



BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

*REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL*

DATE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020
TIME: 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark was called to order at 7:02 PM , by Borough Clerk Kevin D. Harris .

MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT

Borough Clerk Harris read the following statement.

Open Public Meetings Act – This meeting is being held in accordance with the Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231 and proper notification was issued to the Jersey Journal, Star Ledger and posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and on the official Borough website.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Grilo lead the Assembly present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Borough Clerk Harris conducted a roll call of the dais.

Present:

Mayor Dina M. Grilo
Council Member Jessica Diaz
Council Member Rose M. Evaristo
Council Member Kenneth J. Graham
Council Chairman Charles F. Tighe
Council Member Jeanne Zincavage

Absent:

Council Member Hans Peter Lucas



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Also Present:

John M. Johnson, Esq., Borough Attorney
Kevin F. Catrambone, Borough Administrator
Melanie Mattos, Mayor's Office
Jordan Cecinini, P.E., Borough Engineer
Steven L. Rogut, Esq., Bond Counsel
Andrew Zabiega, Borough Auditor
Kevin D. Harris, Borough Clerk

There were approximately five (5) members of the public present via the Zoom Audio/Video Conferencing System.

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that a quorum had been established.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that there were no ordinances on the agenda for consideration this evening.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that there were three (3) Ordinances on for Second Reading for consideration.

Borough Clerk Harris presented the following Ordinance for consideration on second reading:

10-2020 AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING CHAPTER 14 TITLED "BUILDING AND HOUSING", OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BY CREATING SECTION 14-10 ET. SEQ., TO BE ENTITLED, "REGISTRATION OF FORECLOSING MORTGAGED PROPERTY AND VACANT PROPERTY"; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE, INTENT AND APPLICABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY MORTGAGEES AND VACANT PROPERTY BY OWNERS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT, AS WELL AS THE REGULATION, LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF REGISTRABLE REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Hearing: Borough Clerk Harris asked if there was any member of the public wishing to be heard concerning Ordinance # 10-2020. There were no members of the public wishing to be heard regarding the Ordinance and Borough Clerk Harris closed the public comments as to the Ordinance.



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Borough Clerk Harris asked Mayor Grilo and Borough Administrator Catrambone if they wished to make any comments regarding this Ordinance. Neither wish to offer any remarks..

Borough Clerk Harris then asked Council Members if there were any questions or comments. No Council Member wished to make comments.

Borough Clerk Harris asked for a motion regarding Ordinance #10-2020. Council Member Evaristo moved that Ordinance # 10-2020 be adopted on second reading by title. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tighe and approved on the following roll call vote

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz			X			
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham			X			
Lucas						X
Tighe		X	X			
Zincavage			X			

Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote, that the motion carried and Ordinance # 10-2020 was adopted on second reading.

Borough Clerk Harris presented the following Ordinance for consideration on second reading:

11-2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 TITLED “STREETS AND SIDEWALKS”, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BY CREATING SECTION 20-5 ET. SEQ., TO BE ENTITLED, “SIDEWALK CAFES AND OUTDOOR DINING”

Public Hearing: Borough Clerk Harris asked if there was any member of the public wishing to be heard concerning Ordinance # 11-2020. There were no members of the public wishing to be heard regarding the Ordinance and Borough Clerk Harris closed the public comments as to the Ordinance.

Borough Clerk Harris asked Mayor Grilo and Borough Administrator Catrambone if they wished to make any comments regarding this Ordinance. Neither wished to make comments.

Borough Clerk Harris then asked Council Members if there were any questions or comments. No Council Member wished to make comments.

Borough Clerk Harris asked for a motion regarding Ordinance #11-2020. Council Member Evaristo moved that Ordinance # 11-2020 be adopted on second reading by title. The motion was seconded by Council Members Diaz and Graham and approved on the following roll call vote:



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Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz		X	X			
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham		X	X			
Lucas						X
Tighe			X			
Zincavage			X			

Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote, that the motion carried and Ordinance # 11-2020 was adopted on second reading.

Borough Clerk Harris presented the following Ordinance for consideration on second reading:

12-2020 BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO EAST NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,041,350 SCHOOL BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION.

Public Hearing: Borough Clerk Harris asked if there was any member of the public wishing to be heard concerning Ordinance # 11-2020. There were no members of the public wishing to be heard regarding the Ordinance and Borough Clerk Harris closed the public comments as to the Ordinance.

Borough Clerk Harris asked Mayor Grilo and Borough Administrator Catrambone if they wished to make any comments regarding this Ordinance. Mayor Grilo offered comments about the purpose and intent of the Ordinance.

Borough Clerk Harris asked Attorney Steven L. Rogut, Esq., Bond Counsel for the Borough of East Newark if he wished to make any comments. Mr. Rogut that he just wished to reiterate the comments that he made regarding the Ordinance when the Ordinance was introduced on July 8, 2020

Borough Clerk Harris then asked Council Members if there were any questions or comments. No Council Member wished to make comments.

Borough Clerk Harris asked for a motion regarding Ordinance #12-2020. Council Member Diaz moved that Ordinance # 12-2020 be adopted on second reading by title. The motion was seconded by Council Members Evaristo and Zincavage and approved on the following roll call vote:



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Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz	X		X			
Evaristo		X	X			
Graham			X			
Lucas						X
Tighe			X			
Zincavage		X	X			

Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote, that the motion carried and Ordinance # 12-2020 was adopted on second reading.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Council that there were eleven (11) resolutions on the Consent Agenda for consideration this evening.

Borough Clerk Harris read the titles for the following resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

116-20 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AND THE JULY 28, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

117-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH'S FIRE CHIEF TO BEGIN PREPARING CANDIDATES FOR POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS IN THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

118-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO EXELEGENT FOR MIGRATION SERVICES OF THE BOROUGH'S COMPUTER SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$3,927.00)

119-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 12, 2020 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ 367,667.21

120-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK AND HARRISON PROSPERITY, LLC, FOR THE BOROUGH TO RENT REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 8, LOTS 24, 25 AND 26 AS SET FORTH ON THE TAX MAPS FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE BOROUGH'S USE OF SAID PREMISES FOR PARKING PURPOSES



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RESOLUTIONS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (CONT.)

121-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF AN UNLIMITED AUTOMESSENGER SYSTEM AND SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE MASS INFORMATION SYSTEM FROM INTRADO INTERACTIVE SERVICES CORPORATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$2,920.00)

122-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT AND HIRING OF A SEASONAL PART-TIME LABORERS/WORKERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

125-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR 2020 – 2021 BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

126-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF MONIES PAID TO THE BOROUGH FOR WEDDING/MARRIAGE CEREMONIES THAT WERE UNABLE TO BE PERFORMED BY THE MAYOR DUE TO THE OUTBREAK AND CONTINUATION OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS RELATED TO SAME

127-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION FOR THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2020 - JUNE 2025

128-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Borough Clerk Harris asked if Council Members wished to have any of the above resolutions removed for separate vote. There were no requests to remove resolutions for separate vote.

Council Member Diaz stated that she did have a question regarding Resolution # 120-20 as to who was going to be responsible for maintaining the location once the lease was signed. Mr. Catrambone provided an answer.

There was no further discussion regarding the Consent Agenda.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there was a motion regarding the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Evaristo moved that the resolutions on the Consent Agenda be adopted. The Motion was seconded by Council Members Graham and approved on the following roll call vote:



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Trustee Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz			X			
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham		X	X			
Lucas						X
Tighe			X			
Zincavage						X

Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote and that the motion carried. Resolutions numbered 116-20; 117-20; 118-20; 119-20, 120-20, 121-20, 122-20, 125-20, 126-20, 127-20 and 128-20 were all adopted

RESOLUTIONS FOR SEPARATE ACTION

Borough Clerk Harris read the following resolution by title:

123-20 RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Borough Auditor Andrew Zabiega was present and explained to the Mayor and the Council the need for the Amendment and that his recommendation was to introduce the amendment at this time and then have a special meeting for the public hearing on the amendment.

Mr. Zabiega also recommended withdrawing Resolution # 124-20 regarding the adoption of the Budget and scheduling that on the same night as the public hearing on the amendment.

Mayor Grilo asked how much time would be needed and when would he like to have the special meeting. Mr. Zabiega replied that he would present the amendment for public hearing to the Borough Clerk by Thursday, August 13, 2020 which would have to be published at least 3 days prior to the proposed special meeting. Borough Clerk Harris stated that the amendment for public hearing would be published on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

It was then agreed that the Special Meeting would take place on Tuesday, August 25, 2020; Mayor Grilo instructed the Borough Clerk to see that the meeting was properly advertised.

Borough Clerk Harris then asked if there were any questions or comments of the Mayor or Council regarding Resolution # 123-20. There were no questions or comments of members of Council.

Borough Clerk Harris asked for a motion regarding resolution 123-20. Council Member Diaz moved that Resolution #123-20 be approved by title. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zincavage and approved on the following roll call vote:



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Trustee Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz	X		X			
Evaristo			X			
Graham			X			
Lucas						X
Tighe			X			
Zincavage		X	X			

Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote and that the motion carried. Borough Clerk Harris informed the Assembly that the public hearing would be the Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM.

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Assembly that due to the recommendation of Mr. Zabiega, the following resolution would be withdrawn and re-presented to the Mayor and Council at the special meeting on August 25, 2020

[WITHDRAWN, NO ACTION TAKEN] 124-20 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that the regular business items of the evening had concluded.

OPEN MEETING OF PUBLIC CITIZENS

Borough Clerk Harris opened the meeting to the public and asked if there were any members of the public wishing to address the Mayor and Council on any issue.

Dr. Richard Corbett, Ed.D., Principal/Superintendent of the East Newark Public School addressed the Mayor and Council asking why the meeting’s agenda was not posted on the Borough’s website prior to the meeting. Borough Clerk Harris replied that pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act that only the Notice of the Meeting had to be posted which was satisfied. Borough Clerk Harris then stated that on a going forth basis; the agenda would be posted as well.

There were no other members of the public present wishing to address the Mayor and Council and Borough Clerk Harris closed the open meeting of public citizens.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Catrambone requested an Executive Session to address contract matters and matters that would be otherwise covered under attorney/client privilege thus exempting the matters to be discussed from public discussion pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. Council Member Diaz moved that the Regular Meeting be recessed and the meeting go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Graham and approved unanimously by voice vote. The Mayor and



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Council recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:33 PM. Members of the public left the Council Room and the Zoom Audio / Video Conferencing System.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session commenced at 7:33 PM. Mr. Catrambone discussed some items related to contracts and asked Council Members for their feedback. Council Members asked questions to which Mr. Catrambone provided answers to.

With no further questions or comments, Council Member Evaristo moved to end Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting; the motion was seconded by Council Member Diaz and approved unanimously on voice vote. Executive Session ended at 8:19 PM.

RECONVENING OF REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:19 PM with the following members:

Present:

Mayor Dina M. Grilo
Council Member Jessica Diaz
Council Member Rose M. Evaristo
Council Member Kenneth J. Graham
Council Chairman Charles F. Tighe
Council Member Jeanne Zincavage

Absent:

Council Member Hans Peter Lucas

Also Present:

John M. Johnson, Esq., Borough Attorney
Kevin F. Catrambone, Borough Administrator
Kevin D. Harris, Borough Clerk

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Council Members were in receipt of the June 2020 monthly report from the Police Department and the Borough Engineer. Borough Clerk Harris represented that more would be provided upon receipt by the Borough Clerk. There were no questions or comments from the Mayor and Council regarding same.



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ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Evaristo moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tighe and approved unanimously on voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Borough Clerk Harris announced that there would be a Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, and that details regarding same would be provided in a timely manner.

Borough Clerk Harris also announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of East Newark would be on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 7:00 PM and while there would be an attempt to have a live, in-person meeting; same would be subject to the COVID-19 emergency precautions in effect at the time. Therefore, there would most likely also be an option for those who wish to attend virtually through the Borough's use of the Zoom Audio-Video Conferencing System. Details on both the Council's participation and the public's attendance and participation would be provided at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,

/S/ Kevin D. Harris

KEVIN D. HARRIS
Borough Clerk

Dated: August 12, 2020

Accepted and approved by Council: September 9, 2020 by Resolution # 136-20