

Council Work Session Minutes

VIA Zoom

City of Trenton

March 4th, 2021

Mayor Calvin Woodrey called the Council work session to order. All members of Council and necessary administration were present. Mayor Woodrey asked for City Manager Nichols to begin. City Manager Nichols asked for City Treasurer Mike Engel to begin with his reports. Mr. Engel began by explaining the correspondence regarding the Moody's annual issuance comments. We retained the same A-2 rating we have received for years. Over all it is stable. Next he reviewed the three motions that he placed on the agenda stating they were all then and now's and pretty standard at this time. Finally he discussed his legislation, the supplemental ordinance is the first of the year and simply is reducing a fund by a couple hundred dollars that was over appropriated. Next was writing a policy for a police levy fund balance, he determined that once the fund is in place he will keep a fund balance of five months of expenses.

Next, would have been Bill Jones, Planning and Zoning administrator to discuss the Ordinance related to the Sign code, but he is currently having connection issues, so Marcos held the discussion in his absence. He asked Council to review the updated language on this Ordinance based on the discussion at the last Council work session. This ordinance is up for its third reading. After review, Councilman Agee asked under section 826.12 section F due to the changes in prohibited signs, would this section need changes as well. City attorney Nick Ziepfel will review and we will come back to this discussion. Next City Manager Marcos Nichols quickly reviewed the annexation ordinance where the city will be annexing 199.858 that they recently purchased recently. He asked if there were any questions, when there were not, they moved on to the ordinance regarding chapter 250 revisions. These revisions have been to the admin committee and has been approved to be presented to the Council for the first reading. Councilman Nichols stated that he was concerned with taking so many decisions out of Council's hands. 27 sections have been reduced to 9 sections. A discussion persisted for some time. Vice Mayor Perry stated that we can continue with more discussion at the next work session. City attorney Nick Ziepfel returned to section

826.12 stating that simple language added to the beginning of the section to clarify that section as well.

A motion to go into executive session to consider confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance was made by Vice Mayor Perry, followed by a second by Councilwoman Harris at 7:04pm. Roll call was taken; 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Council went into executive session.

A motion to come out of executive session and to adjourn the Council work session at 7:27pm was made by Vice Mayor Perry, followed Councilwoman Harris. Roll call was taken; 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.