

Merchantville, NJ

March 22, 2004

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, March 22, 2004. Mayor Patrick J. Brennan presided.

Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed.

Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL:

Council Present: Madden, North, Pagano, Alloway and Finnegan

Council Absent: Zeiders

Solicitor Higgins and Borough Clerk Thomas were present.

PUBLIC:

Gail Ford, 135 North Centre Street, clarified the funding for the potential Business Improvement District. Would an additional tax be imposed on businesses in town? **Mayor Brennan** responded that Council creates a B.I.D., which can be private, and the District creates an assessment to be approved by Council. Objectives would include, but not be limited to, business advertising and certain streetscape improvements. It is not yet known which businesses would be included in such a district. Main Street's budget would not be allocated to the B.I.D. Money has been allocated for new parking meters, but a parking protocol has yet to be decided. Mr. North stated that the replacing of the parking meters has not been put to bid.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION – PUBLIC WORKS SALARIES & WAGES: On the motion of Mr. Finnegan and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-35

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC SALARIES AND WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES FOR 2004

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville have established the maximum salaries of the employees of the Borough of Merchantville by ordinance adopted March 8, 2004, effective as of April 2, 2004 and retroactive to January 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, funds have been made available in the 2004 temporary budget as adopted; and

WHEREAS, the established salaries are subject to the availability of funds in the 2004 budget as adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville hereby establishes the following specific salaries for employees, to be effective as of April 2, 2004 and retroactive to January 1, 2004, of the Borough of Merchantville for 2004:

POSITION

SALARY

Public Works Foreman (Per Hour)	20.60
Public Works Journeyman IV (Per Hour)	16.48
Public Works Journeyman III (Per Hour)	15.45
Public Works Journeyman II (Per Hour)	14.42

Public Works Journeyman I (Per Hour)	13.39
Public Works Helper IV (Per Hour)	12.36
Public Works Helper III (Per Hour)	11.59
Public Works Helper II (Per Hour)	10.82
Public Works Helper I (Per Hour)	9.53
Public Works Probationary Helper (Per Hour)	8.76

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an increase of \$0.50 per hour shall be granted to each employee in the job classification of "Helper I" through "Helper IV" upon acquisition of a Commercial Drivers License.

RESOLUTION – INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (COLLINGSWOOD): On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-36

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE AND BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD RELATIVE TO THE SERVICES OF A CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville (hereinafter "Merchantville") is a municipal entity organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey and located in Camden County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Collingswood is a municipal entity organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey and located in Camden County ("Collingswood"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Collingswood has in its employ a certain individual known as William Joseph who has been appointed by Collingswood as the Construction Code Official for the Borough of Collingswood; and

WHEREAS, William Joseph ("Joseph") is a licensed construction code official in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-119 ("Construction Code") and the regulations promulgated thereunder ("Regulations"); and

WHEREAS, Collingswood has agreed to permit Joseph to act as the Construction Code Official in Merchantville in addition to the duties assigned by Collingswood to Joseph as an employee of Collingswood; and

WHEREAS, Merchantville has agreed to pay to the Collingswood the sum of Ten Thousand, Nine Hundred, Eighteen Dollars and Forty-four Cents (\$10,918.44) in the calendar year 2004, to be paid in accordance with the payment schedule set forth below; and

WHEREAS, Merchantville and Collingswood intend by virtue of this document to set forth the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the proper and respective municipal officials were authorized to execute this Interlocal Services Agreement pursuant to Resolutions of their respective Councils, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Patrick J. Brennan, Mayor of the Borough of Merchantville and Oren R. Thomas, IV, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Merchantville be and hereby are authorized to execute the Interlocal Services Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," providing for the services of William Joseph to act as the Construction Code Official in Merchantville in addition to the duties assigned by Collingswood to Joseph as an employee of Collingswood.

RESOLUTION – LEAVE OF ABSENCE: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-37

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rosa Alicea, employed as a Crossing Guard with the Borough of Merchantville, has requested an unpaid leave of absence because of illness; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alicea had been a conscientious and dedicated Crossing Guard for more than three years; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends granting Mrs. Alicea the requested sick leave

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville does hereby grant an unpaid leave of absence for illness to Rosa Alicea for a period not to exceed two years from March 22, 2004.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING DECLARATION OF TAKING - 32 W MAPLE AVENUE: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-38

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A DECLARATION OF TAKING RELATIVE TO BLOCK 26, LOTS 1.01 & 1.02, PURSUANT TO THE MAPLE/CHAPEL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, a municipal corporation in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, finds that the public health, safety, morals and welfare of the community shall be promoted by the virtue of well planned redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board recommended to the Borough Council pursuant to the Resolution dated March 11, 2003 that a redevelopment plan known as the "Maple Chapel Redevelopment Plan" be adopted with amendments as stated and the redevelopment area be so delineated as proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville adopted the Maple Chapel Redevelopment Plan by Resolution dated April 28, 2003 and implemented the Maple/Chapel Redevelopment Plan by Ordinance dated April 28, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville attempted to purchase the property located at Block 26, Lots 1.01 and 1.02, more commonly known as 32 West Maple Avenue, by bona fide offer to the property's owner by letters dated October 20, 2003 and November 6, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville, pursuant to the Maple/Chapel Redevelopment Plan filed a Verified Complaint in Condemnation relative to the properties located at Block 26, Lots 1.01 and 1.02 on March 4, 2004; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Borough of Merchantville to file a Declaration of Taking pursuant to the condemnation action and to become fee simple owner of the property located at Block 26, Lots 1.01 and 1.02, more commonly referred to as 32 West Maple Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that authorization is given to Patrick J. Brennan, Mayor of the Borough of Merchantville and Oren R. Thomas, IV, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Merchantville to execute and file the necessary documentation including, but not limited to, the Declaration of Taking, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", relative to the acquisition of Block 26, Lots 1.01 and 1.02, commonly referred to as 32 West Maple Avenue, pursuant to the Maple/Chapel Redevelopment Plan.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – IMPLEMENTING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN – 19/21 SOUTH CENTRE STREET: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously introduced the following ordinance:

04-05

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF

NEW JERSEY IMPLEMENTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AREAS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE KNOWN AS THE "19/21 SOUTH CENTRE STREET REDEVELOPMENT PLAN"

The public hearing will be held on April 12.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – BONDS & NOTES: REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously introduced the following ordinance:

04-06

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, RENOVATION, RESTORATION AND/OR DEMOLITION RELATED TO A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$200,000.00 THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$190,000.00; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND CONVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

The public hearing will be held on April 12.

APPRAISALS FOR 19/21 SOUTH CENTRE STREET: Mayor Brennan would like to have the properties appraised and funded out of the Legal O/E line item. The appraisal needs to be completed in order to move forward with the process. On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously approved that an appraisal be performed at 19/21 South Centre Street and be conducted by Richard Sheldon, Haddon Heights via a Professional Services contract.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN: Mayor Brennan stated that there are 13 storm drains along Chestnut Avenue. There is also a stormwater collection system behind CVS along the circle. It is unknown where these stormwater lines conclude. The State of New Jersey requires that a Tier A Permit Application be completed and submitted. An Engineering firm must complete this, and the Mayor would like Consulting Engineer Services Inc., the Borough's Special Projects Engineer, to perform the work. On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved contracting Consulting Engineer Services Inc. to develop a Stormwater Management Plan.

INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT: Mayor Brennan announced that the Borough was negotiating with Haddon Township for an Interlocal Services Agreement for computer support services at an estimated hourly rate of \$27.04.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – PETTY CASH: On a motion of Mrs. Madden, second of Mr. North and a unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the following bills for payment:

R04-39

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS REPLENISHING THE BOROUGH CLERK HEALTH CO-PAY PETTY CASH FUND AND THE POLICE HEALTH CO-PAY PETTY CASH FUND

WHEREAS, the Department of Accounts and Auditing has examined the following Petty Cash vouchers amounting to \$320.75 and finds same to be correct:

CHECKS DELIVERED TO BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE CURRENT FUND:

Borough Clerk Health Co-Pay Petty Cash Fund (#04-34 – 04-39)	\$190.75
Police Health Petty Cash Fund (#04-47 – 04-53)	<u>\$130.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$320.75</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these Petty Cash vouchers be approved for payment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

F.W. GRIGG AMERICAN LEGION POST: Will be presenting Sergeant Schmidt with an award at their next meeting.

PRIVATE SESSION: None

RESOLUTION – EXECUTE NEEDS OF SCHOOL BUDGET: On a motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-40

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO MAKE CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO THE MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION RELATIVE TO THE PILOT AGREEMENT WITH CHESTNUT STATION APARTMENTS

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville recognizes the need for the Merchantville Board of Education to participate in the receipt of certain funds from the PILOT agreement with Chestnut Station Apartments; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has agreed to tender an amount of \$11,500.00 from funds received from the Chestnut Station PILOT payments; and

WHEREAS, it may be necessary for the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute certain documents in furtherance of this agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and hereby are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate the above referenced payment of \$11,500 to the Merchantville Board of Education from the Chestnut Station Apartments PILOT payments.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, on the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Pagano the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

OREN R. THOMAS IV
BOROUGH CLERK