

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010

Deputy Mayor Parker called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8:02 p.m., and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: C. Gussen, C. Hameeduddin, DM. Parker, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler.

Absent: Mayor Feit.

Also Present. W. Rupp, Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg Esqs.; W. Broughton, Municipal Manager; J. Evelina, Senior Clerk, C. Loschiavo, Clerk Typist.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 322-09, setting the 2010 meeting dates, sending a copy to THE RECORD, THE SUBURBANITE, THE BERGEN NEWS/SUN BULLETIN, THE JEWISH STANDARD and THE COUNTY SEAT, filing a copy in the Township Clerk's Office and posting it on the Municipal Building bulletin board, and the Mayor hereby directs that this statement be included in the minutes.

The Council was in agreement to rearrange the order of the agenda.

Mr. Broughton advised that there was an incident at the Recreation Center. Personnel matters are not usually discussed. There was a claim that someone was fired, when in fact the individual was not fired. Mr. Broughton spoke with the employee and with the Recreation Superintendent. The employee will be back to work shortly.

DM. Parker thanked Mr. Broughton for his assistance in this matter.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Request for Endorsement of BCCD Grant Application - A Partnership for a Better Tomorrow (Laurie Goodman, Executive Director).

Ms. Goodman provided a brief description of what A Partnership for a Better Tomorrow does and explained that the grant the organization is seeking is for first time home buyers. Council authorized an endorsing resolution to be listed for the February 23rd Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Greener Corners - Public Space Recycling Program.

Aaron Klein, who is a resident of Teaneck, described the Greener Corners program comprised of recycling receptacles that can be placed in high traffic areas at no cost to the Township, but can

generate revenue for the Township. It is a mechanism for public awareness, education, and environmental benefits by decreasing items that end up in landfills and reducing pollution.

C. Toffler asked where does the money come from. Mr. Klein responded that the company works with local businesses to advertise on the receptacles at about \$100 to \$200 per month and any advertising revenue generate goes back to the Township. DM. Parker advised that she will bring this concept up at a future Cedar Lane Management Group meeting for their input.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Evelina read the title of the following Ordinance into the record.

ORDINANCE #4177 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16-9 OF ARTICLE III, FIRE DEPARTMENT, OF CHAPTER 16, FIRE PROTECTION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK RESPECTING THE COMPOSITION OF THE UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK.

Deputy Mayor Parker inquired as to whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting this ordinance prior to opening the public hearing.

No one had any comments.

Deputy Mayor Parker declared that the public hearing on the above ordinance was now open. Any members of the public who wished to be heard on said ordinance or to ask questions concerning said ordinance may come forward and state their name and address for the record. Comments or questions shall be limited to five minutes per person.

No one came forward.

There being no further persons who wished to speak concerning said ordinance, Deputy Mayor Parker declared that the public hearings on these ordinance be closed.

Council determine to hold this ordinance for consideration of adoption for a later date.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR GOOD AND WELFARE OR PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Parker inquired as to whether any member of the Council had any comments prior to opening the meeting to any comments from the public.

No member had any comments.

Deputy Mayor Parker declared that any members of the public who wished to be heard at this time shall come forward and state their names and addresses for the record. Comments shall be limited to five minutes per person.

Ms. Dale - Dickerson Road - was advised that the senior ceramics class would no longer be held because the instructor was terminated. She sought answers from the assistant superintendent of recreation who refused to see or speak to anyone regarding this matter.

Dr. Murthy - 28 year resident - attends senior programs; stated that there is something wrong as individuals leave after such a short amount of time. He feels that there is some sort of micromanagement going on at the center.

Ted Volmar - 438 Beverly Road - wanted to know if police are monitoring Beverly Road now that traffic has increased in the area as ambulances are making many trips. He said that the change to a 2-way has caused a dangerous situation for everyone due to excess traffic.

Jean Greenfield - 22 Grayson Place - described the senior programs at the Rodda Center as a lifeline to the outside world and seniors do not understand why employees have been let go. She stated that there is a lack of communication and respect in administration and urged Council to get rid of the adversarial environment.

Cecily Rueger - 356 Griggs Avenue - former employee - explained how seniors tried to get her rehired, but were unsuccessful. She said she sent a letter to Council and Helene, but never received any information. She urged Council to take this situation seriously and they must make changes in management in the Rodda Center.

Dr. B. Pruitt - urged the Council to review the management of the Rodda Center.

Patrick Crowley - 67 Bennett Road - described the petition process to hire Ms. Flynn and thanked Mr. Broughton for rehiring her. He was saddened by the pattern of the dismissal and hopes when a human resources individual is hired, he/she will look into this problem because there needs to be a solution.

Mickey Schilann - 811 Club Road - spoke about the many classes offered and the many program directors that have been fired. He said Mary Beth should not have been let go in the first place.

Jane Irwin - resident - stated that Council should address other issues facing the recreation center as there are no normal channels of communication.

Brian Eli - Beverly Road - described the change to a 2-way street increased traffic in a smaller area which is causing much confusion. He said an out of towners can have an accident which will cause a lawsuit. He requested a survey to be done.

Joan Davis - 976 Alpine Drive - mentioned that she was gratified by people coming out on behalf of Rodda Center employees, but Council should not get involved in management. She questioned the source of funding for curb resurfacing, the purchase of rock salt, the transfer of money from salaries, and asked Council to pull the open house sign ordinance.

Joseph Steinberg - FAB Chair - asked if the Board of Education and Council can coordinate their budget meetings so the public can attend both and expressed how upset he was that a large number of seniors had to come out about the problems at the Rodda Center.

There being no further persons who wished to speak at that time (or the time limit of one hour having expired), Deputy Mayor Parker declared that the public comment portion of the meeting closed.

Deputy Mayor Parker inquired as to whether any member of the Council or the Manager wished to respond to the public comments or whether a member of the Council wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda and have a separate discussion thereon.

DM. Parker stated that resident safety is paramount to the Council.

Mr. Broughton reported that the police department is conducting a traffic study on Beverly Road in which he will report on the 23rd and the arrows in the Elm Avenue parking lot were changed.

C. Hameeduddin mentioned that the Senior Citizens Advisory Board will meet with the Manager to discuss their concerns about the Rodda Center.

DM. Parker explained that she received numerous e-mails about this matter and thanked everyone for bringing this situation to Council's attention. When any issues are presented to Council, they are brought to the Manager's attention.

C. Gussen reported that the Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Advisory Board have also expressed their concerns on the level of customer service at the Rodda Center. He said that the way the managers are managed needs to be addressed.

C. Toffler advised that the Board of Education and Municipal Budget meetings overlapped due to an error in planning. DM. Parker clarified that there was no planning error; that Council wished to have the meetings televised and not conflict with other meetings already scheduled to take place in Council Chambers.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed below are considered to be routine in nature by Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RAFFLES

All subject to approval and conditions applicable with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and pursuant to State Statute.

RA #1264 - YWCA of Bergen County - Off-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle - \$20.00.

MINUTES

None.

RESOLUTIONS

34-10. Refund 2007 and 2008 Taxes Pursuant to State Tax Court Judgment - Block 1803, Lot 44.01.

35-10. Appropriate Funds - Capital Improvement Fund - 2009 Resurfacing and Curb Replacement Program.

36-10. Award Professional Services Contract - Schwanewede/Hals Engineering - 2009 Resurfacing and Curb Replacement Program.

37-10. Award Contract - K & D Contractors, LLC - Municipal Building Chiller Replacement.

38-10. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Orders to B&C Communications & Authorize Public Bidding for New Communication and Signal Systems Equipment.

39-10. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order to Cargill, Inc. - Rock Salt.

40-10. Amend 2010 Council Meeting Schedule - Add 2/16/10 Budget Review Meeting (8:00 p.m.).

41-10. Authorize Encroachments Into Public Right-of-Way - 362 Cedar Lane - Awning & Temporary Winter Entrance.
42-10. Approve Budget Account Transfers - Chief Financial Officer - 2009.

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record. (\$7,956,038.77)

C. Gussen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Minutes, Resolutions, and Bill List, and dispensed with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day, except Resolution H - Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order - Warnock Automotive, Inc. - 2010 Police Vehicles. Seconded by C. Toffler.

Deputy Mayor Parker called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

In Favor: C. Gussen, C. Hameeduddin, DM. Parker, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Mayor Feit

Abstained: C. Gussen - Check 157217; DM. Parker - Entire Bill List.

Deputy Mayor Parker declared said items were passed, with the exception of Resolution H - Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order - Warnock Automotive, Inc. - 2010 Police Vehicles, which has been tabled.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

C. Katz moved that the following Ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required legal notice of the introduction thereof, together with a notice of the place, time, and date on which a public hearing will be held on said ordinances, and on which said ordinances will be considered for final adoption.

Ms. Evelina read the titles of the following Ordinances into the record:

ORDINANCE #4178 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE. (Purpose: to amend Chapter 36, Article II "Parking", Division 1 "Generally", Section 36-11.2, "Establishment of Restricted On-Street Parking Spaces for Handicapped" to add Tilden Avenue, South side, from a point approximately 25 feet East of the Easterly curblineline of River Road and extending 20 East therefrom.)

ORDINANCE #4179 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4140 ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES, CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS AND DUTIES THEREOF FOR CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK RESPECTING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT.

ORDINANCE #4180 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4042 ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES, CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS AND DUTIES THEREOF FOR CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK RESPECTING THE POSITION OF BATTALION CHIEF IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Seconded by C. Honis.

Deputy Mayor Parker inquired as to whether any Councilmember wished to comment upon the motion to introduce.

No one had any comments.

There being no further comments, Deputy Mayor Parker called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

In Favor: C. Gussen, C. Hameeduddin, DM. Parker, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Mayor Feit.

Deputy Mayor Parker declared that said ordinances are duly introduced and passed on first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Council Action Items.

Council determined to hold this item until the February 23rd meeting and review Council Action Items during the second meeting of the month.

2. HPC - Request for Designation of Historic Sites.

C. Katz stated that he could not support the designation of a historic site on the Larch Avenue home since the property owner does not want it. C. Gussen concurred, mentioned that the home in question is outstandingly ugly, and stated that architecture should not be the only reason to designate a site and potentially burden a homeowner. Council determined not to take any further action.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

C. Gussen reported that the PPRAB has recognized Dr. Hoffman for all of this work with the Teaneck Junior Soccer League, as he is stepping down from his post with that organization.

C. Honis reported that Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee will be meeting on March 11th in which municipal grant application awards will be announced.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. POD Ordinance - Temporary Storage Container (C. Katz).

C. Katz reported that he received an e-mail from a resident who just moved to Teaneck complaining about the Township's POD ordinance. He believes that this matter is overregulated.

Mr. Rupp explained ways the ordinance can be amended, including taking the provision regarding PODs out of zoning. He referenced Maywood's ordinance. Council authorized Mr. Rupp to draft a revised ordinance.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Solar Panel Project.

Mr. Broughton reported that the project is about 95% complete and he will advise Council when the project is fully completed.

2. Elm Street Parking Lot - Entrance/Exit.

Mr. Broughton reported that the entrance and exit signs were switched and the only item that remains is to paint over the directional arrows.

3. TCT Project List.

Mr. Broughton advised Council that he will provide them with the full list of TCT projects either by e-mail or hard copy.

4. P.D. False Alarm Responses/Violations.

Mr. Broughton reported that false alarm fees generated \$5850 in revenue. Council discussed the charges to homeowners and businesses as opposed to non-profit institutions. Council requested that Mr. Broughton provide further information on the number of false alarm calls made by Fairleigh Dickinson University to before proceeding further with this discussion.

5. Dog Signs at Parks.

Mr. Broughton reported that such signs are only in one location, not throughout the parks. He will speak with the Recreation Superintendent for possible strategies and advise Council.

6. Ward Plaza.

Mr. Broughton advised Council that the Township Engineer is coordinating the notification to residents about the Ward Plaza project.

7. Tryon Park.

Mr. Broughton reported that stone path has been restored at Tryon Park.

8. Snow Emergency.

Mr. Broughton reported that municipal operations will continue regular business unless a state of emergency is declared.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

1. Municipal Election Resolution / Negative Campaigning.

Mr. Rupp reviewed the proposed resolution drafted by DM. Parker and advised that it can be listed for consideration for adoption. The resolution will be listed for the February 23rd Consent Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

DM. Parker moved to adjourn at 10:02 p.m. Seconded by C. Honis.

In Favor: C. Gussen, C. Hameeduddin, DM. Parker, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Mayor Feit.