

Merchantville, NJ

March 26, 2007

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, March 26, 2007. Mayor Frank M. North 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: Alloway, Fields, Volkert, Waldron, Zeiders and Finnegan

Borough Clerk Thomas and Solicitor Higgins were present.

PUBLIC:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the motion of Mr. Finnegan and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved (Volkert abstain) the minutes from the January 22 and February 12 Council meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION & MEDAL OF HONOR PRESENTATION – PATROLMAN BAILEY: Mayor North read the proclamation aloud. Details of the incident were given by Mr. Alloway and Chief Bauer. Patrolman Bailey was fatally shot while answering a burglary call to the Merchantville Post Office in September of 1926. A plaque commemorating his sacrifice will be displayed in the Police Station.

PROCLAMATION – JOHN T. KELLEY: Mayor North read the proclamation aloud. Mr. Alloway presented a plaque to Mr. Kelley in appreciation of his 30 years of service to the Borough of Merchantville as Municipal Prosecutor. Gifts were presented to Mr. Kelley from Chief Bauer, on behalf of the Police Department and Maureen Finnegan on behalf of the Municipal Court. **John T. Kelley**, briefly thanked everyone for attending. **Jack Morrissey**, 127 Saint James Avenue, hired Mr. Kelley when he was Mayor in 1977. His 30 years of service is a credit to his dedication. **Judge Zampino**, former Municipal Court Judge of Merchantville, stated that Mr. Kelley was the finest Prosecutor he ever worked with.

RESOLUTION – CLICK IT OR TICKET: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R07-40**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION OF MAY 21 – JUNE 3, 2007**

Whereas, there were 773 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2006; and

Whereas, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a safety belt; and

Whereas, use of a safety belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

Whereas, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975- 2000; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* safety belt mobilization from May 21 – June 3, 2007 in an effort to raise awareness and increase safety belt usage through a combination of enforcement and education; and

Whereas, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the safety belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 90% to 92%; and

Whereas, a further increase in safety belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that the Borough of Merchantville declares it's support for the *Click It or Ticket* safety belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 21 – June 3, 2007 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of safety belt use.

RESOLUTION – YEAR 29 CDBG PROJECTS: On the motion of Mr. Zeiders and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R07-41

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CDBG YEAR XXIX PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville is entitled to Community Development Block Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to submit an application for Program Year 29 (2007-2008); and

WHEREAS, the grant allocation for YEAR 29 (2007-2008) for the Borough of Merchantville is \$24,979.00; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has agreed to apply for funding for the following activities:

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| 1. Rehabilitation and Repair of Merchantville Senior Center | \$16,979.00 |
| 2. Senior Transportation | 8,200.00 |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Project Description Form for Program Year 29 (2007-2008).

RESOLUTION – PRIOR YEAR CDBG ALLOCATION: On the motion of Mr. Zeiders and second of Mr. Volkert, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R07-42

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY REALLOCATING REMAINING YEAR 27 CDBG BALANCES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville is entitled to Community Development Block Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Year 27 funds currently list a \$20,800 balance designated for Architectural Barrier-Free Projects (re: Curb Cuts); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville would like to reduce the balance of \$20,800 for Architectural Barrier-Free Projects by \$6,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville would like to increase the balance designated for Senior Transportation by \$6,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Merchantville, that the fund balance for Year 27 CDBG Funds designated Architectural Barrier-Free Projects be reduced by \$6,000;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the fund balance designated Senior Transportation be increased by \$6,000.

RESOLUTION – COUNTY RECYCLING AGREEMENT: On the motion of Mr. Finnegan and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R07-43

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT OF INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT REGARDING MARKETING OF RECYCLABLES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville (Borough) is currently entered into an agreement with the County of Camden (County) to provide for the processing and marketing of glass, metal and certain plastic food and beverage containers, and newspapers, old corrugated cardboard and mixed residential paper, and such other recyclables as may be determined from time-to-time by the County which are generated by municipal programs; and

WHEREAS, the County has requested execution of an amendment to said agreement between the County and the Borough for a period ending on December 31, 2011, thereby extending the current agreement originally designed to expire on December 31, 2008 in order to facilitate a five-year extension of the County's agreement with FCR which would result in immediate improvements to the existing facility benefiting all users;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Merchantville that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to it's Interlocal Services Agreement with the County of Camden regarding the use of the FCR Camden Inc. recycling facility by the Borough of Merchantville.

RESOLUTION – CAPITAL PURCHASE OF COURT ROOM SOUND/ RECORDING EQUIPMENT: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Volkert, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R07-44

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR THE CAPITAL PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SOUND/ RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR THE COURT ROOM AND COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is desirous of purchasing computer equipment in accordance with Ordinance 06-07 and the Alcohol Education and Enforcement Fund; and

WHEREAS, three quotes have been solicited and received for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that approval has been granted for the purchase and installation of sound and recording equipment from Gramco Business Communications, the lowest responsible quote, in the total amount of \$12,537.00.

RESOLUTION – TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS: On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R07-45

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, introduction and adoption of the 2007 Budget of the Borough of Merchantville was unexpectedly delayed and as a result adequate provisions were not made in the 2007 temporary

appropriations for the purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for said year, and NJSA 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of emergency temporary appropriations for the purposes above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2007 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL 1951 (NJSA 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$900,000.00 in the Current Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made for:

TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES: \$900,000.00

TOTAL ADDITIONS TO 2007 TEMPORARY BUDGET \$900,000.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2007 budget under the titles as indicated above.

3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

ARTS FAIR: Mr. Waldron has met with Chief Bauer regarding the security plan for the Arts Fair. Chief Bauer has approved of the submitted plan. Mr. Higgins added that a Certificate of Insurance needed to be filed with the Borough prior to the fair.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT – PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Christina Wintters, 202 Glenwood Avenue, to the Public Events Committee.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: On the motion of Mr. Waldron and second of Mrs. Fields, Council unanimously approved the appointment of William Rube, 5 East Chestnut Avenue, as an Alternate Member (expiring 12/31/08) to the Historic Preservation Commission.

PAYMENT OF PETTY CASH BILLS:

On the motion of Mr. Zeiders and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R07-46

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 \$300 and finds same to be correct:

CHECKS DELIVERED TO BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE CURRENT FUND:

Police Health Petty Cash Fund (#07-57 – 07-66)	\$175.00
Borough Clerk Health Petty Cash (07-23 – 07-29)	<u>125.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$300.00</u>

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BICYCLE PATH GRANT: Mr. Waldron explained that the borough will be applying for a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to fund a fitness trail along the bike path.

COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF REPAIRS: Mayor North stated that Kurk Roofing had performed several hundred dollars worth of roof repairs to the Community Centre without charge. [He] will be responding to Mr. Kurkian with a letter thanking him for his long standing devotion to Merchantville.

PRIVATE SESSION:

On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Alloway, Council adjourned into a Private Session to discuss matters of personnel.

ADJOURNMENT:

When Council reconvened, on the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Volkert the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

OREN R. THOMAS IV
BOROUGH CLERK