

**Borough of Highlands
Mayor and Council
Special Meeting
August 23, 2010**

Mayor Little called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Mrs. Cummins read the following statement: As per requirement of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. Notice is hereby given that this is a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands and all requirements have been met. Notice has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times. Notice has been posted on the public bulletin board.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little

Absent: None

Also Present: Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk
Bruce Hilling, Borough Administrator
Scott Arnette, Esq., Borough Attorney
Steve Pfeffer, CFO

Executive Session Resolution:

Mrs. Cummins read the following Resolution for approval:

Mr. O'Neil offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following portion of this meeting dealing with the following generally described matters shall not be open to the public:

- 1.Litigation:**
- 2.Contract: Union Contract Negotiations, Medical Contract Negotiations**
- 3.Real Estate:**
- 4. Personnel Matters:**
- 5. Attorney-Client Privilege:**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is anticipated that the matters to be considered in private may be disclosed to the public at a later date when the need for privacy no longer exists; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no portion of this meeting shall be electronically recorded unless otherwise stated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the private consideration is deemed required and is permitted because of the following noted exceptions set forth in the Act:

1. Rendered confidential by Federal law or that if disclosed would impair receipt of Federal funds.
2. Rendered confidential by State Statute or Court Rule.
3. Would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
- 4. Deals with collective bargaining, including negotiation positions.**
5. Deals with purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds.
6. Related to setting of bank rates or the investment of public funds and disclosure could adversely affect the public interest.
7. Related to tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public disclosure may adversely affect the public interest.
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9. Related to investigation of violations or possible violations of the law.
- 10. Related to pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may be a party.**
- 11. Falls within the attorney-client privilege and confidentiality is required.**
12. Deals with personnel matters of public employees and employee has not requested that the matter be made public.
13. Quasi-judicial deliberation after public hearing that may result in imposition of a civil penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.

Seconded by Mr. Nolan and approved on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The Governing Body then entered into Executive Session.

Mayor Little called the Regular Meeting back to order at 10:08 p.m.

Present: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little

Absent: None

Also Present: Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk
Bruce Hilling, Borough Administrator
Stephen Pfeffer, CFO
Scott Arnette, Esq., Borough Attorney

Public Portion:

Joseph Blewett, Chief of Police said we should raise taxes as high as we can this year because of the 2% budget cap next year.

Mayor Little – we are thinking of the impact of our decision with regard to taxes.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that was one of the items under consideration.

Joseph Blewett questioned if the 2% Cap was law yet.

Mr. Pfeffer – its law for the next year, which he further explained.

Mayor Little further commented on the cap law.

Will Armenti of the Highlands Police Department suggested that we go with the 4% budget increase.

Joe Blewett questioned what action will be taken.

Mayor Little explained that we can't narrow down without speaking about Executive Session.

There were no further questions from the public.

Mr. O'Neil offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Nolan and all were in favor.

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Mayor Little advised the public that there are no action agenda items because the items discussed in Executive Session require us to speak with another Attorney.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:15p.m.

**CAROLYN CUMMINS
BOROUGH CLERK**

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