



BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

***REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL***

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 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 7:07 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 Member Hans Peter Lucas
Council Chairman Charles F. Tighe
Council Member Jeanne Zincavage



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Also Present:

John M. Johnson, Esq., Borough Attorney
Kevin F. Catrambone, Borough Administrator
Melanie Mattos, Mayor's Office
Kevin D. Harris, Borough Clerk

There were approximately six (6) people present in person and seventeen (17) 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.

PRESENTATION

There was a presentation to the Mayor and Council by representative of BASF who wish to convert the property on the northwest corner of Passaic Avenue and Clay Street into a park. There were details provided and a Resolution and a Trust would ultimately be required by Council. Council Members asked questions and the representatives concluded their presentation.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that there were two (2) ordinances on the agenda for consideration this evening.

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

15-2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL", SPECIFICALLY BY AMENDING SECTION 6-3.4 TITLED "LICENSE FEES" TO ADJUST FEES ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSING IN THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

Borough Clerk Harris advised the Mayor and Council that this is the first time that the fees have been proposed for an increase since 1990.

Borough Clerk Harris asked Mayor Grilo or Borough Administrator Catrambone if they had any comments. Neither had comments.

Borough Clerk Harris then asked Council Members if there were any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments from Council Members.



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Borough Clerk Harris asked for a motion regarding Ordinance #15-2020. Council Member Evaristo moved that Ordinance # 15-2020 be introduced on first reading by title. The motion was seconded by Council Members 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, that the motion carried and Ordinance # 15-2020 was introduced on first reading.

Borough Clerk Harris announced that the public hearing and date for possible consideration shall be the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM.

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

16-2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TITLED “TRAFFIC”, SPECIFICALLY BY AMENDING SECTION 7-40.7 TITLED “PARKING LOT, RESIDENT PARKING” TO ADJUST FEES AND OTHER AREAS CONCERNING PARKING IN THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

Borough Clerk Harris asked Mayor Grilo or Borough Administrator Catrambone if they had any comments. Borough Administrator Catrambone explained that this was done to set fees based on full-time parking whereas the parking was previously based on part-time parking.

Borough Administrator Catrambone did explain to the Council that the Administration is seeking an increase for parking in the following lots: (1) Searing Avenue Lot; (2) John Street Lot 1; (3) John Street Lot 2; (4) Veterans Lot; (5) Central Avenue Lot; (6) Passaic Avenue Lot; and (7) the Valley National Bank Lot. Presently, the yearly fee is \$25. After much discussion and a question and answer analysis with the Council; the Council agreed that the fee would be \$65. The Ordinance would be amended to reflect the change.

Council also agreed to increase the fees for commercial parking to \$150 and the Ordinance would be amended to reflect same.

There were no further questions or comments regarding Ordinance # 16-2020.



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Borough Clerk Harris asked for a motion regarding Ordinance #16-2020. Council Member Graham moved that Ordinance # 16-2020 as amended on the floor be introduced on first reading by title. The motion was seconded by Council Member Evaristo and approved on the following roll call vote

Council 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, that the motion carried and Ordinance # 16-2020 was introduced on first reading.

Borough Clerk Harris announced that the public hearing and date for possible consideration shall be the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that there were ten (10) resolutions on the Consent Agenda for consideration this evening.

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

150-20 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2020 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

151-20 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – “TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM” GRANT FUNDING

152-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF, AND INSERTION OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS FROM SPECIAL ACCOUNT OF THE FORMER MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

153-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS TO BE MADE THROUGH MUNIDEX, THE BOROUGH’S FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING, BUDGET AND PURCHASING SYSTEM

154-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK



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155-20 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES RELATED TO THE BOROUGH’S COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (“CSO”) ASSOCIATED WITH THE LONG-TERM CONTROL PLAN (“LTCP”) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$85,637.00)

156-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDING ESCROW PAYMENT FOR KASEGO CORP., D/B/A TOPS DINER

157-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDING ESCROW PAYMENT FOR EAST NEWARK TOWNE CENTER. LLC

158-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 12, 2020 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ 392,432.56

159-20 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO ALPHADOG SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PUBLIC WEBMASTER PROGRAM – MUNICIPAL WEBSITE DESIGN AND DAILY CONTENT MANAGEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ELEVEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS (\$11,840.00)

Borough Clerk Harris asked if Council Members wished to have any of the above resolutions removed for separate vote. No Council Member wished to have a resolution removed.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there were any questions or comments from the Mayor and Council regarding items on the Consent Agenda. There were no questions or comments from the Mayor or Council Members.

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 Graham and approved on the following roll call vote:

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



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Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote and that the motion carried. Resolutions numbered 150-20; 151-20; 152-20; 153-20, 154-20, 155-20, 156-20, 157-20, 158-20 and 159-20 were all adopted

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.

There were no other members of the public wishing to address the Mayor and Council and Borough Clerk Harris closed the Public Hearing of Citizens.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Harris asked if there was any new business for the evening. There was none brought before the Council.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Mayor and Council Members were in receipt of the October 2020 monthly reports from the Borough Administrator, Fire and Police Departments; and the September and October 2020 monthly reports from the Municipal Court which had been previously provided to the Mayor and Council. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Graham 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 7:49 PM.

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, December 9, 2020, at 7:00 PM, with the Pre-Caucus Meeting beginning at 6:30 PM, in the Council Room, Borough Hall, 34 Sherman Avenue, East Newark, New Jersey 07029. The Pre-Caucus meeting would be closed to the public. As to the Regular Meeting; 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 via Zoom would be provided at a later date.



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Respectfully Submitted,

/S/ Kevin D. Harris

KEVIN D. HARRIS
Borough Clerk

Dated: December 9, 2020

Accepted and approved by Council: December 9, 2020 by Resolution # 160-20