

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2010

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8:00 p.m., and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: S. Turitz & W. Rupp - Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka, & Goldberg, Esqs; W. Broughton, Township Manager; L. Aportela-Hernandez, Municipal Clerk; J. Evelina, Senior Clerk.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 170-10, setting the 2010 meeting dates, and the August 4, 2010 Sunshine Notice amending 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.

PRESENTATION

Curtis March - Teaneck Recreation Department: - DM Gussen presented a Proclamation to Mr. March and noted his outstanding dedication to the kids of Teaneck and his many years as a resident of Teaneck, a teacher, a Supervisor for the Sports & Arts Division, a Coordinator for the summer Boys Basketball League and a weight training Supervisor. Recreation Director Glenna Crockett presented Mr. March with a small token of appreciation. Mr. March presented his thank you speech to Mayor and Council.

Mayor Hameeduddin noted the presence of School Board President Artie Walter.

Mayor and Council spoke on their appreciation to Former Coach Curtis March and wished him and his family the best in Charlotte NC.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

The Clerk read the titles of the following Ordinances into the record:

ORDINANCE 4187 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2, "CHARTER/ADMINISTRATIVE CODE," OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK TO ADD THERETO APPENDIX IV, "PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL" AND APPENDIX V, "PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR EXCLUDED EMPLOYEES" AND AMENDING SECTION 2-24(P) (1) OF ARTICLE III THEREOF.

ORDINANCE 4192 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RESURFACING OF QUEEN ANNE ROAD, SECTION 7, FROM FORT LEE ROAD TO CEDAR LANE AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND APPROPRIATING \$200,000.00 TO BE ENTIRELY FUNDED BY A GRANT UNDER THE NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND AUTHORITY ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010.

ORDINANCE 4193 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$120,158.00 AS A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TO RESURFACE ROBINSON STREET, THIS PROJECT TO BE FINANCED ENTIRELY FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

ORDINANCE 4194 - AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, TRANSFERRING THE FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF ENGINEERING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting these ordinances prior to opening the public hearing.

NONE.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearings on the above ordinances were open. Any members of the public who wished to be heard on any of said ordinances or had questions concerning said ordinances came forward and stated their names and addresses for the record. Comments or questions were limited to five minutes per person.

NONE.

As there was no further persons who wished to speak concerning said ordinances, Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearing on these ordinances was closed.

Councilmember Katz moved to pass Ordinances # 4187, 4192, 4193 and 4194 on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gussen.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting these ordinances.

NONE.

There being no further comments, Mayor Hameeduddin called on the Clerk for a roll-call vote.

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

Opposed: NONE.

Abstained: NONE.

Absent: C. Toffler (at time of vote).

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that said ordinances were duly adopted.

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

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

NONE.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that any members of the public who wished to be heard come forward and state their names and addresses for the record. Comments were limited to five minutes per person.

Judith Taylor, Teaneck – commented on an article published in the Suburbanite on ‘computer classes being held on Sundays. As a Christian, opposed to scheduling events of this nature on Sundays.

Joan Davis, Teaneck – commented on Ordinance 4192, 4194, Resolution #215-10 and #220-10, and asked Council not to approve the Arcari+Iovino contract noted in Resolution #220-10. Spoke on the memo she wrote to Mayor and Council.

Vernette Manley and Kimberley Watts, Teaneck – Ms. Watts spoke about the gutters and sewer systems in her area and the effect there having to her backyard and pool. Ms. Manley spoke on the recent construction on Ward Plaza island(s). Ms. Watts spoke on overnight parking for commercial vehicles and asked for guidance from Mayor and Council.

Goodwin, Teaneck – opposed to the parking of commercial vehicles on Ward Plaza and the need for something to be done.

Costello, Teaneck – thanked Council and Manager for handling the tree that fell in his backyard.

Dr. Alex Rashin, Teaneck – touched on slogans spoken after recent election.

Mildred Tucker, Teaneck - spoke on a recent speaker's verbal attack to a Councilmember regarding the NAACP.

Adrian Savage, Teaneck – discussed high taxes and foreclosures in Teaneck and asked Council to address the overabundance of wildlife in the area.

Adam Rodriguez, E. Stroudsburg, PA – spoke on document(s) he left for Council at an earlier meeting regarding national banking.

There having been no further persons who wished to speak or the time limit of one hour having expired, Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

C. Katz made motion to close Good and Welfare. Seconded by C. Toffler.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired 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.

Mayor Hameeduddin asked Manager Broughton to speak on the split between the Engineering and Public Works Departments. Manager Broughton noted the greater efficiency to both operations with the split and noted the Engineer would head the Engineering Department and the current Superintendent of Public Works would become the new Director of Public Works. S. Turitz noted the purpose of this ordinance was to legally split the two departments and their responsibilities.

Mayor Hameeduddin noted on the issue of Ward Plaza that should anyone have concerns, to reach out to Manager Broughton and assured all that their concerns would be dealt with in a timely manner.

DM Gussen spoke on the wildlife and suggested maybe reaching out to the County.

C. Toffler spoke on the scheduling of events on a Sunday. Manager Broughton briefly discussed the partnership with the High School for the computer classes, the scheduling and noted the offer to seniors was a lower rate.

C. Toffler spoke on the Ward Plaza parking and signage.

C. Parker commented on early comments about herself and history.

Councilmember Katz moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Minutes, Resolutions, and Bill List, and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day. Seconded by Councilmember Stern.

BILL LIST

The Clerk read the amount of the Bill List into the record. (\$7,678,418.95)

Mayor Hameeduddin called on the Clerk for a roll-call vote.

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

Opposed: NONE.

Abstained: NONE.

Absent: NONE.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared whether said items were passed.

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 #1271 - Holy Name Health Care Foundation - \$20.00.

RA #1279 - Christ Episcopal Church - \$20.00.

RESOLUTIONS

- #215-10 Amend 2010 Capital Budget - From Police Dept. 911 Communications System To Radio Communications Upgrade-Police Fire and DPW.
- #216-10 Authorize Execution of Agreement with State - Township of Teaneck Open Space and Recreation Plan.
- #217-10 Refund 2009 Taxes - Chief Financial Officer - Michael I. Schneck, Esq.
- #218-10 Establish Teaneck Municipal Alliance Against Substance Abuse.
- #219-10 Authorize Submission of Grant Application - TMAASA - 2011.
- #220-10 Award Professional Services Contract - Arcari + Iovino Architects, P.C. - Site and Front Facade Improvements at the Municipal Building.
- #221-10 Authorize Release of Monies Associated With Contract - Crossroads Construction Corporation - Salt DPW Salt Storage Building.

- #222-10 Authorize Release of Monies Associated With Contract - Schwanewede/Hals Engineering - DPW Salt Storage Building.
- #223-10 Appoint Members to the Affirmative Action Advisory Board.
- #224-10 Authorize Execution of Developer's Agreement - Sephardic Congregation of Teaneck.
- #225-10 Authorize Execution of BCCD Grant - Street Improvement - Sylvan Terrace.
- #226-10 Authorize Execution of BCCD Grant - Sanitary Sewer Replacement - Lozier Place.
- #227-10 Authorize Encroachment Into Public Right-of-Way - 1150 Kensington Road.
- #228-10 Endorse BCCD Grant Application - Family Promise of Bergen.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilmember Katz moved that the following Ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and that the Clerk be 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. Seconded by C. Stern.

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

NONE.

ORDINANCE #4195 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$108,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK AND APPROPRIATING \$108,000.00 AS A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FOR THE COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM, COUNTYWIDE ADA RAMPS, CURB AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION CO-OPERATIVE FUNDED FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

ORDINANCE #4196 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XXII OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES ALSO KNOWN AS THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK.

There being no further comments, Mayor Hameeduddin called on the Clerk for a roll-call vote.

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

Opposed: NONE.

Abstained: NONE.

Absent: NONE.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that said ordinances were duly introduced and passed on first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS

NONE.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Hameeduddin asked the Manager if the Time Tracking through ADP had been instituted. Manager Broughton noted we currently were in the process of having it fully implemented. Mayor Hameeduddin and Manager Broughton discussed the addition of the 'trouble ticket' on the Township's website.

1. Municipal Parking Services, Inc. (C. Toffler). Discussion on the research performed by C. Toffler and DM Gussen on the consulting firms for municipal meters/Wi-Fi/Solar. S. Turitz noted the firm the Township would go with if we proceed, would be Municipal Parking Services, Inc. DM Gussen asked if the Manager could have the requirements to the RFP opened up more to allow for a wider variety of bidders. C. Katz asked for an approximate timeline. Manager Broughton noted it would be months to complete the specification process.
2. Teaneck and Sustainable Jersey (C. Toffler).
No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Broughton discussed Resolution T, animal control services. Noted he has spoken with Ken Katter on this matter and reported that the company Tyco was not accepting new applicants, this task would be too expensive for the Township to do and the best solution at this time would be to continue receiving the services from Bergen County. C. Katz believed the County was charging too much. Manager Broughton read the number of calls per year (361 calls in 2007, 345 in 2008 and 395 in 2009). C. Katz noted in 2009, the cost for the County to remove road kill was approximately \$61,000.00. DM Gussen noted approximately \$167.00 per animal. C. Katz further noted this price is separate from when the residents of Teaneck call in on their own. Manager Broughton noted an agreement with Hudson County, but has not heard anything back.

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

C. Parker spoke on a request from YAB to have two (2) students attend a council meeting and sit on the dais to see what it would be like to be councilmember. All of Council was in favor.

DM Gussen noted the next Cedar Lane Management Meeting would be held on August 25, 2010, at 8AM, at 555 Cedar Lane.

C. Parker noted YAB applicants would like more activities for teen involvement.

Mayor Hameeduddin noted the Teaneck Chamber would like to be informed of any new businesses so that they could take over the 'ribbon cutting'.

C. Katz asked for a re-cap from Mayor Hameeduddin on his meeting with the Board of Education. Mayor Hameeduddin reported on some topics; protocols on communication, parking, community café, day care programs, etc. Manager to meet with Barbara Pinsack.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. Picnic Area - Permits and Applicants' Responsibility to Clean Up When Done (DM. Gussen). DM Gussen reported on the resident concerns of cleanliness at various parks. DM Gussen spoke with Recreation Superintendent Crockett and some ideas/solutions were discussed: solar panel trash compactor, more trash receptacles, more frequent services by the DPW.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

1. I have provisionally appointed Ms. Nicole Martinez to the position of Deputy Registrar in the Teaneck Health Department, effective August 1, 2010.
2. Recycling Program Update. Manager Broughton provided an update on the newly enhanced Recycling Program. Stated there would be a bid opening on September 11, 2010 for the 3 new trucks the Township would need to perform the duties within the new program.

Manager Broughton spoke on his recommendation to Council on the implementation of a Public Safety Director and with the possibility of Police Chief Wilson's retirement, that he be given the opportunity to head this department. C. Stern commented on the Manager's recommendation of a Public Safety Director. C. Parker inquired whether an analysis was performed on the positive and negative aspects of this recommendation. C. Honis questioned the legality of this position. S. Turitz noted the Police Chief would take a 6 months hiatus prior to his return to the proposed position of Public Safety Director and the possibility if Robert Wilson would work as the Deputy Manager during this 6 month hiatus. C. Toffler asked for more research to be conducted from other municipalities. C. Parker had concerns with eliminating the positions of Fire Chief and

Police Chief, C. Toffler agreed. It was noted that Chief Wilson's contract would expire on December 31, 2010.

Mayor Hameeduddin instructed Township Attorney, S. Turitz to draft the ordinance.

C. Honis thanked TVAC Squad 71 and 72 for their response to her residence.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

NONE.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Katz moved to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. Seconded by DM Gussen.

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

Opposed: NONE.

Absent: NONE.