

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 PM SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mayor Daniels. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times on July 11, 2016. The flag was saluted.

Roll Call:

Committeewoman Chang	Present
Committeeman Lopez	Present
Committeewoman Smith-Hartman	Present
Committeewoman Teleisa	Present
Mayor Daniels	Present

Donna Ryan, Clerk/Administrator and Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk was present.

Ordinances

Ordinance 18-2016, Amend Chapter 99, Construction Fees (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. Donna explained that we had agreed to lower the cost per cubic foot on certain classes of building permits a few months ago; the State has since passed a new fee schedule in May and we need to go back to our original figure which is what we had negotiated with Mike Dolan for his new warehouse project, otherwise the Township would stand to lose several hundred thousand dollars in construction permit fees. All voted yes.

Resolutions

67-16 Approve Dolan Redevelopment Agreement – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. This amended agreement is just for the Camuto site and not the whole industrial park. Ms. Chang had some questions regarding this; she thought it was vague. Mike Dolan stated that he had made an offer of a \$25K contribution; Ms. Chang thought this should be in writing. Mike Dolan stated that this should be separate from the redevelopment agreement and there is no connection between the two. This makes him feel uncomfortable. Ms. Chang and Ms. Teleisa stated that our Solicitor wanted the contribution to be part of the redevelopment agreement, as it was with Woodmont and that was their position.

Donna Ryan spoke with Mike Dolan's attorney and we would do it via a contribution agreement if our Solicitor was amenable. Ms. Chang wanted to know why we were treating Mr. Dolan differently than Woodmont. Mr. Lopez explained the difference

between Woodmont and Dolan – one is a job creator and the other is a burden on our schools.

Ms. Chang asked if we were following Dolan's attorney's advice instead of our attorney, which Donna couldn't get ahold of. Donna stated yes but that it is contingent upon our attorney's review and approval of the contribution agreement.

Mr. Lopez, Ms. Smith-Hartman, Ms. Teleisa and Mayor Daniels voted yes; Ms. Chang voted no.

Open to Public Comment

Janet Curran – asked why we were having a second meeting. Mr. Lopez explained that we had to schedule another meeting in order to rescind our ordinance regarding construction fees. If we didn't do so we would be losing hundreds of thousands of dollars in construction permit fees. She thought that the night of prayer was a beautiful event.

Mayor Daniels apologized for the mistake the BCT made in advertising the event. Fox Channel 29 had Lt. Roger Rogers on TV this morning.

Garfield Harper – thought the prayer vigil was good; guns aren't the way. He complimented Police Chief Joe Otto. Mayor Daniels agrees – the Police department is always ahead of the curve and is very community oriented.

Donna Ryan – the Committee needs to adjourn into closed session to discuss something that had happened today.

Janet Curran – asked what happened to the Environmental Advisory Committee. It was explained to her that it kind of just fell apart. Some of the members had moved away and they had stopped holding meetings.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned. Motion made and seconded to go into closed session.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Municipal Clerk