

SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 17, 2012

A Special Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 and was called to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Minkoff read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Mayor Minkoff; Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Erickson, Foster-Dublin, Potts, Welkovits; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Administrator Kovach; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: Councilperson Millet.

On motion made by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, Resolution No. 7-12-220 was separated from the Consent Agenda.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Erickson, Foster Dublin, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstain: Councilman Potts.

Absent: Councilman Millet.

No. 7-12-220

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Borough Finance Director that since the adoption of a resolution on January 3, 2012 showing the names of the officers and employees of the Borough of Highland Park whose salaries are on an annual basis, there have been the following changes, to wit:

GARY POTTS, COUNCILMAN, at an annual salary of \$4,239.00, effective July 3, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director be and he is hereby directed to make the necessary changes in the payroll records of the Finance Department in accordance with the changes established by this resolution.

Resolution Nos. 7-12-218 through 7-12-222 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilman Morris, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Erickson, Foster-Dublin, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilman Millet.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:

No. 7-12-218

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park solicited bids pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. for a Capital Project involving the new Police Building; and

WHEREAS, said Borough received thirteen (13) bids in response to the Borough's Notice to Bidders; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder is H&S Construction & Mechanical, Inc. for a bid amount totaling four million four hundred forty-nine thousand (\$4,449,000.00) dollars; and

WHEREAS, since the base bid and alternate bids received by the Borough of Highland Park were substantially below the estimated cost of this Capital Project and thus the Council wishes to award in addition to the base bid the following alternates:

Alternate I: Larger solar array, sixty thousand (\$60,000.00) dollars;

Alternate II: Renovation and accessibility for public restroom facilities in the Firehouse, fifty-eight thousand four hundred (\$58,400.00) dollars;

Alternate III: Upgrade to the finish of the floor of the new Police Building, five thousand nine hundred forty (\$5,940.00) dollars; and

Alternate IV: Modification to the detail at the base of the south wall of the Firehouse, six hundred seventy-three (\$673.00) dollars; and

WHEREAS, the base bid and the aforementioned alternates total four million five hundred seventy-four thousand thirteen (\$4,574,013.00) dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds to award the contract for said Capital Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Contract with H&S Construction & Mechanical, Inc., 721 Bayway Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202 for a base bid amount of four million four hundred forty-nine thousand (\$4,449,000.00) dollars plus alternate bids totaling one hundred twenty-five thousand thirteen (\$125,013.00) dollars for a total bid award of four million five hundred seventy-four thousand thirteen (\$4,574,013.00) dollars.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 7-12-219

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that all claims presented prior to this meeting as shown on a detailed list prepared by the Borough Treasurer, and which have been submitted and approved in accordance with Highland Park Ordinance No. 1004, shall be and the same are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall include in the minutes of this meeting a statement as to all such claims approved as shown in a Bills List Journal in accordance with said Ordinance.

The bills approved for payment at this meeting, Bills List 7/17/12, can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 31.

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The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 7-12-221

WHEREAS, Nick Lagakos and Gregory Reynolds, have filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for a License to operate taxicabs under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such Licenses for the year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has investigated said applicants and has reported favorably upon said applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that said applicants are qualified and that public necessity and convenience would be served by the issuance of said License.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue an Operator License to the aforesaid applicants.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 7-12-222

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park finally adopted its 2012 Municipal Budget on April 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 54:4-67 authorizes Council to provide a ten day period following the required payment date or a twenty-five calendar day period after mailing of the tax bills during which interest will not be charged;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the grace period for the 2012 third quarter taxes be extended twenty-five (25) days from date of mailing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.5 no interest shall be charged on unpaid third quarter 2012 taxes provided the same are paid on or before twenty-five (25) days from date of mailing, and provided further that interest thereafter shall be payable at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from August 1, 2012 until the date of actual payment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director and Tax Collector forthwith.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk