



BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

*REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL*

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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 7:04 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 (arrived at 6:33 PM)
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 three (3) member of the public present in-person and approximately three (3) 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 was one (1) ordinance on the agenda for consideration this evening.

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

14-2020 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 7-8.10 TITLED "RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING" TO ALLOW FOR 24 HOUR RESIDENTIAL PARKING ON THE STREETS OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK THAT PERMIT TIMED PARKING

Borough Administrator Catrambone addressed Council stating that this shall be the first of a long overdue attempt to update the parking system in the Borough

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

Borough Clerk Harris asked for a motion regarding Ordinance #14-2020. Council Member Graham moved that Ordinance # 14-2020 be introduced on first reading by title. The motion was seconded by Council Members Zincavage and Tighe and approved on the following roll call vote

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



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Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote, that the motion carried and Ordinance # 14-2020 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 Thursday, November 12, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that there was one (1) ordinance on the agenda for consideration this evening.

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

13-2020 AN ORDINANCE TO FIX SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

Borough Clerk Harris asked the Mayor and Borough Administrator if they had any comments regarding this Ordinance. 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.

Borough Clerk Harris asked for a motion regarding Ordinance #13-2020. Council Member Evaristo moved that Ordinance # 13-2020 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 # 13-2020 was adopted on second reading.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that there were nine (9) resolutions on the Consent Agenda for consideration this evening.



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

141-20 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

142-20 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2020 HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

143-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND RENEWAL OF FOOD, MILK AND VARIOUS LICENSES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK FOR THE 2020 – 2021 LICENSING TERM

144-20 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO JOIN AND PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF THE UNION COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

145-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH'S COUNTERCLAIMS IN THE TAX APPEALS REGARDING LOT 1, IN BLOCK 12 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP(S) OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROPERTY WHICH IS OWNED BY EAST NEWARK TOWN CENTER, LLC

146-20 RESOLUTION RATIFYING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF POTENTIAL LITIGATION – BRIGITE GONCALVES V. BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, ET AL.

147-20 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM HEYER GRUEL & ASSOCIATES FOR THE PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION AND UPDATE FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

148-20 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SALAZAR & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR THE COVID-19 RESTROOM RENOVATIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$79,000.00)

149-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 14, 2020 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ 354,706.54

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.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there were any questions or comments from the Mayor and Council regarding items on the Consent Agenda.



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Council Member Diaz asked what was the purpose of Resolution #145-20. Borough Attorney Johnson explained the history and that it was a withdrawal of a tax appeal counterclaim filed by the Borough.

Council Member Diaz then asked Borough Administrator Catrambone about Resolution #148-20 and whether in a previous resolution awarding a contract for the Architectural Services; if Borough Administrator Catrambone remembered Council Member Diaz asking if that contract was for all of the services to be provided. Borough Administrator Catrambone stated that he told her in that previous meeting that the contract was only for the architectural services, and not for all of the work that needed to be done.

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:

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 142-20; 142-20; 143-20; 144-20, 145-20, 146-20, 147-20, 148-20 and 149-20 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.

- 1) A young lady who identified herself as Hannah addressed the Mayor and Council on an issue regarding her daughter's school attendance. Ms. Hannah stated that she was pleased with the outcome of discussion between Mayor Grilo, Hannah's daughter's father and Hannah and hoped that there would be no further trouble.
- 2) East Newark Police Chief Anthony Monteiro addressed the Mayor and Council to inform them that East Newark had been ranked one of the safest cities in New Jersey and that crime was down. There were no members of the public present wishing to address Council and Borough Clerk Harris closed the open meeting of citizens.



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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

There was no new business for the evening.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Mayor and Council Members were in receipt of the September 2020 monthly reports from the Fire and Police Departments; and the August 2020 monthly report 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 7:26 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 Thursday, November 12, 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

/S/ Kevin D. Harris

KEVIN D. HARRIS
Borough Clerk

Dated: November 12, 2020

Accepted and approved by Council: November 12, 2020 by Resolution # 150-20