

SPECIAL MEETING
November 19, 2008
7:00 P.M.
NOTES

President Rapp called the special meeting/work session to order. Members present were: Mr. Rapp, Mr. Capuano, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Grotenhuis, Ms. Gifford. Excused: Ms. Halleman. Others: Mayor Ned Fink; Ms. Barbara Merkle, Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Joseph Gatta, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer.

President Rapp reviewed the Agenda items to be considered at the December 1, 2008 Council Meeting.

- Review of 2009 Budget – President Rapp asked Mr. Trotter to go over the 2009 budget. Mr. Trotter read a prepared statement with details of the 2009 budget. Ordinance 739-Tax Ordinance was set into motion and will be approved at the December 1, 2008 Council Meeting. Mr. Blatt was concerned that there may not be enough money in the sewer fund for the increase in 2009. Mr. Trotter advised that there was enough money in the budget. President Rapp opened the floor for questions concerning the budget. Ms. Parmita Rios of 916 N. Bishopthorpe Street asked to verify if the trash pick up was to remain at two times a week. President Rapp stated that everything remains the same for 2009 except the bill is going to increase \$15.00 a quarter.
- PMRS – Ordinance 740 – Second Reading
- Removal of Handicap Sign at 1241 Russell Avenue – Ordinance 749-Second Reading
- Curb Cut – 1136 Russell Avenue – President Rapp advised that neither the Police Chief nor the Public Works Supervisor was out to look at the site. They will both do so before the 12/1/2008 Council meeting.
- Lobby Security Cameras – President Rapp advised that everyone received a proposal for the price of the cameras. President Rapp asked if we want to discuss this subject and put it on the December 1, 2008 agenda. President Rapp advised that Mayor Fink will purchase an outside security camera for the Borough. The lobby security cameras will be put on the agenda for the December 1, 2008 Council meeting.

Council President Rapp announced that he, Mayor Fink and Police Chief Stephens met with the City of Bethlehem on November 18, 2008 about the new proposals for the one way streets. The work will start approximately in May 2009. Council President Rapp has a large map if anybody is interested in viewing the map.

Mr. Capuano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gifford. The time was 7:20PM.