

Merchantville, NJ

September 22, 2008

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, September 22, 2008. 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, Perno and Brunton

Borough Clerk Denise Brouse and Attorney Tim Higgins were present.

PROCLAMATION-A proclamation was read celebrating Robert Alfred's 30 years with the Borough.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES-On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Brunton, council voted unanimously to open the public hearing on the following Ordinance.

08-08

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE #04-27 AND ANY SUBSEQUENT ORDINANCES THERETO

WHEREAS, the Borough council of the Borough of Merchantville, by Resolution adopted September 27, 2004, did determine that certain referenced properties were determined to be an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville considered, and did approve, by Ordinance # 04-27 on September 27, 2004, a Redevelopment Plan for the Area (the "Redevelopment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville considered, and did approve, by Resolution on June 10, 2008, a certain proposed amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the Area (the "Redevelopment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville has submitted to the Mayor and Borough Council its resolution, certification and recommendation respecting the amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the Area and the Mayor and Borough Council has duly considered the Planning Board's resolution, certification and recommendation.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, as the Redevelopment Entity under the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., has reviewed the certain proposed amendment to the Redevelopment Plan from the Planning Board, and wish to adopt the amendment as referenced in Exhibit "A" to this Ordinance, attached hereto and made a part hereof this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that:

Section 1. That the proposed amendment to the Redevelopment Plan, as referenced in Exhibit "A" to this Ordinance, attached hereto and made a part hereof this Ordinance, be and hereby are adopted as an amendment to Ordinance #04-27, and any and all subsequent revisions to this Ordinance; and

Section 2. The Redevelopment Plan for the Area and its amendment, having been duly reviewed and considered, is hereby approved, and the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of the Redevelopment Plan and its amendment with the minutes of this meeting.

Section 3. All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

PUBLIC:

Bill Walker, 23 W. Cedar Avenue, Confirming that ordinance needs to include Borough council in section three and if it needs to have the attachment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-On the motion of Mr. Perno and a second of Mr. Volkert, Council approved the March 10, 2008 and the March 24, 2008 regular meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS: Ordinance for second reading.

ORDINANCE ADOPTION-On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Perno, (Mr. Brunton voted no), council adopted the following Ordinance.

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NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS to be read and approved by Consent Agenda: On the motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mr. Alloway Council approved the following resolutions by Consent Agenda:

R08-108

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE PERSONNEL MANUAL OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is cognizant of the ever increasing costs of providing medical insurance to its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville has determined that offering a financial incentive to employees to decline medical coverage through the Borough is a benefit to both the Borough and the employee; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville wish to establish a policy that should an eligible employee elect to decline his or her medical insurance benefit, the Borough will pay the eligible employee thirty (30%) of the premium the Borough would have paid to provide medical benefits to the eligible employee in that calendar year, or appropriate part thereof; and

WHEREAS, to effect this policy, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville must amend its Personnel Manual to permit such a waiver by the employee; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville wish to amend its Personnel Manual to permit such a waiver by the employee, and establish the terms and conditions for such a waiver;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Page 93 of the Personnel Manual of the Borough of Merchantville be and hereby is amended to delete the current Page 93, and substitute in its place and stead Pages 93 and 93A, herein below attached to this Resolution as "Exhibit A."

08-109

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY
REAPPOINTING JOHN DYMOND TAX ASSESSOR OF
THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146 et seq. requires that every municipality shall provide for the appointment by the governing body of a tax assessor for a four-year term commencing on July 1; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-148.1 requires that prior to appointment, the assessor must possess a New Jersey Tax Assessor Certificate; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council appointed John Dymond as Tax Assessor of the Borough of Merchantville on April 14, 1997 for a four-year term commencing July 1, 1997 and concluding June 30, 2001; and

WHEREAS, John Dymond meets the statutory requirements for reappointment as Tax Assessor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, that John Dymond be and hereby is reappointed as Tax Assessor commencing July 1, 2008.

RESOLUTION 08-110 Hire private inspector for 606 W. Maple Avenue for cost estimate: On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Alloway, (Mr. Brunton voted no) Council approved the following resolution:

R08-110

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SELECTING JOSEPH KENNEY TO INSPECT 606 W
MAPLE AVENUE AND PREPARE A COST ESTIMATE OF CODE VIOLATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville desires to contract with Joseph Kenney, Pittsgrove, NJ for the inspection and cost estimate of code violations for 606 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, NJ; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville does hereby select Joseph Kenney of T/A Services to provide the services as detailed in their August 5, 2008 proposal letter in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

DISCUSSION-Community Center air conditioning- Dawn and Anthony were present for repairs

DISCUSSION-EMS Shared Services

DISCUSSION-Gasoline Shared Services with Cherry Hill-an update was provided

DISCUSSION-Basketball nets removed-resident removed nets, council will leave them down at this point, maybe have kids play basketball at school & patrol by police and lock the gates. Possibly use temporary nets and research other options. Sponsoring a league may be a possibility.

DISCUSSION-Hire Public Works Replacement-They can hire their own employee since the union doesn't have anyone to send, but we need to get this process started.

DISCUSSION-Firewood Ordinance-Storage problems. Should we set this ordinance with height of fence ordinance? How far from neighbor's property? Set guidelines for framing, etc. Set back same as shed? Look at a few other towns and see what they do.

DISCUSSION-Amending Chapter 20 regarding demolitions-Planning Board will pass a resolution to add that Historic Preservation Committee would look at buildings and be ready for next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

September 26 is the due date for newsletter information.

Saturday, November 1-shred your documents from the County.

A hearing is set for October 21st from 7:00 to 9:00 in the Paulsboro auditorium regarding airport expansion.

The ethics seminar last Wednesday was wonderful.

PRIVATE SESSION-On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Perno, Council adjourned into private session at 8:10 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Brunton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

DENISE L. BROUSE

BOROUGH CLERK