

The Fruitland City Council met in Work Session at City Hall on Tuesday evening, September 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

President Gregory J. Olinde, Treasurer Gloria J. Ortiz, Councilor Raymond D. Carey, Councilor Theodore O. Lokey and Councilor Richard F. Tull.

Also present were:

City Manager Rick D. Konrad, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Diane C. Nelson, Utilities Director Joseph P. Derbyshire, and City Solicitor Andrew C. Mitchell Jr.

Our guests included:

John E. Fredericksen, Superintendent of Schools, Wicomico County Board of Education (WCBOE), Brian Foret, Director of Facility Services, WCBOE, Leisl J. F. Ashby, Facility Planner, WCBOE, Gordon Mead of Davis, Bowen & Friedel (DBF), Betty Tustin of The Traffic Group, Inc., Chuck Nichols, Sheila Nichols, Darlene Kerr, Robin Townsend of the Fruitland Fire Company, Amanda Pollack of George, Miles, and Buhr (GMB), and Richard Lee Outen, Jr.

President Olinde called the Work Session to order at 7:04 p.m. and proceeded to the first Agenda Item.

Bennett Middle School

Members from the WCBOE presented preliminary design plans for the New Bennett Middle School, outlining a very tentative timeline for the project; representatives from The Traffic Group and DBF were present to address questions regarding their contributions to the WCBOE project.

Discussion ensued regarding various aspects of the project; Council and Staff, representatives from GMB, the Fruitland Fire Company, and the Community shared concerns and posed questions to the WCBOE, DBF, and Traffic Group representatives relative to plans for the New Middle School, thereby establishing the spirit of teamwork and open communications that will carry this project forward.

First Reading – Ordinance No. 250 – (Update of Ord.No.237-Authorization for Sale of Bonds)

City Manager Konrad and City Solicitor Mitchell summarized and explained the need to update by legislation the amount and the expenses the City of Fruitland is allowed to reimburse itself from bond money whenever funds are borrowed for a particular project, in this case the New Police Building and site development to allow for expansion of the facility to potentially house a future City Hall.

After discussion, **on motion made by Councilor Tull that was seconded by Councilor Lokey and approved by a unanimous vote in favor, Council moved to adopt the First Reading of Ordinance No. 250 as presented with a Public Hearing for the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 250 scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 7:50 p.m.**

Recreation Commission – (Request for Separate Building Fund Bank Account)

City Manager Konrad summarized the Recreation Commission's request to have a separate bank account established for the Building Fund.

After discussion and a motion made and seconded which was withdrawn before the vote, Council determined by

Consensus but without vote, that the next sitting Council should address the Recreation Commission's request after the City Manager, Deputy Treasurer, Recreation Commission Chair, and City Solicitor if needed, have coordinated how such account should be handled.

General Discussion

Good wishes were extended to all Candidates in the upcoming October 4, 2010 General Election.

With no further Public Comment or General Discussion, President Olinde thanked all for attending and called for a short recess at 8:43 p.m. to clear the Council Chambers so the Council could go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters.

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At 8:58 p.m. the City Council reconvened in open session with the following members present:

President Gregory J. Olinde, Treasurer Gloria J. Ortiz, Councilor Raymond D. Carey, Councilor Theodore O. Lokey and Councilor Richard F. Tull.

Also present was: *City Manager Rick D. Konrad, and Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Diane C. Nelson.*

There were no guests in the meeting.

President Olinde reconvened the meeting at 8:58 p.m. at which time **on a motion made by Treasurer Ortiz that was seconded by Councilor Carey and approved by a unanimous vote in favor, Council moved to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.**

On motion made by Councilor Lokey that was seconded by Councilor Carey and approved by a unanimous vote in favor, Council reconvened in open session at 9:26 p.m. where it was reported that Council, the City Manager and Assistant City Manager had discussed a personnel matter.

With no further business to discuss, **on motion made by Councilor Lokey that was seconded by Councilor Tull and approved by a unanimous vote in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.**

Diane C. Nelson
Diane C. Nelson, Asst. City Mgr. /City Clerk
Approved, October 12, 2010 dcn