that improvements to Harrison Playground will take place next spring. A local resident has been and will continue to make regular donations to the Borough's food pantry. The Borough has been and will continue to collect and deliver food weekly.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the West Essex Board of Education has presented their reopening plan. Schools are tentatively scheduled to open September 2nd and 3rd for staff professional development, and for students on September 8th. June 22, 2021 is the projected last day of school. The Board has proposed a five-phase plan to bring students back to 100% capacity, but the dates are fluid and based upon the Governor's orders.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli reported that Roseland will be applying the \$150,000 Essex County Recreation Grant toward improvements to local playgrounds and parks. Mrs. Tolli thanked the DPW for watering the planters and hanging baskets around town. The library has reopened from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, and from 9:00 AM until noon on Saturdays. The second movie night went well, the Recreation Department will be offering a new whiffle ball program, and the annual Run 4 Roses has been cancelled.

Mayor Spango added that the Borough is continuing to plan for the annual bonfire in hopes that the Covid-19 restrictions will be lessened by then. The bonfire is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd. The night was changed to Saturday in anticipation of having a daylong community event culminating with the bonfire. The Borough has loaned the Library a temperature scanner for employees and patrons, and provided the Library with a stock of face masks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted 4-0 to approve the January 22, 2019 Executive Session minutes with Councilman Bardi, Councilwoman Fishman, Councilman Freda, and Councilwoman Tolli voting in the affirmative, and Councilwoman Perrotti and Councilman Trillo abstaining.

Council Meeting Minutes August 18, 2020

Council voted 5-0 to approve the March 19, 2019 Executive Session minutes, the April 2, 2019 Executive Session minutes, the April 23, 2019 Executive Session minutes, the May 7, 2019 Executive Session minutes, the May 23, 2019 Executive Session minutes, the June 6, 2019 Executive Session minutes, and the August 11, 2020 Council meeting minutes with Councilman Bardi, Councilwoman Fishman, Councilman Freda, Councilwoman Tolli, and Councilwoman Perrotti voting in the affirmative, and Councilman Trillo abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

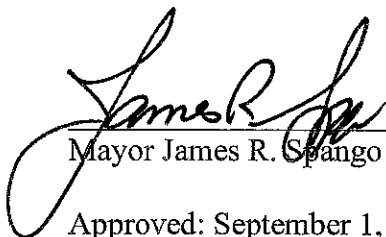
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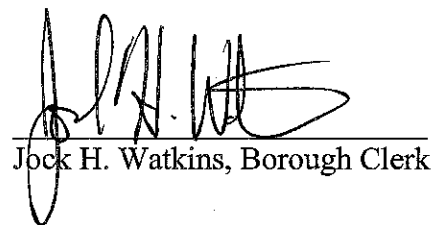
Councilman Freda made a motion at 7:19 PM to approve Resolution No. 249-2020 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. COAH
2. Personnel

ADJOURNMENT

Council came out of Executive Session at 8:48 PM. Councilman Freda made a motion to close the meeting at 8:49 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.


Mayor James R. Spango
Approved: September 1, 2020


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Freda, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None