

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 331-10, setting the 2011 meeting dates, sending a copy to THE RECORD, THE SUBURBANITE, THE BERGEN NEWS/SUN BULLETIN, THE JEWISH STANDARD, and THE COUNTY SEAT, filing a copy in the Township Clerk's Office and posting it on the Municipal Building bulletin board, and the Mayor hereby directs that this statement be included in the minutes.

ROLL CALL

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 214-11 - Authorize Council to enter Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8:03p.m. and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin

Absent: C. Katz

Also Present: S. Turitz/W. Rupp – Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg Esqs.; W. Broughton Township Mr.; J. Evelina, RMC, Township Clerk; I. Abbasi, Executive Assistant.

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PRESENTATIONS

1. Police Promotions
 - a. Detective J. Garland to Sergeant – Mr. Broughton appointed Detective Garland to Sergeant with the Teaneck Police Department and commended him on his many years of service and dedication to the department and to the residents of the Township.
2. Certificates of Appreciation – Presented by C. Stern
 - a. TVAC – Angela Wilkerson spoke on behalf of TVAC and on their June 12, 2011 'mom in labor' call and welcomed baby McKenzie.
 - b. TPD – Certification presented to Police Officer Ramirez

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Hurricane Irene – Mr. Broughton displayed a power point presentation on the pre-storm and storm management actions taken during Hurricane Irene.

Mayor Hameeduddin welcomed Senator Loretta Weinberger, and Former Mayor's Eleanor Kieliszek and Jacqueline Kates.

C. Toffler thanked C. Katz for reaching as many people as he did during this period with his extensive mailing list.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Patricia White spoke on behalf of the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) thanking Council for the opportunity to present a request to address and enhance intergroup relations within the Community. Mayor Hameeduddin announced Council would be in favor, pending attorney review.
2. Leadership Teaneck – Former Mayor Kates spoke on the collaborate initiative of the Township and the courses that are available at Holy Name Medical Center.
3. Request for Endorsing Resolution – Shelter Our Sisters
Mary-Anne Plopper spoke on the Bergen County domestic violence organization which houses up to forty-two (42) women and children. Iso a transitional housing program
4. Request for Endorsing Resolution – Teaneck Women Train & Work
Director Claire Scarano spoke about the grant funded program which is run through the public schools to help students with career moves and decisions.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Evelina to read the Ordinances by title only.

ORDINANCE #4241 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES, CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS AND DUTIES THEREOF FOR CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK.

ORDINANCE #4242 – BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF SIGN MAKING EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$50,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

ORDINANCE #4243 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES, CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS AND DUTIES THEREOF FOR CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting these ordinances prior to opening the public hearing.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearings on the above ordinances were now open. Any members of the public wishing to be heard on any of said ordinances or to ask questions concerning said ordinances may come forward and state their name for the record. Comments or questions shall be limited to five minutes per person.

Art Vatsky, Teaneck – spoke on Ordinance 4242.

Alex Rashin, Teaneck – spoke on Ordinance 4242.

Naomi Kramer, Teaneck – voiced her concerns on Ordinance 4242 and requested more information on Ordinance 4243.

Chuck Powers, Teaneck – spoke on Ordinance 4242, inquiring on who the sign making machine vendor was and asked for clarity on the language.

Loretta Weinberg – requested clarity on Councils ordinance process and spoke on Ordinance 4242 and requested specifics to be posted as back up.

Howard Rose, Teaneck – followed up on Ordinance 4242 and requested additional information.

Patricia White, Teaneck – spoke on Ordinance 4242 and inquired as to whether or not this signage project falls under the National law guidelines.

There being no further persons wishing to speak concerning said ordinances, Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearing on these ordinances was now closed.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting these ordinances.

Mayor Hameeduddin advised that the sign making equipment had been purchased through the County. C. Toffler requested additional information on the sign bond ordinance. Township Attorney Turitz clarified monies; five percent down payment; and noted that the fifty thousand dollars was for the sign machine. DM Gussen spoke on Ordinance 4241. Council had brief discussion on Ordinance 4243 and requested a copy of the previous ordinance. C. Parker requested in the future that the previous, current and future scales be posted.

DM. Gussen moved to pass Ordinances 4241, 4242 and 4243 on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law. Seconded by Mayor Hameeduddin.

There being no further comments, Mayor to call on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Katz

Abstained: None.

Recused: None.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that said ordinances were duly adopted.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR GOOD AND WELFARE OR PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that any members of the public who wished to be heard came forward and stated their names for the record. Comments were limited to five minutes per person.

Ruth Brower, Teaneck – read into the record, an 8/24/11 email to DM Gussen.

Alex Rashin, Teaneck – spoke on the Municipal Building Cupola project.

E. Kieliszek – spoke about the Cupola and the good years she had on it. Noted the difficulty with the other set of plans and requested further discussion.

Sara Rapport, Teaneck – A Coach with Teaneck's 20/20 Organization and noted a meeting to be held at the Richard Rodda Center on September 14, 2011 at 7:30PM.

Joe Harris – spoke on switching to FIOS, unable to watch the Council meetings and asked Council if they could ensure that FIOS could carry the council meetings. Spoke on improvements to website. Wanted to know what duties the Emergency Preparedness consultant performs.

Art Vatsky, Teaneck – Inquired on where the Township bought the signs; asked for the DPW to provide an update on the bus shelters; noted the streetscape sidewalks are looking better.

Mildred Tucker, Teaneck – If a resident comes before Council for discussion of concerns, could Council consider reaching out to other elected officials for a meeting to discuss before hiring lawyers, etc.; spoke on lack of parking during the hours of 10-2; discussed street paving on her street and noted for the record if she falls and gets hurt, she will sue the Township.

Howard Rose, Teaneck – spoke on Cupola; questioned pricing of sign machine; touched on the discussion of Former Mayor Kates on Leadership Teaneck and thanked Mr. William Broughton for his power point presentation.

Jeff Ostroth, Teaneck – spoke on his recent OPRA request for the letter the Record reported had been sent by Mr. Broughton to Council.

Patricia White, Teaneck – thanked Mr. Broughton and all departments, especially the Fire Department on behalf of the lower Stuyvesant Road block association on an exceptional job performed during the storm.

Leslie McKeon, Teaneck – spoke on comments made by councilmember to a specific council person.

Naomi Kramer, Teaneck – spoke on the concept of OPRA and making documents available to the public; discussed the resolution on Route 4; workshop meetings on specific discussions.

Charles Powers, Teaneck – spoke on the Freeholders redirecting the capital budget; spoke on the commitments of the new building design projected for the Municipal Building; requested clarification on the contract and requested the current status of the plan.

Clara Williams, Teaneck – commended the Fire Department during Hurricane Irene; talked about not receiving adequate feed back when calling the Municipal Building; and requested clarification of the location of an emergency plan.

Rose Lee Greenberg, Teaneck – spoke on the machinery for the signs; spoke on the reasoning of the Advisory Board on Community Relations; spoke on looking into the duties of the American Conference on Diversity.

Janice Preschel, Teaneck – Announced to Council and viewers an October 2nd Food Drive at 185 W. Englewood Avenue, from 12-4.

There being no further persons who wished to speak, Mayor Hameeduddin declared the public comment portion of the meeting closed.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council or the Mr. wished to respond to the public comments or whether a member of the Council wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda and have a separate discussion thereon.

C. Parker made a public announcement on the Bergen County Board of Social Services throughout the State has initiated a Disaster Relief Food Program for anyone who has experienced loss from Hurricane Irene.

Mayor Hameeduddin spoke on the website issues and advised it was under contract. Clarified the Emergency Management consultant coordinated matters with the County and State and that the Township's Emergency Management personnel was run through the Municipal Mr. to the Police/Fire Chief. Noted communications during and noted the 24/7 service remains in place with the dispatcher. Mayor addressed comments on the potential relocation of the Public Works Facility.

Mr. Broughton addressed comments regarding the OEM.

C. Stern spoke on the costs of the storm and FEMA reimbursement.

Mr. Broughton provided explanation on the Municipal Building Cupola. Its design, costs, material, and noted its replacement anticipated within a few weeks.

C. Toffler addressed an earlier comment; authorized release of letter wrote to Council and her authorization and eagerness to have the letter released.

S. Turitz responded to a councilmember's earlier comment and noted the review by the GRC.

Mr. Broughton noted that the Township does follow the State guidelines OPRA's.

S. Turitz provided explanation of OPRA and the State law; every document in every file is a public document.

DM Gussen corrected McKeon's comments and questioned why the Route 4 resolution was not able to be released earlier.

Mr. Broughton addressed comments on FIOS.

S. Turitz suggested looking into the current contract with Verizon.

Mr. Broughton spoke on the Capital Budget and clarified on a comment made by an earlier speaker. Noted the Townhall meetings that have and will be held.

C. Toffler spoke on the contents of closed session and questioned whether available to the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed below are considered to be routine in nature by Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RAFFLES

All subject to approval and conditions applicable with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and pursuant to State Statute.

RA #1306 – Jessie Banks Foundation – \$20.00

RA #1307 – Rotary Club of Teaneck - \$20.00

RA #1308 – Rotary Club of Teaneck - \$20.00

RA #1309 – Congregation Beth Aaron Men's Club - \$100.00

MINUTES

August 15, 2011 – Closed Session Meeting – Approved for Content Only.

August 16, 2011 – Closed Session Meeting (Absent: C. Parker, C. Katz, Mayor Hameeduddin) – Approved for Content Only.

RESOLUTIONS (Resolution 214-11 – vote taken prior to Closed Session)

- 216-11. Authorize Execution - Developer's Agreement – TNT Realty Associates
- 217-11. Award Contract – Nature's Choice Corporation – Recycling of Leaves
- 218-11. Ratify Payments – Chief Financial Officer – July, 2011
- 219-11. Award Professional Services Contract – Arcari+Iovino Architects, P.C. – Library AC Improvements
- 220-11. Award Contract – M. Ingannamorte & Son, Inc. – Grant Terrace Sewer Replacement
- 221-11. Authorize Submission of Grant Application – NJDOT – Resurfacing of Glenwood Avenue, Section 2 Project
- 222-11. Authorize Submission of Grant Application – NJDOT – Queen Anne Road Sidewalk Improvement Project

- 223-11. Refund 2010 and 2011 Tax Overpayments – Chief Financial Officer – Various.
- 224-11. Appoint Engineer to Open Space Trust Municipal Program Regional Committee.
- 225-11. Refund 2009 and 2010 Taxes Pursuant to State Tax Court Decision – Chief Financial Officer – Various
- 226-11. Authorize Youth Advisory Board to Sponsor Field Trip to Washington D.C.
- 227-11. Endorse BCCD Grant – Township of Teaneck – Resurfacing of Ayers Court/Lozier Place
- (“O”) Appoint Youth Members to the Youth Advisory Board.

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record. (\$5,023,804.15)

Councilmember Toffler moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Minutes, Resolutions, and Bill List, and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day. Seconded by DM. Gussen.

Mayor to call on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Katz

Abstained: C. Parker on minutes of 8/16/11, DM Gussen (Ck# 163488), Mayor Hameeduddin on minutes of 8/16/11

Mayor Hameeduddin declared whether said items were passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS – (Continued)

1. Best Practices Checklist Submission – NJDCA, Mr. Broughton spoke on worksheet obtained from the Division of Community Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

Mayor Hameeduddin was advised by Marie Warnke that Jordan Wouk will not be seeking to be re-appointed to the Hackensack River Greenway Advisory Board.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. Affirmative Action Advisory Board (C. Toffler)

C. Toffler stated further discussion needed with Township Attorney and asked for it to be removed further agenda's.

2. Waiving of Permit Fees due to Hurricane Irene (C. Parker)

C. Parker asked for approval on waiving permit fees due to Hurricane Irene. Mr. Broughton advised that a resolution has been prepared and in the possession of the Township Attorney. S. Turitz noted all fees are through ordinance not resolution.

3. House of Representatives Resolution 676 (C. Parker)

C. Parker spoke on the proposed resolution on National Healthcare and inquired whether or not there was any consent to move forward with passing any of the sample resolution. C. Parker asked for it to be re-listed and re-circulated.

C. Parker briefly noted being approached by the Girl Scouts and their request for registering Teaneck as a Let's Move Committee and noted its complexity.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT – (Continued)

1. I have probationally appointed Mrs. Simona Casian-Sirbu to the position of Purchasing Assistant with the Township, effective August 22, 2011.
2. I have probationally appointed Mr. Anthony L. Cowels to the position of Custodial Worker with the Teaneck Recreation Department, effective September 1, 2011.
3. I have provisionally appointed Mrs. Yvonne Thomas to the position of Technical Assistant to the Construction Official with the Teaneck Building Department, effective September 7, 2011.
4. Website

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

1. BCUA. S. Turitz provided an update as to finalizing the contracts (groundwater seepage) and hopes to have them for the September 27th meeting.

C. Parker invited all to the first Youth Advisory Board meeting being held on Thursday at the Rodda Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hameeduddin moved to adjourn at 10:44 p.m. Seconded by DM. Gussen.

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Katz.