

MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2010

A Special Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 in the Municipal Courtroom of the Mount Laurel Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor James Keenan.

The Pledge of Allegiance and traditional moment of silence were observed.

ROLL CALL

The Members of Council present were Mayor Keenan, Deputy Mayor McCaffrey, Councilwomen Bobo and Riley, and Councilman Chris Smith. Also present were Patricia Halbe, Township Clerk, Jennifer Blumenthal, Township Manager, and Christopher Norman, Esq., Township Solicitor

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Public Announcement, which is required by the "Open Public Meetings Act" of the State of New Jersey and read at every meeting of the Township Council was read by the Municipal Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS

10-R-63 Resolution Authorizing Public Sale of one (1) Plenary Retail Distribution License

The Clerk read the resolution as entitled. Council discussed the minimum bid price for the sale of the distribution license and determined that the minimum starting bid should be \$500,000.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Riley and seconded by Councilwoman Bobo to adopt the resolution. All were in favor and the resolution was adopted on a unanimous roll call vote.

10-R-64 Resolution Authorizing Public Sale of one (1) Plenary Retail Consumption License

The Clerk read the resolution as entitled. Council discussed the minimum bid price for the sale of the consumption license and determined that the minimum starting bid should be \$650,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Bobo to adopt the resolution. All were in favor and the resolution was adopted on a unanimous roll call vote.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2010-2 - Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of 64.73 acres, more or less, of real estate located at Block 215, Lots 15 and 15Q Farm on the tax map of the Township of Mount Laurel

Fred Braun – 104 Haines Road – Questioned if this ordinance is to buy the land or to enable us to negotiate to buy the land and how it would be paid for.

Mr. Norman responded that it is an ordinance to purchase the land. Mayor Keenan stated that the land could be purchased with open space funds or by bonding.

Mr. Braun – Questioned if open space tax money is used, will our payments go up. Mr. Norman responded that the open space tax rate would stay the same.

As there were no further public comments on the ordinance, Mayor Keenan closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 2010-2 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Councilwoman Bobo, seconded by Councilwoman Riley, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

Comments by Council Members

Councilwoman Riley - Thanked everyone for coming out and thanked Pat Halbe for preparing information regarding liquor license sales.

CLOSED SESSION

The Clerk read resolution 10-R-65, Authorizing Mount Laurel Township Council to Go into Closed Session for Discussion of Litigation Matters. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McCaffrey and seconded by Councilwoman Riley to adopt the resolution. All were in favor and Council went into closed session at 7:55 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Riley and seconded by Councilman Smith to return to open session. All were in favor and Council returned to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

Councilwoman Riley questioned if the township is going to take any action on the closing of the Burlington County Police Academy. Ms. Blumenthal will check with Acting Police Chief Cribben as to any concerns he may have.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Riley and seconded by Councilwoman Bobo to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Halbe, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Transcribed by
Patricia Halbe

The minutes of this meeting are summary minutes. A copy of the recording of this meeting will be available in the office of the Municipal Clerk for four years.