

BOROUGH OF YEADON
CONTINUATION - SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 2011
5:15 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Asher Kemp Jr., Council President, called the Year 2012 Budget meeting to order. Reverend Hepkins did the prayer.

ROLL CALL

Asher Kemp Jr., President	Present
Sandra D. Thomas, Vice President	Present, arrived at 5:46 pm
John F. Byrne	Absent
John Holden	Present
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Absent
Florence "Penny" McDonald	Present
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

Jacquelynn Puriefoy-Brinkley thanked Council for participating in the citizen taskforce committee last evening. She expressed concerns about the process taken which included restructuring the workforce.

Terry McGirth thanked Council for their involvement with the taskforce. He questioned line item 01-430-140 and had dialog on an additional reduction in the workforce. He asked if the public works employee being furloughed is a resident. President Kemp said yes.

Dr. Carolina Harris expressed disappointment in how Council responded to the citizen taskforce. She questioned the advertisement of the December 6 and December 8 budget meetings. Dr. Harris stated the citizen taskforce recommended a reduction in the public works department. She is unhappy to find out today that the impacted employee is a resident.

Reverend Hepkins thanked the leaders who got together to address the common issues of the Borough. He reminded Council that opening up the meeting with a prayer is an important component.

Tony Wilburn thanked the taskforce committee and Council. He gave a suggestion on how to conduct the taskforce committee meetings. He supports a prayer at the beginning

of the meeting. Mr. Wilburn felt improvements to the budget presentation must be made. The Mayor should have the budget presented to her first. Then the Mayor introduces the budget to Council.

Learin Johnson thanked Council for participating last night. She cannot afford a tax increase. She may have to leave this community. She asked for Council to support the Mayor in the tennis program.

President Kemp thanked everyone on Council, the Mayor, and staff for participating last night. Borough Council truly cares about the Borough. President Kemp encouraged the residents to stay involved.

2012 BUDGET

President Kemp asked Ms. Andrews to review the changes to the budget. Ms. Andrews said based on direction from Council last night she made line item adjustments in revenues and expenses. Ms. Andrews announced that the modifications resulted in a no tax increase budget in the General Fund. President Kemp announced this budget reflects an economic layoff in the Public Works Department as recommended by the taskforce. Ms. Andrews stated the Refuse Fund reflects a \$ 5 drop. The Motor License Fund budgets for road resurfacing. In the Sewer Fund the capital improvements were removed and will be funded by the 2010 Bond Issue. The Sewer Fund was originally presented by in mid-December reflected a 22% increase. This proposal shows a drop down to 18% which for the average resident means an increase of \$ 3.40 per month. Ms. Andrews reminded the public if they repair leaky toilets and faucets the sewer fee charge will drop.

President Kemp asked for questions or comments from Council and Mayor.

Councilor Thomas questioned when the Capital Budget has to be completed. Mr. Scott stated there is no requirement that a Capital Budget has to be done as part of this budget.

President Kemp called for a motion on the 2012 Budget.

Motion: Council to Approve 2012 Budget.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

President Kemp called for a roll call vote. The motion carried 5 to 0.

President called for a motion on the 2012 Tax Levy, Refuse Fee, and Sewer Fee Ordinance.

Motion: Council to enact the 2012 Tax Levy, Refuse Fee, and Sewer Fee Ordinance

Motioned By: Councilor Stinson
Seconded By: Councilor Holden

President Kemp called for a roll call vote. The motion carried 5 to 0.

President Kemp called for a motion on the employee restructuring. The restructuring calls for the furloughing of one Public Works employee and a modification to the role of the Treasurer with the salary being \$ 5000.

Motion: Council to furlough one Public Works employee and restructure the role of the Treasurer with the salary being reduced from \$ 10,000 to \$ 5,000. Councilor Holden asked if the motion could be divided into two separate motions. Solicitor Scott said yes.

Motion: To have two motions regarding the restructuring.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden
Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

Solicitor Scott said Council can restate the motions as two motions. President Kemp called for the motion to restructure the Treasurer position.

Motion: To restructure the Treasurer position and reduce the salary from \$ 10,000 to \$ 5,000.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden
Seconded By: Councilor Thomas

President Kemp called for a roll call vote. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion: To furlough one Public Works employee.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald
Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

President Kemp called for a roll call vote. Councilor Holden abstained because he does not agree with the individual being furloughed. The decision should be performance based. Mr. Scott said this is a unionized department with a collective bargaining agreement that mandates reductions are based on seniority. A citizen spoke out advocating for the decision to be focused on performance. President Kemp announced there is a motion on the floor. The roll call vote continued with Mr. Holden abstaining and everyone else saying aye. The motion carried 4 to 0 with 1 abstaining vote.

Vice President Thomas announced this is her last meeting.

Vice President Thomas asked for some of the Council minutes to be amended. The January 4, 2010 Reorganization Meeting minutes have Councilor McDonald nominating Ms. Thomas as Vice President when in actuality it was President Kemp. Furthermore, due to additional employment responsibilities Vice President Thomas resigned from the Finance Chair and Personnel Chair on September 14, 2011. The minutes that reflect her as Chair since that date must be amended. The sentence under the Finance report, Personnel report, or Search report that mentioned her as being absent need to be removed since she was not Chair.

President Kemp called for a motion to make changes to the minutes as requested by Vice President Thomas.

Motion: Amend the January 2010 reorganization meeting and minutes after September 14, 2011 as defined by Vice President Thomas.

Motioned By: Councilor Thomas

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

President Kemp called for a roll call vote. Everyone voted aye except for Councilor Holden. The motion carried 4 to 1.

Vice President Thomas thanked the residents for participating in the budget process and asked them to stay involved. Vice President Thomas thanked the residents for their support, thanked the Mayor, thanked the Council President, and thanked the Solicitor.

ADJOURNMENT

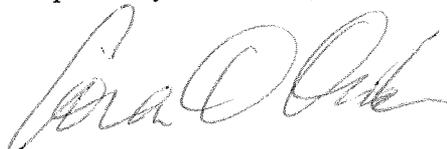
President Kemp asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:05pm.

Motioned By: Councilor McDonald

Seconded By: Councilor Holden

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote, 5 to 0. President Kemp wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caren D. Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary