



BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK  
COUNTY OF HUDSON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

*REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL*

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 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 7:01 PM, by Borough Clerk Kevin D. Harris.

**MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT**

Borough Clerk Harris read the following statements.

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 Member Hans Peter Lucas  
Council Chairman Charles F. Tighe  
Council Member Jeanne Zincavage

Also Present:

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



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**RESOLUTIONS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Council that there were fifteen (15) resolutions on the Consent Agenda for consideration this evening.

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

70-20 Resolution Approving the Minutes of the April 8, 2020 Meeting and April 9, 2020 Recessed meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark

71-20 Resolution Extending the Grace Period for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020 Taxes Until June 1, 2020 and Authorizing the Waiving of Any Interest for Payments Made On Or Before that Date Thereon, Pursuant to Executive Order No. 130, Issued by Governor Philip D. Murphy

72-20 Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers for Environmental Study and Licensed Site Remediation Professional (“LSRP”) Services in Connection With the Municipal Garage Located at 250 Grant Avenue in an Amount Not to Exceed Twenty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$29,550.00)

73-20 Resolution Authorizing the Payment to Remington & Vernick for Services Performed in Connection with the Borough’s Application for Grant Funding through the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund (“HCOSTF”) in an Amount Not to Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)

74-20 Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Scottie Jimenez as a Clerical Assistant/Technology Assistant for the Borough of East Newark

75-20 Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Robert Eubanks as a Plumbing Sub-Code Official for the Borough of East Newark

76-20 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Kevin Catrambone as the Borough Administrator for the Borough of East Newark

77-20 Resolution Amending Resolution # 45-20 Granting A Refund of Developers Escrow For Grant Avenue Holdings, LLC, 252-254 Grant Avenue, East Newark, Hudson County, New Jersey

78-20 Resolution Authorizing Temporary Budget Appropriations for Operating Budget

79-20 Resolution Authorizing The Tax Collector To Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills In Accordance With P.L. 1994, C.78

80-20 Resolution Affirming the Termination of a DPW Employee



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**RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA (cont.)**

81-20 Resolution Covenanting To Comply With The Provisions Of The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986, As Amended, Applicable To The Exclusion From Gross Income For Federal Income Tax Purposes Of Interest and Obligations Issued By The Borough Of East Newark and Authorizing The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and Other Borough Officials To Take Such Action As They May Deem Necessary Or Advisable To Effect Such Compliance and Designating A \$1,369,850 Bond Anticipation Note and A \$10,000 Special Emergency Note, Both Issues Dated May 1, 2020 and Payable April 30, 2021 As “Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations” Pursuant To Section 265(b)(3) Of The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 As Amended

82-20 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills and the Issuance of Checks for the Period through May 13, 2020 in the amount of \$1,726,234.92

83-20 Resolution Affirming Appointment of East Newark Liaison to the Harrison Board of Education

85-20 Resolution Authorizing Self-Examination of the 2020 Municipal Budget

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. 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 Member Diaz and approved on the following roll call vote:

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

Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote and that the motion carried. Resolutions numbered 70-20; 71-20; 72-20; 72-20, 74-20, 75-20, 76-20, 77-20, 78-20, 79-20, 80-20, 81-20, 82-20, 83-20 and 85-20 were all adopted.



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**RESOLUTIONS FOR SEPARATE ACTION**

Borough Clerk Harris presented the following Resolution to the Mayor and Council that was scheduled for separate action this evening.

84-20 Resolution Introducing the 2020 Municipal Budget for the Borough of East Newark

Borough Clerk Harris asked Mayor Grilo if she had any comments regarding the 2020 Municipal Budget. Mayor Grilo stated that she had no comments.

Borough Clerk Harris asked Borough Administrator Catrambone if he had any comments regarding the 2020 Municipal Budget. Administrator Catrambone stated that he had no comments.

Borough Clerk Harris asked Council Members if they had any questions or comments regarding the 2020 Municipal Budget. There were no questions or comments from Members of Council.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there was a motion regarding Resolution # 84-20 – Introduction of the 2020 Municipal Budget.

Council Member Evaristo moved that the resolutions on the Consent Agenda be adopted. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Lucas 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	X			
Tighe			X			
Zincavage			X			

Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote and that the motion carried. The Resolution numbered 84-20 was adopted and the 2020 Municipal Budget was approved for introduction.

The Borough Clerk announced that the date of the public hearing and second reading of the 2020 Municipal Budget would be at the June 10, 2020 Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, beginning at 7:00 PM.

**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. None of the members of the public



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**OPEN MEETING OF PUBLIC CITIZENS (cont.)**

present wished to address the Mayor and Council and Borough Clerk Harris closed the open meeting of public citizens.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There were no new business items on for discussion this evening.

**MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Council Members were in receipt of the April 2020 monthly report from the Borough Clerk, Fire Department, Municipal Court and Police Department. There were no questions or comments from the Mayor and Council regarding same.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Evaristo moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Graham and approved unanimously on voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Borough Clerk Harris announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of East Newark would be on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 7:00 PM and would most likely be conducted 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***

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KEVIN D. HARRIS  
Borough Clerk

Dated: May 13, 2020

Accepted and approved by Council: June 10, 2020 by Resolution #86-20