

BOROUGH OF YEADON
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 28, 2011
5:35 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Asher Kemp Jr., Council President, called the Year 2012 Budget meeting to order. He requested a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Asher Kemp Jr., President	Present
Sandra D. Thomas, Vice President	Absent
John F. Byrne	Absent
John Holden	Present
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Present
Florence "Penny" McDonald	Present, Arrived Late at 5:45 pm
Denise H. Stinson	Present
Dolores Jones-Butler, Mayor	Present
Caren Andrews, Manager	Present
Robert Scott, Solicitor	Present
I. Hamid, Finance Director	Present

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Dr. Harris came tonight to present to Council the budget citizen taskforce recommendations. The budget citizen taskforce was formed on the evening of December 15. She passed out the recommendations and read them aloud. The recommendations when inserted into the proposed General Fund budget totals \$ 4,600,032 – no tax increase. The task force recommends a temp be hired to transcribe the minutes, a survey of lease equipment be taken, an inventory of supplies be developed, and the position of Treasurer be funded.

Jacquelynn Brinkley-Puriefey stated the citizens have spent hours evaluating this budget. She criticized Council on how they furloughed some recent members of the Borough staff. She asked Council to not adopt the proposed 2012 Budget. Furthermore, if Council enacts this budget she asked the Mayor to veto the budget. Ms. Brinkley-Puriefey said the budget is missing an overview of the budget in commentary form, a description of Borough services, trends, fund balances, and other critical information.

Terry McGirth questioned line item 402-155, Finance, Health Insurance Buy Back. Ms. Andrews stated the Borough offers an incentive program to employees to obtain health insurance coverage through their spouse. Mr. McGirth asked if this was benefit was available to Council. Ms. Andrews said no. Mr. McGirth said he heard rumors that some Council members are getting directly reimbursed health insurance costs. Mayor Jones-Butler said there was a program when she came onto Council that returned to Council

their payroll deduction from their primary employer for health insurance. The Mayor stated this was viewed as a savings to the community since the majority of the premium was being paid for by the Councilor's primary employer. The Solicitor stated this practice was reviewed earlier in the year (Year 2011) at the request of the Borough by the State Ethic's Commission; and, this practice has stopped.

Mr. McGirth asked President Kemp if the Borough paid \$ 4000 for him to attend a class at Harvard University. President Kemp said the amount was \$ 3600. President Kemp announced a refund of \$ 3600 is due back to the Borough since he cancelled the training.

Councilor McDonald requested the Council members who received funds for the health insurance payroll reimbursement return the money. Councilor Robinson-Howell indicated that when she came onto Council the prior Borough Manager, Paul Janssen, presented this as a benefit to her.

President Kemp closed the citizen forum.

2012 BUDGET

The Solicitor announced the 2012 Budget will fund the Treasurer's salary at \$ 10,000.

Councilor Holden asked for legal guidance on Council's obligation to act on a budget. The Solicitor indicated the budget needs to be adopted by December 31. In a reorganization year the new Council may reopen the budget.

President Kemp called for a motion.

Motion: Council to Approve 2012 Budget.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

President Kemp called for a second. There was no second.

Councilor Robinson-Howell said we have three more days to review the budget. Councilor McDonald suggested a meeting with the citizen taskforce. Councilor Holden suggested the budget get passed tonight and it be reopened in January. Solicitor Scott stated if the budget is reopened in January it requires adoption by February 15th. Councilor Holden is concerned about getting a quorum at year end.

President Kemp suggested a citizen taskforce meeting tomorrow, December 29th, at 6 pm. The taskforce was agreeable to this date and time. On Friday, December 30th at 5 pm Council will hold a special meeting to move forward on the budget. These meetings are a continuation of tonight's meeting. An announcement must be posted at Borough Hall identifying the date, time, and location of these continuation meetings.

President Kemp tabled the 2012 Tax Levy, Refuse Fee, and Sewer Fee ordinance since it is dependent upon the budget.

President Kemp tabled the property abatement discussion because Mr. Travers was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

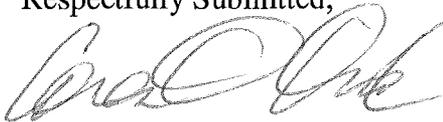
RECESS

President Kemp asked for a motion to recess at 6:15 pm. Following this meeting there will be a public hearing for the CDBG projects. President Kemp invited everyone to stay and participate.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden
Seconded By: Councilor McDonald

The meeting was recessed by unanimous vote, 5 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caren D. Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary