



BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023
TIME: 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Borough Attorney Michael A. Cifelli.

MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT

Borough Attorney Cifelli 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 led the Assembly present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Borough Attorney Cifelli conducted a roll call of the dais.

Present:

Mayor Dina M. Grilo
Council Member Jessica H. Diaz
Council Member Rose M. Evaristo
Council Member Kenneth J. Graham
Council Member Christopher Reis
Council President Jeanne Zincavage

Absent:

Council Member Hans Peter Lucas

Also Present:

Frederick Confessore, Borough Administrator
Michael Cifelli, Esq., Borough Attorney
Matthew Laracy, Borough CFO

Borough Attorney Cifelli informed the Mayor and Council that a quorum had been established.



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ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

No ordinances for second reading.

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Borough Attorney Cifelli informed the Mayor and Council that there was three (3) ordinances for consideration on second reading this evening.

Borough Attorney Cifelli presented the following Ordinance for consideration on second reading:

01-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE VIII, “ADMINISTRATIVE FEES”, SECTION 2.50.3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK TITLED “FEES CHARGD BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT”

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked Council Members if they had any questions or proposed changes regarding the Ordinance; there were none.

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if there was a motion to accept Ordinance # 01-2023.

Councilwoman Evaristo moved that Ordinance # 01-2023 be adopted on second reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Zincavage and adopted on the following roll call vote

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

Ordinance # 01-2023 was adopted on second reading.

Borough Attorney Cifelli presented the following Ordinance for consideration on second reading:

02-2023 AN ORDINANCE TO FIX SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked Council Members if they had any questions or proposed changes regarding the Ordinance; there were none.



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Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if there was a motion to accept Ordinance # 02-2023.

Councilwoman Zincavage moved that Ordinance # 02-2023 be introduced on second reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lucas and adopted on the following roll call vote

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

Ordinance # 02-2023 was adopted on second reading.

Borough Attorney Cifelli presented the following Ordinance for consideration on second reading:

03-2023 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK AMENDING CHAPTER 7 TITLED “TRAFFIC” SPECIFICALLY BY AMENDING § 7-9 – “TO CREATE A SECTION TITLED “PAY-BY-APP PARKING”

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked Council Members if they had any questions or proposed changes regarding the Ordinance; there were none.

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if there was a motion to accept Ordinance # 03-2023.

Councilwoman Evaristo moved that Ordinance # 03-2023 be introduced on second reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Reis and adopted on the following roll call vote.

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

Ordinance # 03-2023 was adopted on second reading.



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RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if Council Members wished to have any of the above resolutions removed for separate vote.

Councilwoman Evaristo asked to have resolution #13-23 removed and was informed by Borough Attorney Cifelli that this resolution was not on the consent agenda.

Borough Attorney Cifelli explained that the Borough will be caught up with minutes next meeting, as there was some difficulty with getting the minutes due to the fact that the Borough does not have a clerk.

Borough Attorney Cifelli informed the Council that there were six (6) resolutions on the Consent Agenda for consideration this evening.

Borough Attorney Cifelli read the titles for the following resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

19-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK.

20-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH, AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE VARIOUS STREETS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

21-23 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHARLES F. TIGHE AND DESIGNATING THE EAST NEWARK RECREATION CENTER AS THE "CHARLES F. TIGHE EAST NEWARK RECREATION CENTER"

22-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL AND CLEAN UP OF AN UNDERGROUND HEATING OIL TANK LOCATED AT 38 SEARING AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

23-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 08, 2023, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ 247,767.03

24-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 08, 2023, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ 247,767.03

25-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 08, 2023, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ 247,767.03



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Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if there were any questions regarding resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if there was a motion regarding the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

Councilwoman Diaz moved that the resolutions on the Consent Agenda be adopted. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evaristo 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
Reis			X			
Zincavage			X			

Borough Attorney Cifelli announced the results of the vote and that the motion carried. Resolutions numbered 14-23, 15-23, 16-23, 17-23 and 18-23 were all adopted.

RESOLUTION(S) FOR SEPARATE ACTION

There were no resolutions for separate action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Borough Attorney Cifelli 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 members of the public wishing to address the Council this evening and Borough Attorney Cifelli closed the public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if anyone had any old business, they wanted to bring forward this evening. There were no old business items presented and the Borough Clerk closed that portion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if anyone had any new business, they wanted to bring forward this evening.



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Councilman Reis informed everyone that there are a lot of stray cats in town and we should look into a catch, neuter, and release program.

Mayor Dina Grilo informed councilman Reis that Kearny does this for us, and she would give Councilman Reis the information to get in contact with them.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Borough Attorney Cifelli announced that he was in receipt of the following Department Reports for the month of April 2023 which have been provided to the Mayor, Council and Administration in their agenda packets.

1. Police Department – April 2023
2. Construction Department – April 2023
3. Health Department – April 2023
4. Senior Center – April 2023

Borough Clerk Harris announced that should any additional reports be received; they shall be provided to the Mayor and Council as soon as possible.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOROUGH

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked prior to entertaining a motion to adjourn if there was anything further anyone wanted to offer for the “good of the Borough”.

There was no further discussion for the “good of the Borough”.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to discuss for the evening.

Councilman Graham moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Zincavage and approved unanimously on voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

TATIANA DA COSTA
Borough Administrative Assistant

Dated: April 12, 2023

Accepted and approved by Council: _____



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