

**Council Room Borough of Neptune City
January 31 , 2019**

The Special Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Borough Clerk Underhill took roll call.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Renee, Wardell, Kocsis, Lewis, Calhoun and Mayor Brown.

ABSENT: Councilmember Zajack

Mayor Brown invited all to stand for the Flag Salute.

Mayor Brown announced that the Notice Requirements of Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 have been satisfied by the publication of said notice in the Asbury Park Press, and the Coaster and by filing a copy with the Deputy Municipal Clerk.

Public Participation on Agenda items.

Joel Popkin asked who prepared the resolutions for meeting since there was no Borough Administrator or Attorney? Gregory Cannon of Sobel Hahn, answered that he help prepared resolutions.

Joel Popkin asked if everyone on the dias was aware of what the contracts stated for each appointment?

Mayor Brown stated he has not seen any contracts yet.

Joel Popkin asked about Bond Counsel and asked if it as on retainer or not?

Councilwoman Renee stated that they were hourly if called apon.

Arlene Schriappa asked is it common each year for everyone to get copies of contracts?

Mayor Brown explained the process of non fair and open process and fair and open process. Councilperson Renee also spoke that pay to play language was added to theresolutions.

Gregory Cannon spoke on professional services and tat they are appoints for 1 year only. He also explained that each Borough is different n who reviews contracts.

Mayor spoke about qualifications of the professionals and that they are qualified to do the job.

Jenn Coombs, Citizen Media asked what the Bond Counsel does?

Mayor Brown explained what a Bond Counsel does and explained the bonding capabilities of the Borough.

Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Wardel offer a resolution to amend the agenda and replace 2019-44 with new resolution that has been submitted to the dias.

Motion for adoption was made by Mr. Wardel no second was motioned.

Resolution 2019-32

APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY CANNON J. CANNON, ESQ OF SOBEL HAHN, LLP as Borough Attorney for 2019.

Motion for adoption was made by Ms. Renee, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Discussion by Mr. Wardel asked that the submission was deficient that it did not submit a fee.

Yeas-Ms. Renee, Mr Kocsis, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Calhoun

Abstension- Mr. Wardel

Motion Passes

Resolution 2019-33 APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL DICICCO, ESQ OF MAGGS MECDERMOTT, LLC as labor Attorney for 2019.

Motion for adoption was made by Mr. Kocsis, seconded by Mrs Lewis. There was no discussion and the resolution was approved unanimously by roll call.

Mr. Diccio stood up and introduced himself to the Governing body and public.

Mr. Cannon introduced himself to the Governing Body and public and is seated at the Dias.

Resolution 2019-34

APPOINTMENT OF LISA GORAB, ESQ OF WILENTZ GOLDMAN & SPITZER, P.A. as Bond Counsel for 2019

Motion for adoption was made by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms Renee. There was a brief discussion by Mr. Wardel on that there is no need for a Bond Counsel.

Yeas- Ms. Renee, Mr Kocsis, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Calhoun

Nays-Mr. Wardel

The resolution was approved.

Resolution 2019-35

APPOINTING MICHAEL BURNS, ESQ OF GRACE MARMERO & ASSOCIATES as Borough Prosecutor for 2019

Motion for adoption was made by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Kocsis. There was no discussion and was unamiously approved by roll call.

Resolution 2019-36

APPOINTING JAMES D. CARTON, IV, ESQ OF CARTON LAW FIRM, LLC as Alternate Borough Prosecutor for 2019.

Motion for adoption was made by Ms. Renee, seconded by Mrs. Lewis. There was no discussion and was unamiously approved by roll call.

Resolution 2019-37

APPOINTING RAYMOND RAYA, ESQ OF RAYA LAW, LLC as Borough Public Defender for 2019

Motion for adoption was made by Mr Kocsis, seconded by Ms. Renee. Mayor Brown explained that decision on court matters do go through the courts. Resolution was unamiously approved by roll call.

Resolution 2019-38

APPOINTING RAYMOND SANTIAGO, ESQ OF SANTIAGO & ASSOCIATES as Alternate Public Defender for 2019.

Motion for adoption was made by Mrs Lewis, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. There was no discussion. Resolution was unamiously approved by roll call.

Resolution 2019-39

APPOINTING CHARLES FALLON, C.P.A. OF FALLON & COMPAY as Borough Auditor for 2019

Motion for adoption was made by Ms. Renee, seconded by Mr. Kocsis. Mayor Brown explained that this is for 2109 audit and that the former auditor is still to do the 2018 audit. Resolution was unamiously approved by roll call.

Resolution 2019-40

APPOINTING SUSAN BRASEFIELD P.E. OF MASER CONSULTING P.A. as Borough Engineer for 2019

Motion for adoption was made by Ms. Renee, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. Discussion by Mr. Wardel stating that the Avakin firm has been with the Borough for a very long time and has been doing a very good job and that he is not in favor of this appointment. Resolution was unamiously approved by roll call.

YEAS- Ms. Renee, Mr. Kocsis, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Calhoun

Nays-Mr. Wardel

The Resolution Passes

Ms. Brasefield stood up and introduced herself to the Governing Body and the public.

Resolution 2019-41

APPOINTING STUART WISER, P.P. OF ARH ASSOCIATES as Borough Planner for 2019

Motion for adoption was made by Mr Kocsis, seconded by Ms. Renee. Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call.

Mr. Wisner stood up and introduced himself to the Governing Body and the public.

Resolution 2019-42

APPOINTING PETER R. AVAKIAN OF AVAKIAN ENGINEERING as Special Projects Engineer for 2019

Motion for adoption was made by Ms Renee, seconded by Mrs. Lewis. Mayor Brown stated that it is good that Avakin was be appointed special projects engineers as they have been involved in many projects in the borough and they are the Land Use Board. Ms Renee also spoke that she has Met with Peter Avakin and that they work well with Maser Consulting and ARH Associates. . Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call.

Resolution 2019-43

APPOINTING ALAMO INSURANCE GROUP as Borough Insurance Consultant for 2019

Motion for adoption was made by Mr Calhoun, seconded by Mrs. Lewis. Mayor Brown stated the Borough switch to State Health Benefits and they give a consultant and discourage to not have a 3rd party consultant and that the borough saved money going to state health benefits. He believes we do not need this appointment.

Yeas- Ms. Renee, Mr. Kocsis, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Calhoun

Nays- Mr. Wardel

The resolution passes

Resolution 2019-44

APPOINTING BRYAN RUSSELL, RPPS, QPA as Borough Administrator, Deputy Borough Cler, and Treasurer.

Motion for adoption was made by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Ms. Renee. Discussion was asked by Mr. Wardel when interviews were done. Ms. Renee explained the interviews took place on December 29th. Was explained this was not a professional service. Council Majority met for the interview. Mayor has asked to make a last recommendation to ask the majority to consider changing the resolution and does not effect the appointment or start date but changes the wording. Mayor has presented new wording for the resolution as the current resolution has falsehoods and accusations that he disagrees with. Borough Attorney has revised new resolution and recommends to council to accept the new worded resolution. Mr. Calhoun has withdrawn his motion for Resolution 2019-44. Borough Attorney reads Amended Resolution 2019-44 Motion by Mr. Wardel, seconded by Mrs. Lewis

Yeas- Ms. Renee, Mr. Kocsis, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Calhoun

Abstention- Mr Wardel

The Resolution passes

Mr. Russell stood up introduced himself to the Governing Body and public and thank them for their support.

Resolution 2019-45

APPOINTING COUNCILPERSON PAMELA RENEE as Class III Land Use Board Member

Motion for adoption was made by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Kocsis. There was no discussion. Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call.

Resolution 2019-46

2019 GOVERNING BODY LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

Board of Education Liaison- Councilperson Michelle Lewis

Veterans Liaison- Harry Conover Sr., Robert Johnson, and Ronald Biggs

Motion for adoption was made by Ms. Renee, seconded by Mr. Kocsis. There was no discussion. Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call.

Mayor thanked Mr. Underhill for his service to Neptune City and for 39 years in Municipal service and his knowledge to the Mayor and council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Resident Arlene Schrapa 14 Tucker Drive asked what the difference was between the Engineer and Special Projects Engineer? Mayor stated that he assumes that Avakin would finish there projects as they have started.

Brian McGrath, has te council looking into sharing services (combining of services) with any other towns. Mayor said it has not been brought up at this time or anything been discussed.

Thos Arnone Freeholder Director just wanted to state he understands party switches and believes this council will do a good job. Look to your professionals and use them for recommendations and look to them for guidance. Look to your experienced council as well and that he is hosting a seminar on Roles of governing body. Lets move forward with Neptune City. Asked the appoint of the OEM Coordinator. Myor stated Edmund Zachorowski. Neptune City is more then complying with the information to the county for OEM. Start new and Make Neptune City what is was once before.

Arlene Schrappa 14 Tucker Drive- Nylabone smell is getting worse and has asked Freeholder Arnone to help with the issue.

ADJOURN 7:58 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wardell. Seconded by Mrs. Lewis.

Voice Vote - Yeas: Councilmembers Calhoun, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis, and Lewis

