

Ken Aitken
65 Juniper Place

Mr. Aitken stated once again he is commenting on the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2008-97, CME Associates contract for 2008. How much is this resolution authorizing.

Mayor Sobel stated it is engineering services for the Township. There is no set amount, this is for services.

Mr. Aitken stated this is just strictly engineering services. They are the Township Engineers for 2008, there is no dollar amount associated with that.

Mayor Sobel stated yes.

There being no one else wishing to be heard Mayor Sobel declared the Hearing of the Citizens closed.

MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Gumbs made a motion to adopted:

Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2008

Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2008

Special & Executive Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2008

Workshop & Regular Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2008

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin

Minutes of April 14, 2008

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Gallo, Raymond, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Vinci

Minutes of May 6, 2008

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Gallo, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilmen Drapkin and Raymond

Minutes of May 15, 2008

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Gallo, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Drapkin

Minutes of May 19, 2008

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Gallo, Raymond, Vinci and Deputy Mayor Gumbs

Nays: None

Abstain: Mayor Sobel

CONTINUED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 9-2008 - PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sobel stated that Ordinance No. 9-2008, introduced and passed on first reading by title on August 5, 2008 and published according to law, is now being taken up for further consideration and public hearing. Affidavit of Publication of this ordinance in the Asbury Park Press of August 8, 2008 will be submitted and it is noted that a copy of the ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building and that copies were available to the general public upon request.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 9-2008: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN, FOR TURN PROHIBITIONS"

Mayor Sobel opened the public hearing to the public for any remarks or comments for or against the final adoption of this ordinance. There being no one present wishing to be heard Mayor Sobel closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 9-2008.

Councilman Drapkin made a motion that Ordinance No. 9-2008 be finally passed and adopted and that notice of its passage and adoption be published by title in the September 5, 2008 issue of the Asbury Park Press.

Seconded by Councilman Raymond

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Gallo, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2008 - PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sobel stated that Ordinance No. 10-2008, introduced and passed on first reading by title on August 5, 2008 and published according to law, is now being taken up for further consideration and public hearing. Affidavit of Publication of this ordinance in the Asbury Park Press of August 8, 2008 will be submitted and it is noted that a copy of the ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building and that copies were available to the general public upon request.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 10-2008: "DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM"

Mayor Sobel opened the public hearing to the public for any remarks or comments for or against the final adoption of this ordinance. There being no one present wishing to be heard Mayor Sobel closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 10-2008.

Councilman Vinci made a motion that Ordinance No. 10-2008 be finally passed and adopted and that notice of its passage and adoption be published by title in the September 5, 2008 issue of the Asbury Park Press.

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: Councilwoman Gallo

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2008 – INTRODUCTION

Councilman Drapkin made a motion to introduce Ordinance No.11-2008 on first reading by title and to order the same to be published by summary in the September 5, 2008 issue of the Asbury Park Press, together with notice of its introduction and passage on first reading by title, and that it will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on September 16, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the municipal building of the Township of Aberdeen at One Aberdeen Square.

Seconded by Councilman Vinci.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 11-2008: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN TO RESCIND SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY PROHIBITION”

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: Councilwoman Gallo

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-94 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councilman Raymond made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 2008-94 and move its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Drapkin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: Councilwoman Gallo

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-95 – ADOPTION 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Deputy Mayor Gumbs made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-95, Adoption of the

2008 Municipal Budget as amended.

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: Councilwoman Gallo

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-96 – ADOPTION OF THE 2008 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION DISTRICT BUDGET

Councilman Drapkin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-96, Adoption of the Solid Waste Collection District Budget

Seconded by Councilman Raymond.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: Councilwoman Gallo

Abstain: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Vinci made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, all items listed under 7E.

Seconded by Councilman Raymond

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: Councilwoman Gallo

Abstain: None

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-97 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with CME Associates for engineering services for year 2008.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-98 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Rogut McCarthy LLC for Township Attorney services for year 2008.
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-99 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Coppola & Coppola for COAH planning services for year 2008.
4. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-100 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Coppola & Coppola for planning services for year 2008.
5. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-101 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Fallon &

- Larsen LLP for auditing services for year 2008.
6. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-102 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby approves the grant application for County Road – Phase III Project.
 7. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-103 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby accepts the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Grant and authorizes the Mayor to execute grant documents.
 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - BE IT RESOLVED that the general public shall be excluded from discussion held during executive session – Contractual – Health Benefits.
 9. RA-918 – Raffle License for Monmouth Neighborhood Housing, Inc., Cliffwood Beach, NJ

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS/CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

Mayor Sobel asked any member of the public wishing to be heard to come forward and to state their name and address.

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Mr. Aitken stated as he is looking at the consent agenda and the contract for professionals, there is a law that states we can make these without competitive bid as a professional service under the provisions of the local public contract law. Why don't we go out to bid?

Mayor Sobel stated at the end of each calendar year we send out RFQs for professional services, and when they are received, the level of responses are low. Those who do respond are usually small firms that do not have the ability to provide the services we are looking for. Also, it would be very hard to find a municipality that sends out bids for each and every service in town. Those that do, their experience will show usually very costly and engineering they would not do a project according to the standards acceptable by the Township. For example, our road program is a model road program that a number of communities are following. We know from experience, other engineering firms have their own set of standards which are not up to the standards that we have accepted from CME Associates. We have been very happy with our professional services, they give us discounted fees and some of what they do for us are not charged. We get a significant amount of free service from each of these professionals during the year. It has not been proven that you save money or you get better service going out to bid.

Mr. Aitken stated there are at least 3 or 4 professional service firms for engineering that are well qualified firms with professional engineers that are doing work in this County. That argument isn't prudent to me. When you write specs for bids these things should be written, the reason we have professionals is so that we can be protected from shoddy work. You shouldn't have to count on the good graces of the professional to do that.

Mayor Sobel stated that two firms that are very large firms in this County have done work in this Township and we were not happy with the work. When CME came in they

had to redo some of the work they performed. It has been said that CME is one of the top three engineering firms in the State in terms of quality of service. I think when it comes to professional services that it doesn't lend itself to bottom line thinking. That is my opinion.

Mr. Aitken stated my view is I think everything should be looked at, how do we know we can not get a better deal if we don't go out to bid.

Mayor Sobel stated what is a better deal.

Mr. Aitken stated the best service at the cheapest cost to the taxpayers.

Councilman Drapkin stated we have meetings with all the Mayors once every two months and talking to them about professional services, when they do their road program they run over 30%. We don't want that, when you are budgeting for one thing and have a 30% overrun and that is why we are very happy with CME.

Mr. Aitken stated that why you control contracts and approve change orders. That is what you are therefore.

Councilman Drapkin stated you keep going with the change orders and when the road is open you have to finish.

Mr. Aitken stated that is when you get rid of them.

Mayor Sobel stated if the engineering firm doesn't do the work up to our standards, than what.

Mr. Aitken stated in his company, I just can't go and give contracts for what his boss buys to people that are good. We have to go out to bid, this is equipment being used by company funds that are owned by the corporation that are owned by taxpayers and private individuals. There is no reason the bidding process can not be there. How do we know we can not get a better firm.

Mayor Sobel stated we will address this issue during our budget process this year.

Mr. Aitken stated in his view it looks bad. As you know some of these firms are political contributors.

Mayor Sobel stated they all are.

Mr. Aitken stated the issue is giving jobs to political contributors without bids. It doesn't look good.

Mayor Sobel stated we will make it part of our budget process.
There being no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Sobel closed the public portion

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Gumbs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Drapkin and unanimously concurred by Council.

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk