

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NO PUBLIC INPUT UNTIL 8:00 PM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 268-11, setting the 2012 meeting dates, sending a copy to THE RECORD and THE JEWISH STANDARD, 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 1-12. 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 p.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: W. Rupp – Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg Esqs.; W. Broughton Township Manager; J. Evelina, RMC, Township Clerk; I. Abbasi, Executive Assistant.

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Mayor Hameeduddin advised the public of the following: (1) the dates, time and location for the upcoming Budget Hearings (January 12, 19 and 26); (2) the Municipal Building closure on January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; (3) the Council extends best wishes to Anthony Bianchi, CFO who is resigning from the Township to serve the Borough of East Rutherford; (4) to consult the Township website for details with respect to the upcoming Rotary Club event, "A Taste of Teaneck"; the date and time of the next televised meeting of the Township Council (January 24); and the Council met in Closed Session from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. to discuss matters concerning potential appointments to the Affirmative Action Advisory Board, personnel and security.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Oath of Office – Deputy Fire Chief Browning.

Mr. Broughton, Fire Chief Verley and the Township Council spoke in honor of Deputy Fire Chief Browning, and Mr. Broughton administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Fire Chief Browning.

2. PSE&G – Investment in Infrastructure.

Mayor and Council discussion with PSE&G representative(s) on the three (3) sub-stations located in Leonia, New Milford and Teaneck; upgrades to the Teaneck and Bergenfield sub-stations; recent storms; spoke about the New Jersey Tree Foundation and a plan for planting new

trees in the future; PSE&G's website; communications on the life sustaining equipment during power outages with residents.

3. GZA Presentation – Mayor Hameeduddin announced the report on the initial findings from the boring holes at Votee Park came in today. In an effort to get this information to the public as soon as possible, it was added to the agenda.

Motioned by DM Gussen, seconded by C. Honis (C. Toffler).

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Katz.

GZA Principal Ben Alright provided Mayor, Council and the residents with an update on recent testing of the contamination at Votee Park.

PUBLIC INPUT ON 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Hameeduddin declared the public hearing on the 2012 Municipal Budget open. Any members of the public who wished to be heard on the 2012 Municipal Budget or to ask questions concerning the 2012 Municipal Budget came forward and stated their names for the record.

Patrick Crowley, Senior Citizen Advisory Board Chair and Representative for the Friends of Seniors – requested that additional monies be allotted for the addition of classes in various areas for the senior citizens who visit the Richard Rodda Community Center, as he advised that often times, the classes are too full. He also provided copies of articles to the Council with respect to the benefits of exercise.

Jane Irwin – seconded the sentiments of Mr. Crowley.

Alex Rashin – referenced the 2011 budget and the proposed 2012 budget; and suggested that Council focus of budget cuts.

Vincent Napolitano – referenced two line items reflected in the 2012 budget, specifically, two different monetary figures for the salary costs associated with two Township Clerks when the Township has only one and needs only one Township Clerk. He suggested that these two figures may be a typographical error. He also referenced the amount of monies allocated for legal fees and questioned the impact on the budget as a result of these figures.

Leslie McKeon – referenced two line items reflected in the 2012 budget.

Sara Rappaport – provided Township Clerk with packets for Mayor and Council; discussed medical 'opt outs'; requested clarification on various items and allocations.

Howard Rose – requested information to be provided to the residents between budget meetings.

Charles Powers – spoke on expenditures and revenue with the budget and reaching the two percent cap; touched briefly on televised meetings; and tax appeals doubling.

David Spielman – spoke about pooling/shared services; costs on natural gas verses diesel gas.

Helga Sharassin – talked about classes for senior activities.

There being no further persons who wished to speak concerning the 2012 Municipal Budget, Mayor Hameeduddin declared the public hearing on the 2012 Municipal Budget closed.

Mayor Hameeduddin – thanked Patrick Crowley, Chair of the Senior Citizen Advisory Board, for bringing his suggestion(s) to Mayor and Council and advised a solution will be sought.

Commended Teaneck's 20/20 for meeting at C. Toffler's residence and thanked C. Toffler for allowing them the space to meet.

C. Parker noted that there were some additions made to the budget for the senior center.

Manager Broughton – addressed residents and Mayor and Council on various comments and items mentioned earlier during public input; advised of upcoming budget hearings.

DM. Gussen – discussed the positive feedback with the public input portion of the meeting.

Manager Broughton advised that the meetings are taped (televised) by a volunteer and thanked him for his volunteer services.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Evelina read the Ordinances by title only.

ORDINANCE #4246 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX III, "FEES AND CHARGES FOR TOWNSHIP SERVICES," OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "CHARTER/ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" RELATING TO FEES FOR CERTIFIED LIST OF PROPERTY OWNERS FOR APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

ORDINANCE #4247 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 36-28 OF DIVISION 3, OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK RELATING TO TIME LIMITED PARKING ALONG A PORTION OF BRINKERHOFF AVENUE

ORDINANCE #4248 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

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

No member of Council commented.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared the public hearings on the above ordinances open. Any members of the public who wished to be heard on any of said ordinances or to ask questions concerning said ordinances came forward and stated their names for the record. Comments or questions were limited to five minutes per person.

Howard Rose – requested clarification on Ordinance 4246. Manager Broughton gave clarification on Ordinance 4246.

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

Councilmember Parker moved to pass Ordinances 4246, 4247 and 4248 on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law. Seconded by Councilmember C. Toffler.

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

No member of Council commented.

There being no further comments, Mayor Hameeduddin called 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.

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 inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments prior to opening the meeting to any comments from the public.

C. Toffler read the attached statement into the record.

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

Ruth Brower, Teaneck – discussed recent discussions with the Manager and Township Officials on the diseased swamp Red Maple tree on her property.

David Spielman – concerned with the agenda item on the consolidation of funds into one bank; and spoke on Resolution 9-12.

Mildred Tucker, Teaneck – advised Mayor and Council to operate in a more transparency manner.

Alan Sohn, Teaneck – discussed various budgetary items; and missing items that should be included.

Alex Rashin, Teaneck – spoke on the Municipal Building’s Cupola; discussed the soccer fields at Votee Park.

Charles Powers, Teaneck – commented on the earlier presentation by GZA Environmental and the lack of public input during such presentation; spoke on tax appeals.

Naomi Kramer, Teaneck – asked Council to have an audio available after the first budget hearing meeting; spoke on the tree concern of an earlier speaker and encourage Council to rectify the matter; re-instate workshops.

Micki Shilan, Teaneck – spoke on the classes held at the senior center.

Howard Rose, Teaneck – touched on an earlier statement made by C. Toffler; spoke on the Red Maple tree on Ms. Brower’s property.

Art Lerman, Teaneck – spoke briefly on solar panels; the purchase of yellow recycling containers; discussed artificial turf.

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 Manager 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.

Manager Broughton addressed an earlier questioned on Resolution F and J; advised the Township had purchased the yellow containers. C. Toffler touched on the tree on Ms. Brower’s property; Mayor Hameeduddin advised that audio tapes are and will be made available. C. Honis encouraged the Township Manager to meet with the Recreation Staff on various matters

regarding the programming of the senior activities. DM Gussen addressed an earlier comment made regarding the amount to be paid to the Interim Chief Financial Officer.

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.

None.

MINUTES

None.

RESOLUTIONS (Resolution #1-12 – vote taken prior to Closed Session)

- 2-12. Adopt 2012 Temporary Budget.
- 3-12. Appoint Member to Advisory Board on Community Relations.
- 4-12. Authorize Settlement Agreement – Callahan vs. Teaneck – Docket No. BER-L-7158-10.
- 5-12. Adopt Cash Management Plan & Designate Official Depositories.
- 6-12. Authorize Submission of Tree City USA Application for Recertification.
- 7-12. Authorize Submission of Annual Accomplishment Report Form – Community Forestry Management Plan.
- 8-12. Approve 2011 Budget Account Transfers – Chief Financial Officer – Various.
- 9-12. Appoint C-3 Licensed Operator – Sanitary Sewer Collection System.
- 10-12. Authorize Municipal Consent – Liquor License No. 0260-44-006-004 – 2010/2011 - 12.18.
- 11-12. Authorize Municipal Consent – Liquor License No. 0260-44-006-004 – 2011/2012 - 12.39.
- 12-12. Recreate the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Board.

BILL LIST

None.

Councilmember Stern moved to approve the Consent Agenda and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day, except Resolution #13-12 (Award Professional Services Contract – Interim CFO). Seconded by Councilmember Honis.

Mayor Hameeduddin called 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.

DM. Gussen moved Resolution #13-12 (Award Professional Services Contract – Interim CFO) for the purposes of discussion. Seconded by C. Toffler.

C. Toffler stated that although she plans to vote in favor of Resolution #13-12, she would have been interested in interviewing the interim CFO.

C. Stern responded to C. Toffler by stating that although he can appreciate her request, the interim CFO will be serving as a temporary Department Head, and Department Heads are appointed by the Township Manager.

Roll Call

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Katz.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared said items are were passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Status of RFP for Animal Control Services.

Mr. Rupp advised Council that he previously drafted the Request for Proposal for the above-referenced services; however, he recently received additional information regarding same from the Health Department which he is currently incorporating to the Request for Proposal.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

C. Honis reported on The FORUM; spoke about ACE.

Council discussed bus reservations for the Washington DC trip. Township Clerk briefly discussed timing and bus scheduling.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. Sports Organizations' Meeting (C. Parker).

C. Parker advised that due to the closing of Votee Park, meetings that were scheduled to be held, will be rescheduled.

2. Recouping Legal Fees for Teaneck Taxpayers (C. Katz).

This matter will be re-listed for discussion at the January 24, 2012 in light of C. Katz's absence.

3. Teaneck Bus Shelters (C. Katz).

Mr. Broughton submitted a report to Council with respect to the above-referenced matter. Ms. Evelina will provide said information to C. Katz and re-list this matter for discussion at the January 24, 2012 in light of C. Katz's absence.

4. Summer Internships/Opportunities for Community Service to THS Students (C. Toffler).

C. Toffler made reference to two Teaneck High School students who previously assisted the Township with respect to sustainability. She suggested that Council establish a subcommittee in an effort to develop a program wherein Teaneck High School students would have the opportunity to serve the Township as interns.

Mr. Broughton advised Council that the Township works with Teaneck High School seniors on an annual basis for the same purpose and as a result of an existing program.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

Township Manager spoke about parking regulations on Golf Court and Club Road; advised that the 2012 Budget was on the website.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Township Attorney Rupp advised Council of the provision noted in the Shade Tree Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Toffler moved to adjourn at 11:03 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