



City of Lambertville
Special Session
Friday, August 7, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
City Hall
18 York Street, Lambertville
Minutes

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE.

Mayor DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and read a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, noting that the required notice was emailed to newspapers on Tuesday, August 04, 2015 to the Democrat, the Times, posted the agenda to the bulletin board at city hall, the website at www.lambertvillenj.org, and noticed various people on the list serve, inclusive of department heads, city attorney and city engineer.

ROLL CALL.

Mrs. Ege called the roll as follows:

Present: Councilwoman Asaro (by phone), Councilman Sanders (by phone), Councilwoman Warner, Council President Stegman, Mayor DelVecchio.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACTS, PERSONNEL, ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, AND POTENTIAL LAW SUITS.

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor DelVecchio led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

Mrs. Ege led the public in a moment of silence in honor of those serving their country in the United States Armed Forces.

BILLS LIST.

None.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution Number 112-2015: *A Resolution to Authorize the City Engineer and City Architect to Negotiate with Contractors for the Reconstruction of Cavallo Park*

Mayor DelVecchio read the resolution into the record by title. He informed the members of the public present that the City bid the Cavallo Park project three times and since the City didn't receive bids, we have the flexibility to be creative and the City can now negotiate with contractors for the reconstruction pieces of the project. Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that the City Attorney reviewed the project; he reviewed the Statute and concurs with the process and has submitted a letter stating that this is in compliance with the State Statute.

Mayor DelVecchio commented that he met with the City Architect, the City Engineer, the City Clerk and the Acting Public Works Director and reviewed the budget and formulated a plan

which includes the removal of the kiosk, the path and changing the brick pavers to crushed stone. This keeps the project on the same schedule and is within the funds available. It keeps the key components such as the play equipment, the plaques, and the pavilion and allows for the City to add the kiosk and brick pavers in the future if we choose to do so.

Mayor DelVecchio informed the members of the public present that the City will break this up into four categories and solicit for quotes. They are: landscapers, masons, electricians and plumbers. The schedule will be as follows: August 10 – plans will be available for perspective responders, August 17 – responders will submit their quotes to the City Architect, August 18 – Mayor and Council will award contracts by resolution, and on August 24th the reconstruction will begin.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 112-2015

A Resolution to Authorize the City Engineer and City Architect to Negotiate with Contractors for the Reconstruction of Cavallo Park

WHEREAS, the Cavallo Park project was the subject of three bid attempts by the City of Lambertville; May 21, 2015, July 13, 2015 and August 6, 2015; and
WHEREAS, the first bid received (May 21, 2015) was rejected because it exceeded the budget and was for the remediation and reconstruction of Cavallo Park; and
WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville's second attempt (July 13, 2015) split the project into categories which resulted in the award for the remediation and the rejection of the bids received for the reconstruction of Cavallo Park because the amount of the bid exceeded the budget, and the reconstruction portion of the project was rebid for the third time with the bid opening on August 6, 2015, and
WHEREAS, the third attempt (August 6, 2015) at bidding the reconstruction of the project yielded no bids and as per N.J.S.A. 40A-11-5, the Governing Body, acting by two-thirds vote of its full membership may enter into a negotiated contract if: on two occasions no bids were received; on two occasions it rejected bids because they were too high or not independently arrived at; or a combination of one instance of each situation; and
WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed the statute, N.J.S.A. 40A:11 and has determined the City has met the standards set in the Statute and are ok to proceed with negotiating and soliciting for proposals.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the City Engineer and City Architect are hereby authorized to seek proposals from Landscapers and/or Masons, Electricians and Plumbers for the reconstruction of Cavallo Park.
ADOPTED: August 7, 2015

Mayor DelVecchio asked for questions and/or comments.

Councilman Sanders asked where the brick was initially supposed to go. City Architect Burns responded that it was initially slated to be installed in the entry. Mayor DelVecchio commented that they will keep the brick wall and replace the brick with crushed stone. Council President Stegman asked what color the crushed stone was. City Architect Burns stated that it is compacted earth much like the product used on the tow path.

Mayor DelVecchio asked for a motion to adopt Resolution Number 112-2015, which gives the City Engineer and City Architect the authority to solicit and negotiate with contractors for the reconstruction piece of the Cavallo Park project.

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Councilwoman Warner made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 112-2015. Councilwoman Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FREE RABIES CLINIC is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 1 – 3 pm at the Union Fire House located at 230 North Main Street in the City.

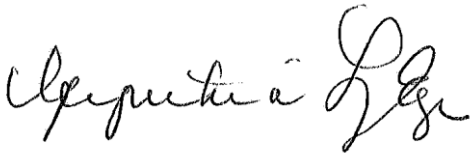
PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. with a motion made by Councilwoman Warner and seconded by Councilwoman Asaro. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia L. Ege
CMR, RMC, City Clerk



The Special Session Minutes for the August 7, 2015 meeting were approved at the regularly scheduled session of Mayor and Council held on August 18, 2015.