

## Borough of Roselle Park Special Meeting of April 6, 2017

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Charlene Storey	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilwoman	P	6:00 PM
Eugene Meola	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	6:00 PM
Joseph Petrosky	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	6:00 PM
Thos Shipley	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	6:09 PM
William Fahoury	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	6:00 PM
Michael Connelly	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	6:00 PM
Carl Hokanson	Borough of Roselle Park	Mayor	P	6:00 PM

Mayor Hokanson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and said it is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required by law.

All contracts awarded by Mayor and Council must comply with the affirmative action requirements of P.L. 1975, C.172. (NJAC 17:27).

As required by the Fire Prevention Code, he indicated the fire exits and the procedure to be followed in case of fire.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Storey moved at 6:01 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Meola and adopted.

#### Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Is not opposed to the project.
- Things must be spelled out.
- How will this affect the school system.

#### Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Is there a minimum and maximum on the PILOT; is it for 30 years.
  - Special Legal Counsel Joseph Baumann explained that a PILOT can be enacted for a maximum of 30 years. The terms of the negotiations are not yet public.
- Is there any information that can be provided at this time?
  - Mr. Baumann explained that information will be presented when the governing body feels that they are ready and able to present the terms.
- Will there be any public session meetings regarding this.
  - Borough Clerk Casais stated that it is up to the discretion of the governing body. Mr. Baumann indicated that, at a minimum, there will be two readings on the ordinance that would enter the Borough into an financial agreement

#### Joseph DeIorio, 824 Larch Street

- PILOT information online to give to the municipality.
  - Mr. Baumann stated that he would provide that information to the Borough Clerk.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilwoman Storey moved at 6:10 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

#### INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Shipley moved at 6:11 p.m. to interrupt the regular order of business for a Closed Session Meeting; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Mayor Hokanson read the Closed Session resolution and said Council would be discussing the following matter:

- Contract Negotiations – Meridia on Westfield Urban Renewal, LLC (PILOT)

#### RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Shipley moved at 6:55 p.m. to resume the regular order of business; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Shipley moved at 6:56 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

#### Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Can Council give any idea of what was discussed?
  - Mr. Huxford said it is still in contract negotiations and nothing has been resolved at this time.

#### Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Asked who Mr. Baumann and Mr. Hanley (NW Financial) were representing
  - Mayor Hokanson stated that Mr. Baumann is Special Counsel for Roselle Park and Mr. Hanley is retained as an expert by Mr. Baumann's office.
- Asked about Ordinance No. 2481 on first reading; why is this responsibility being added, at what cost and was this discussed.
  - Chief Financial Officer Ken Blum said this was discussed during the 2017 Municipal Budget process and there will be a \$7,500 stipend.
- Mr. Qersdyn said the problem should be fixed and that just paying someone is not the answer

#### Sundjata Sekou, 336 Sheridan Avenue

- Stated that while he is a member of the Roselle Park Board of Education he is not attending the meeting representing the Board
- Stated that there is a rumor that the funds that are being collected from this deal will not go towards the Board of Education.
- Everyone is overtaxed and the majority is coming from the school system.
- Asked that some percentage goes towards the Board of Education.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Shipley moved at 7:05 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Shipley moved at 7:05 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Attest:

Andrew Casais, RMC  
Borough Clerk