



City of Lambertville
WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021, 6:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING USING THE ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM
MINUTES

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Fahl called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and asked the City Clerk to read the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act into the record.

The City Clerk read the following statement into the record: This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act with the annual meeting schedule provided to the Trenton Times and the Hunterdon County Democrat, the posting of the meeting agenda to the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org, on the bulletin board and in the elevator entrance at City Hall; and the meeting notice was also provided to department heads and emailed via the list serve.

The meeting agenda offers planned action items of the Governing Body to the extent known at the time of publication.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Lambert, Councilman Sanders, Councilman Stegman, Council President Taylor, Mayor Fahl.

Also present: William Opel – City Attorney, Cynthia Ege – City Clerk, Kristina Majeski – Deputy Clerk, and Robert Brown – Officer in Charge of the Police Department.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Fahl led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of those serving in the United States Armed Forces and on the front lines of COVID19.

CLOSED SESSION: Authorizing a Closed Session at the February 18, 2021 Session of the Lambertville City Council to Discuss Personnel and Attorney/Client Issues Related to Contracts Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (7&8).

RESOLUTION

“Authorizing a Closed Session at the February 2, 2021 Lambertville City Council Meeting to Discuss Personnel and Attorney/Client Issues Related to Contracts Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (7&8)”

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lambertville is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that a closed session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by N.J.S.A 10:4-12(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville that a closed session shall be held on February 2, 2021, using the virtual meeting platform Zoom, to discuss the following matters: *personnel and attorney/client privileged issues related to contract negotiations, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (7&8).*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Lambertville Mayor and City Council.

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ADOPTED: February 2, 2021

Mayor Fahl and City Council convened in closed session at 6:01 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Stegman and seconded by Councilman Sanders. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Fahl and City Council re-convened in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Councilman Stegman. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 36-2021: A Resolution to Award a Contract for Professional Services for the Closson Project.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 36-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE CLOSSON PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville has a need to acquire professional services for the acquisition of the Closson property as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$15,250.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

WHEREAS, six vendors have submitted a proposal January 8, 2021 and five submitted amended proposals changing the scope of the project on January 29, 2021 indicating they will provide professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Vendor noted below certified that they have not made and will not make any reportable contributions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq. that, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c. 19 would bar the award of these contracts in the one-year period preceding February 2, 2021 to any of candidate committee, joint candidates committee or political party committee representing any of the currently serving members of the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville.

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified that funds will be available in Ordinance Number 17-2020, once authorized;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a contract with the following professionals with not to exceed amounts as indicated:

Architectural Services specific to the Closson Acquisition to HMR Architects LLC in an amount not to exceed \$15,250.00.

Civil Engineering Services specific to the Closson Acquisition to Suburban Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution. and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lambertville will provide the public notice in the next edition of the Trenton Times.

ADOPTED: February 2, 2021

Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to adopt resolution number 36-2021 appointing HMR Architects LLC and Suburban Engineering LLC for the Closson project.

Council President Taylor made the motion and Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS/CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

THIRD CAN/FOOD WASTE DISCUSSION

Gary Sondermeyer, Bay Shore Recycling: Mr. Sondermeyer gave a power point presentation regarding food waste programs and recycling trends and programs in the State of New Jersey.

Elizabeth Magill Peer, Chairperson, Environmental Commission: Mrs. Peer gave an overview of the Environmental Commission's role in the food waste program and educating members of our community.

Mayor Fahl commented about the upcoming changes, including a formal request for proposals for vendors who will place a container at a location within the City and residents participating in the program will be able to drop off their food waste once a week. The final terms have not been determined.

Closson Property Bid Plans for Farm Market/Specialty Food Store – update is not ready.

Budget Priorities – update not ready.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOG AND CAT LICENSES: Dog and Cat Licenses are due by February 28th. You need to provide the City with proof of rabies.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Matt Hanson asked about the two items listed on the meeting agenda. Mayor Fahl commented that the City was not ready to proceed with an update tonight.

Julia Taylor commented about the disparaging remarks made about Lambertville United. She expressed concern for the harassment of individuals and said the City does not condone inappropriate actions towards anyone. She asked that everyone be respectful. Council members agreed.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Councilwoman Lambert. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Cynthia L. Ege

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Ege

CMR, RMC, City Clerk

Approved at the February 18, 2021 Voting Session of the Governing Body.