

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

COUNTY OF HUDSON STATE OF NEW JERSEY

THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, WITHIN THE COUNTY HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE EAST NEWARK MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 34 SHERMAN AVENUE, EAST NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07029

Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council

The Reorganization Meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 12 P.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Meeting was 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.

The Honorable Mayor Alberto Santos, Town of Kearny administered the Oath of Office to Dina M. Grilo as the Mayor of the Borough of East Newark.

Borough Clerk Robert Knapp administered the Oaths of Office to Councilmembers Charles F. Tighe and Jessica Diaz.

Mayor Grilo proceeded to chair the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Roll Call:

Council President Charles F. Tighe-Present

Councilmember Jessica Diaz-Present

Councilmember Rose Evaristo-Present

Councilmember Kenneth Graham-Present

Councilmember Hans Peter Lucas-Present

Councilmember Jeanne Zincavage-Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: There being six (6) Members of the Borough Council PRESENT and Mayor Dina M. Grilo PRESENT, a QUORUM was declared. Also present were Borough Council Neil D. Marotta, Esq, Borough Police Chief Anthony Monteiro, Borough Administrative Assistant/CFO/Treasurer/QPA Brigitte I. Goncalves and Borough Clerk Robert B. Knapp. Also present was Kearny Mayor Alberto Santos.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 1, 2020

Motion by Councilmember Graham

Seconded by Councilmember Tighe

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR GRILO CALLED FOR NOMINIATIONS FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2020

Motion by Councilmember Evaristo to Nominate Councilmember Charles F. Tighe Council President

Seconded by Councilmember Graham

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF 2020 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Introduced by Councilmember Evaristo

Seconded by Councilmember Tighe

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLUTION PASSED

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF A P.A.C.O (PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER)

Introduced by Councilmember Tighe

Seconded by Councilmember Evaristo

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLUTION PASSED

RESOLUTION: BANK DEPOSITORIES

Introduced by Councilmember Evaristo

Seconded by Councilmember Tighe

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLUTION PASSED

RESOLUTION: OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Introduced by Councilmember Tighe

Seconded by Councilmember Graham

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLUTION PASSED

RESOLUTION: CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Introduced by Councilmember Evaristo

Seconded by Councilmember Tighe

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLUTION PASSED

RESOLUTION: SOUTH BERGEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Introduced by Councilmember Lucas

Seconded by Councilmember Evaristo

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLUTION PASSED

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART TIME CLERICAL ASSISTANT/TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

Introduced by Councilmember Evaristo

Seconded by Councilmember Tighe

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLUTION PASSED

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Introduced by Councilmember Tighe

Seconded by Councilmember Graham

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLUTION PASSED

RESOLUTION: PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY

Introduced by Councilmember Tighe

Seconded by Councilmember Diaz

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zinacavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent; 0

RESOLUTION PASSED

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE EAST NEWARK PLANNING BOARD

Introduced by Councilmember Graham

Seconded by Councilmember Tighe

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLUTION PASSED

MOTION TO MOVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF PROFESSIONALS TO JANUARY 8, 2010 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Tighe

Seconded by Councilmember Graham

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor's Message: Mayor Grilo thanked all in the Council Chambers for attending and stated that she desired to work together for all on behalf of the Borough. The Mayor stated that participation for the community is important. The Mayor reminded all of the public ceremony on Friday, January 3, 2010 at 4 P.M. at the East Newark Senior Center, 37 President Street, East Newark

No further business to be brought before the Mayor and Borough Council

MOTION TO CLOSE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING AND OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

Motion by Councilmember Graham

Seconded by Councilmember Tighe

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

MOTION CARRIED

No Member of the Public Desired To Be Heard Before the Mayor and Borough Council

MOTION TO ADJOURN/CLOSE MEETING by Councilmember Zincavage

Seconded by Councilmember Graham

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent; 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned/Closed at 12:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Knapp, RMC

Borough Clerk

Date: January 2, 2020

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of East Newark

Honorable Dina M. Grilo, Mayor, Presiding

The Meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Mayor Dina M. Grilo

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited

PUBLIC NOTICE: Meeting was held in accordance with the Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231 and proper notification was issued to the official newspapers of the Borough of East Newark, posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and on the official Borough website.

Roll Call:

Council President Charles F. Tighe-Present

Councilmember Jessica Diaz-Present

Councilmember Rose Evaristo

Councilmember Kenneth Graham-Present

Councilmember Hans Peter Lucas-Present

Councilmember Jeanne Zincavage-Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: There being six (6) Members of the Borough Council PRESENT and Mayor Dina M. Grilo PRESENT, a QUORUM was declared. Also present were John Johnson, Esq, Borough Council, Brigitte I. Goncalves, Borough Administrative Assistant/CFO/QPA/Treasurer and Robert B. Knapp, RMC, Borough Clerk

Discussion Prior To The Approval of the Agenda in Caucus:

Resolution #19-20 was moved to the next meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council. Re: Appointment of Fire Office and Inspector

Discussion in regards to Resolution #16-20 involving the resignation of Robert Knapp as Borough Clerk/Municipal Registrar/Welfare Director. Mayor Grilo stated that the three positions were together. Robert Knapp invoked the Rice Law and the discussion concerning Knapp was held in the public forum and not in Executive Session. Councilmembers Tighe,

Zincavage and Graham spoke in favor of Knapp being retained as the Welfare/Human Services Director. After discussion involving Mayor Grilo, Borough General Counsel John Johnson and Council Members the resolution remained as issued for the vote. (Note: Prior to Mr. Knapp's invocation of the Rice Rule, Executive Session was introduced by Councilmember Graham and seconded by Councilmember Evaristo, however at the request of Mr. Knapp to have his matter heard in the public forum, no Executive Session was instituted at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2020

Motion by Councilmember Evaristo

Seconded by Councilmember Tighe

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE HUDSON PEER GROUPING 2020 GRANT AGREEMENT FOR SENIOR PROJECT (11-20)

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONALS BY THE BOROUGH CLERK (12-20)

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-12a (13-20)

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE VALLEY NATIONAL WATER ACCOUNT TO THE VALLEY NATIONAL GENERAL ACCOUNT (14-20)

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE PNC BANK WATER ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL ACCOUNT (VALLEY NATIONAL BANK) (15-20)

RESOLUTION: ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ROBERT B. KNAPP, BOROUGH/CLERK MUNICIPAL REGISTRAR/WELFARE DIRECTOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCY OF OFFICE (16-20)

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY REGISTRAR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 (17-20)

RESOLUTION: CONFIRMATION AND RATIFICATION OF MAYORAL EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK/EAST NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND EAST NEWARK FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ANNUAL PERIOD OF 2020 (18-20)

RESOLUTION: NOTE:RESOLUTION #19-20 CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF FIRE OFFICIAL/INSPECTOR TABLED UNTIL NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AUDITOR (20-20)

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL COUNSEL (21-20)

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR (22-20)

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL ENGINEER-GENERAL OPERATIONS (23-20)

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL ENGINEER FOR PLANNING/ZONING BOARD (24-20)

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PLANNER (25-20)

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PLANNER FOR PLANNING/ZONING BOARD (26-20)

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL-PLANNING/ZONING (27-20)

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL-LABOR MATTERS (28-20)

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL BOND COUNSEL (29-20)

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REDEVELOPMENT ATTORNEY (30-20)

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL-TAX APPEALS (31-20)

RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL TREASURER (32-20)

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2019 AND END OF YEAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 26, 2019 (33-20)

Consent Agenda Introduced by Councilmember Tighe

Seconded by Councilmember Zincavage

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye (Councilmembers Lucas and Zincavage abstained on the minutes of December 26, 2019)

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 2--Councilmembers Lucas and Zincavage abstained on the approval of the minutes of the December 26, 2019 meeting Absent: 0

CONSENT AGENDA PASSED

MOTION: TO MOVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REGISTRAR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 TO NEXT MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Graham Seconded by Councilmember Evaristo

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye,, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: TO MOVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PHYSICIAN TO NEXT MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Graham Seconded by Councilmember Lucas

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS (34-20)

Introduced by Councilmember Evaristo

Seconded by Councilmember Tighe-Aye

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLUTION PASSED

No Further Business To Be Brought Before The Mayor and Borough Council

Motion to Close Business Portion of Meeting and Open Meeting to the Public by Councilmember Evaristo and seconded by Councilmember Graham

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

MOTION PASSED

Robert Knapp addressed the Mayor and Borough Council thanking the Council for their support and the honor of working for the Borough for the past twenty eight years. Knapp further stated that he stands ready, willing and able to assist any and all Borough residents who require any of the programs administered by the county welfare division. Knapp expressed a love for the Borough and the people within.

MOTION TO ADJOURN/CLOSE MEETING by Councilmember Graham and seconded by Councilmember Evaristo

Roll Call: Diaz-Aye, Evaristo-Aye, Graham-Aye, Lucas-Aye, Tighe-Aye, Zincavage-Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned/Closed at 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Knapp, RMC Borough Clerk

Reports From Borough Departments:

Office of the Borough Clerk/Finance Department/Welfare Department/Police
Department/Fire Department/Water Department