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MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8:10 p.m., and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: C. Parker (arrived at 8:11 p.m.), C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz (arrived at 8:15 p.m.), C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Absent: None.

Also Present: S. Turitz and W.Rupp - Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka, & Goldberg, Esqs; B. Kronick – Genova, Burns, and Giantomasi, Esqs., W. Broughton, Township Manager/Acting Clerk; J. Evelina Senior Clerk, I. Abbasi, Executive Assistant.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 170-10, 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.

Mayor Hameeduddin asked his Council colleagues to allow one another to speak and not to speak over one another.

Mayor Hameeduddin informed that the public met in Closed Session to discuss matters concerning collective bargaining agreements, litigation and personnel.

PRESENTATION

New Public Safety Director Position.

Mr. Broughton presented a Power Point Presentation on the above. He explained the purposes and the job duties. He referenced fellow municipalities that operate with this position. He referenced the current Table of Organization and explained the proposed Table of Organization under the proposed position. He provided the advantages of the position. He provided the results of a cost/benefit analysis. He referenced arguments against the position. He explained his support for Robert A. Wilson and referenced his qualifications. He referenced and addressed allegations of "cronyism" quoted in print media. He provided a list of job duties for the Deputy Manager. He provided the reasons why this position should move forward now. Finally, he provided his plan to the Council along with a timeline for same.

C. Parker questioned what prohibited accountability with the existing structure.

Mr. Broughton responded that the term "accountability" was referenced insofar as the proposed director being accountable to the Manager.

C. Parker questioned if there was an ability to discipline a police chief.

Mr. Broughton responded that such an incident has not occurred referenced the Police Chiefs' Bill of Rights and Civil Service Protection for disciplining a Police Chief.

C. Parker supported Chief Wilson with his expertise in the Police Department but questioned Chief Wilson's expertise in Fire Safety.

Mr. Broughton explained that Chief Wilson's administrative skills can be applied anywhere.

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C. Parker further questioned why the Deputy Chiefs positions cannot be eliminated rather than the Chiefs' positions and questioned how the proposed structure can protect the Township against litigation by Deputy Chiefs who were acting beyond their capacity.

Mr. Broughton advised that under this position, Chiefs cannot be present in either the Police or Fire Departments. He also advised that the Deputy Chiefs will act in their own capacity.

C. Stern questioned if the Public Safety Director would have a reporting relationship with the Bergen County Prosecutor.

Mr. Broughton advised that there is no reporting relationship but felt that it was incumbent on him to maintain a strong relationship with the Prosecutor.

Mr. Turitz advised that there is no legal relationship between the Public Safety Director and County Prosecutor.

C. Toffler apologized to the Manager if her public comments regarding the use of the word "cronyism" offended the Manager; however, she stated that she had a conversation with Robert Wilson wherein she asked him not to take her opinions personal and requested he stay as the Police Chief. She questioned the number of employees who hold an employment contract with the Township and the amount of employees who are entitled to three weeks of vacation. C. Toffler referenced former employment issues in the Township that Mr. Broughton was able to resolve. She questioned why the Manager wanted to push the position forward after all of his recent success with the Township employees' morale. She further reasserted her position of keeping the Police Chiefs and suggested keeping the Deputy Chief positions unfilled in both departments. C. Toffler also referenced municipalities with litigation regarding the Public Safety Director.

Mr. Broughton discussed the approval of all contracts through the Council with the execution of all said contracts by the Manager and the proposed changes to pensions and benefits for current employees.

C. Toffler referenced a conversation with Mr. Broughton in July regarding the future appointment of Chief Anthony Verley.

Mr. Broughton responded by referencing discussions with members of Council regarding their support for various public safety models. He affirmed that he was fine with whichever decision Council made but felt that he had to put forward this proposal.

C. Honis requested confirmation that Chief Robert A. Wilson's function will be solely administrative and Mr. Broughton confirmed same. She expressed her support for the Manager's proposal; however, she was hesitant to move forward, as she was awaiting literature from fellow municipalities.

C. Toffler questioned the appointment authority for police staffing.

Mr. Broughton responded that both departments will work together to be the appropriate appointing authority. Where the Public Safety Director would be unable to legally appoint an individual, the Deputy Chief would be the appointing individual.

DM. Gussen referenced Asbury Park whose actions insofar as creating this same position resulted in case law which the Council can now be guided by. He further sought clarity on case law dealing with Asbury Park's Public Safety Director.

Mr. Rupp explained the case law, specifically, the permissive responsibilities of the position. Mr. Turitz stated that the legal department is supporting the Director of Public Safety so long as the titles of both Police and Fire Chief are not maintained.

C. Parker questioned where Robert Wilson would be housed, and the Manager confirmed in the municipal building.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Evelina to read the Ordinances by title only.

ORDINANCE 4197 - 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 WITH RESPECT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND MUNICIPAL ENGINEER.

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

C. Parker questioned if the salary for the Public Works Director would remain the same as that of the Public Works Superintendent, and Mr. Turitz and Mr. Broughton confirmed same.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared the public hearings on the above ordinances open. Any members of the public who wished to be heard on any of said ordinances or to ask 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.

No member of the public came forward.

There having been no further persons who wished to speak concerning said ordinances, Mayor Hameeduddin declared the public hearing on this ordinance closed.

Councilmember Katz moved to pass Ordinance #4197 on second and final reading and adoption. The Township Acting Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law. Seconded by Mayor Hameeduddin.

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

There having been no further comments, Mayor Hameeduddin called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that said ordinance was duly adopted.

C. Katz recused himself from the rent control discussion and left the dais.

Mr. Turitz explained the three options to the Council and public with respect to rent control introductory ordinances. The consensus was in favor of Option C.

DM. Gussen referenced Resolution 247-10 and provided a correction for the resolution's term limit.

C. Katz returned to the dais at this time.

Mayor Hameeduddin reminded the public that their street addresses are not required when coming up for Good and Welfare and recognized Board of Education Commissioner, Dr. Henry Pruitt.

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Mr. Turitz mentioned the Ordinance scheduled for introduction regarding the elimination of the requirement for the public to announce their street addresses and requested a roll call vote from Council to eliminate the need prior to the introduction.

DM. Gussen made a motion to eliminate the need for the public to state their street addresses into the record. Seconded by C. Parker and carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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.

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

Chief Raymond Heyduka (sic), South Brunswick Police Chief – on behalf of the Chiefs of Police Association, he urged Council to retain the position of Police Chief. He spoke about the job duties of the Police Chief and the job duties of a Public Safety Director; the law enforcement powers of a Police Chief and a Public Safety Director; and disciplinary action against a Police Chief. He offered the Council to give a presentation in either closed session or open session in support of the Police Chief's position; and supported Chief Robert A. Wilson if he were to remain as Police Chief.

Howard Rose, Teaneck - referenced a quote regarding progress and change, urged Council to think of who will be impacted by the position of Public Safety Director, supported Chief Robert A. Wilson's tenure as Police Chief, and opposed the change to a Public Safety Director based on the lack of municipalities who have succeeded in implanting same.

Police Chief Capella, Municipality of Dunellen, Middlesex County – spoke about Mr. Broughton's success in employee relations; felt that since the position of the Police Chief was not broken that it did not to be fixed; discussed his prior experiences working under a civilian Public Safety Director; referenced municipalities who shifted to a Public Safety Director and the litigation involved in various shifts; and wished Council luck in their decision making.

Art Vatsky, Teaneck – expressed concern for the rapid change to a Public Safety Director; felt the process in this decision needed to be slowed down and well thought out; referenced Governor Christie's mandate to maintain salaries below his Gubernatorial salary and the salary of the Chief of Police for the City of New York; referenced the salary expenditures for the Police and Fire departments; recommended a Deputy Manager oversee the municipal government while the Manager oversaw the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Department.

Michael Hunter, Flanders, NJ – Referenced Mr. Broughton's comment regarding Fire Chiefs and advancement; spoke about 7 Fire Chiefs coming through the Department in 24 years; questioned Police Chief Robert A. Wilson's experience with a Fire Department.

Brian Gurney, Representative of Bergen County Police Chiefs Association – expressed his disappointment with Mr. Broughton after his presentation given his former membership with the Police Chief's Association; discussed accountability and leadership under N.J.S.A. 40A; referenced his educational credentials; discussed his inability to run a Fire Department given the opportunity arose; discussed the evaluation of a Deputy Chief; the lack of a civilian Police Director in Allendale, NJ, and interviews with various Teaneck Police Officers. He further

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discussed the salary of the Police Chief; and his confidence in the Teaneck Police staff to step into the Police Chief's role.

John Krenek (sic), Monroe Police Chief – Questioned a comment by C. Katz in the *Cliffview Pilot* regarding administrative controls; if there were any issues with the current Police Chief; and asked what the Council would like to see done differently; and if the C. Stern was in favor of the position because he may aspire to be the Public Safety Director in the future.

Robert Kuglum (sic), Saddle Brook Police Chief – recalled studying for a police exam with Mr. Broughton; discussed Chief Robert A. Wilson's future salary including the Public Safety Director's salary; felt that Ordinance 4200 was demoralizing the Police Department; suggested the Township select the next candidate in line to be the Chief of Police; and urged the Council to continue to have a Police Chief so as to maintain a nonpolitical police department.

David Schwartz, Teaneck – referenced an issue in front of the Board of Adjustment and alleged an error resulting in a personal expense of application fees and the reimbursement of same.

Jerry Rosano, Teaneck PBA President, Teaneck – referenced Mr. Broughton's remarks regarding cronyism and felt that Chief Robert A. Wilson was not qualified to run a Fire Department's administration. He further detailed alleged instances of cronyism citing the Manager's hiring and the hiring of Police Captain Dean Kazinci as the Human Resources Director. Mr. Rosano also alleged Mr. Kazinci's involvement with a class action lawsuit while a Police Captain. He further referenced Chief Robert A. Wilson's contract through the Township Council and discussed Chief Wilson's personal finances; and referenced C. Katz's comments in the *Cliffview Pilot*.

Michael Ferrante, Teaneck Police – expressed staunch opposition by the SOA to the Public Safety Director and ordinance 4200; gave an overview in his view of the process to select a Public Safety Director; and requested that the politics be kept out of the police department with the maintenance of a Chief of Police in the Township.

Charles Powers, Teaneck - suggested that the issue of timing is important and referenced the Manager's calculations for savings. He was upset furthermore at the timing of the Public Safety Director shortly after the death of Joan Davis; and urged the Council to find alternate means to bridge budgetary gaps left from the policies of Governor Christie.

Dan Melfi, Hawthorne – questioned the duties of the Deputy Manager regarding the Building and Engineering Department.

Theresa Edwards, Teaneck - requested that the Council take the South Brunswick Police Chief up on his offer with respect to a presentation.

Leslie McKeon, Teaneck – questioned the status of the feasibility study with Teaneck and Bogota Police Departments. She expressed the implications of this proposition on the shared services project.

Chief Danko, Director of Union County Police Academy – referenced Mr. Broughton's presentation respecting Atlantic City's upcoming Police Chief and Union Township's incoming Police Chief.

Mildred Tucker, Teaneck - urged Council to delay their decision until they investigate the proposition of public safety director in the name of public trust.

There having been no further persons who wished to speak, Mayor Hameeduddin declared the public comment portion of the meeting closed.

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.

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Mayor Hameeduddin requested Mr. Broughton address Mr. Schwartz Board of Adjustment Concern.

C. Toffler referenced C. Katz's comments regarding the changing the ordinance "with the stroke of a pen"; she further discussed the terms of Chief Robert A. Wilson's contract and questioned the legality of imposing a contract on a future Council.

Mayor Hameeduddin requested Mr. Turitz C. Toffler's concern regarding the legality of the contract.

DM. Gussen referenced the contract and its clause to remove the Police Chief with cause.

C. Toffler felt that the timing of ordinance 4200 was based on the personal schedule of Chief Robert A. Wilson and questioned the salary range of the Deputy Manager.

C. Katz discussed his respect for police associations, discussed his learning of pros and cons in ordinance 4200. He questioned why chiefs from the State were present. He felt that looking from a micro level Teaneck has been plagued by lawsuits by Police and Fire departments. He added that Council has no management of day to day operations and employees are protected from political influence. C. Katz felt that more accountability was needed and expressed full support to try the Manager's proposed plan.

C. Honis started off by supporting Police and Fire Departments and stated she is waiting for literature from fellow municipalities; she expressed support for Mr. Broughton as a result of his prior successes as manager; however, this does not mean that she will not withdraw her support if the project does not prove to be in the best interests of Teaneck.

C. Parker expressed that she will not support the introduction of Ordinance 4200 and felt that this was a creation of a position around an individual. She questioned Mr. Turitz if anything precluded the Township from extending Chief Robert A. Wilson's contract beyond December 31, 2010 and hoped Chief Wilson remain as Police Chief. C. Parker asked her colleagues to reconsider their positions on Ordinance 4200, referenced the timeline to create the position of Public Safety Director, and felt the process of passing ordinance 4200 was irresponsible.

C. Stern thanked the Chiefs Association and members of uniformed services for attending tonight's meeting; he dispelled the rumor about his interest in being one day appointed Public Safety Director and expressed his lack of desire for filling the position. He felt that the process should move forward and reminded everyone that they were entitled to their own opinions.

DM. Gussen referenced comments from Good and Welfare and his disappointment with comments that uniformed employees were "not good enough" with the creation of the Public Safety Director. He discussed the investment by the Township in Chief Robert A. Wilson and the opportunity, first time experiences as elected officials and an individual's ability to adapt to first time experiences, the source of Chief Robert A. Wilson's pension payments, and referenced prior law enforcement officials' careers post-retirement. He further discussed the non-political nature of the position of Public Safety Director, the proposed consolidation of Police Departments

C. Toffler referenced alleged comments that DM. Gussen would like to move the Township to a volunteer Fire Department and his therefore desire to instill a Public Safety Director.

DM. Gussen denied C. Toffler's claim and clarified that he was in favor of a paid fire department with the possibility of augmenting the staff with volunteer fire fighters.

Mr. Broughton referenced comments regarding Dean Kazinci and believed that the process was to hire him as Director of Human Resources was transparent from the beginning. He referenced a press release sent out immediately for the public's knowledge; discussed the interview and selection process by a committee; cited thousands of dollars that have been expended for personnel investigations and Mr. Kazinci's expertise with investigations. He continued to speak about his responsiveness to residents' concerns and his willingness to have detailed discussions with residents.

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C. Parker questioned whether or not Mr. Kazinci was hired as the Director of Human Resources.

Mr. Broughton responded that Mr. Kazinci was hired and will begin working as the Director of Human Resources on September 16, 2010. He further added that the Deputy Manager in a six month period will work on several projects included but not limited to customer service issues in the Building Department. He commended the staff in the Building Department and understood the concerns regarding customer service. Mr. Broughton furthered the enhancement of security that Chief Robert A. Wilson will focus on as the Deputy Manager and allayed the concern of response time under the Public Safety Director model of leadership. He was confident in his ability to address morale with both the Police and Fire departments and remarked that the Public Safety leadership model would not impact the feasibility study with the Borough of Bogota.

Mayor Hameeduddin appreciated the Chiefs of Police who did not fear monger in their presentations but rather presented facts. He furthered that the referenced municipalities in Good and Welfare are not similar to Teaneck, declared his intention to staff the Police Department at 100 officers, urged the Chiefs Association to lobby for legislation against the creation of Public Safety Directors if they were so opposed to Teaneck's proposal, and also urged the Chiefs Association to also present their case to the municipality of Franklin Lakes as they will also be considering the position of Public Safety Director. Mayor Hameeduddin also referenced prior litigation awards that have cost the Township millions of dollars, the recent departures from the Police Department, thanked the Chiefs Association for their attendance, and expressed his support for the Director of Public Safety and ordinance 4200.

C. Parker questioned whether or not the Council could offer Chief Robert A. Wilson a contract in order to retain his services as Chief of Police.

Mayor Hameeduddin responded that at any time Chief Robert A. Wilson could leave to take another position.

C. Parker questioned accountability issues on-going in the Fire Department.

Mayor Hameeduddin responded and discussed the SAFER grant and its contents.

DM. Gussen expressed concern regarding the position and rights afforded to the Police Chief.

Council recessed from 10:58 PM to 11:09 PM.

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 #1283 - New Jersey Association of Twins' Mothers Club, Inc. - 50/50 - \$40.00.

RA #1284 - New Jersey Association of Twins' Mothers Club, Inc. - Merchandise - \$40.00.

RA #1285 - Ocean County Mothers of Twins Club - Merchandise - \$20.00.

MINUTES

February 9, 2010 - Closed Session Meeting (C. Katz, Mayor Feit - Absent) - Approved for Content Only.

February 23, 2010 - Closed Session Meeting - Approved for Content Only.

March 9, 2010 - Closed Session Meeting - Approved for Content Only.

March 23, 2010 - Closed Session Meeting - Approved for Content Only.

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August 24, 2010 - Closed Session Meeting (C. Stern, C. Honis - Absent) - Approved for Content Only.

RESOLUTIONS

- 244-10. Certify Review - 2009 Annual Audit Recommendations.
- 245-10. Amend Approval of Plenary Retail Distribution License Person-to-Person Transfer - Wine Maven, Inc.
- 246-10. Appoint Council Representatives to the Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee.
- 247-10. Appoint Representative to the Cedar Lane Management Group.
- 248-10. Endorse BCCD Grant Application - Teaneck Women Train & Work - Project REACH.
- 249-10. Appoint Members to the Youth Advisory Board.
- 250-10. Refund 2009 Taxes - Chief Financial Officer - Block 3504, Lot 13.
- 251-10. Refund 2010 Tax Overpayments - Chief Financial Officer - Various.
- 252-10. Refund 2006 Taxes - Chief Financial Officer - Block 6001, Lot 6.
- 253-10. Appoint Representative to Open Space Trust Municipal Program Regional Committee.
- 254-10. Award Professional Services Contract - Schwanewede/Hals Engineering - County Road Program.
- 255-10. Authorize Trial Agreement - PropertyRoom.com - Online Auction Services.
- 256-10. Approve Corrective Action Plan.
- 257-10. Ratify & Approve Agreement - Professional Fire Officers' Association of Teaneck, FMBA, Local 242.
- 258-10. Amend Employment Agreement of Township Manager

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record. (\$5,079,476.60)

C. 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, except Resolution 258-10. Seconded by C. Toffler.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstained: C. Katz (Entire Bill List, Resolution 245-10, Resolution 254-10); C. Parker (Bill List); DM. Gussen (Check #159413); Mayor Hameeduddin (Check #159416).

Absent: None.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that said items were passed.

C. Toffler made a motion to discuss and approve Resolution 258-10 - Authorize Execution of Amended Employment Agreement - Municipal Manager. Seconded by C. Katz.

C. Toffler questioned if the Manager is now receiving a car if his car allowance will be omitted, and Mr. Turitz confirmed that Manager will no longer be receiving a car allowance.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Evelina read the title of Ordinance #4198 into the record:

Councilmember Katz moved to introduce the following Ordinance and pass same on first reading. The Acting Clerk was 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 ordinance, and on which said ordinance will be considered for final adoption.

ORDINANCE #4198 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4144 OF THE TOWNSHIP FINALLY ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 PROVIDING FOR COUNTYWIDE ADA RAMPS, CURBS AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION CO-OPERATIVE FUNDED FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND APPROPRIATING \$87,940.50 AS A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.

Seconded by C. Toffler and carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

ORDINANCE #4199 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 29C OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED "RENT CONTROL".

DM. Gussen moved to introduce the following Ordinance and pass same on first reading. The Acting Clerk was 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 ordinance, and on which said ordinance will be considered for final adoption. Seconded by Mayor Hameeduddin and carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None.

Recused: C. Katz.

Absent: None.

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

ORDINANCE #4200 - AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW ARTICLE XXXIV TO CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, ESTABLISHING A SALARY FOR SAID POSITION, CREATING THE DIVISION OF POLICE AND THE DIVISION OF FIRE WITHIN SAID DEPARTMENT, ABOLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PROTECTION, ABOLISHING THE POSITIONS OF POLICE CHIEF AND FIRE CHIEF AND AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES AND ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY MANAGER AND SALARY THEREFOR.

C. Katz moved to introduce the following Ordinance and pass same on first reading. The Acting Clerk was 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

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ordinance, and on which said ordinance will be considered for final adoption. Seconded by DM. Gussen and carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: C. Parker, C. Toffler.

Absent: None.

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

ORDINANCE #4201 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RULE XI OF APPENDIX I, COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE, OF CHAPTER 2, CHARTER/ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK RELATING TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF SPEAKERS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL.

C. Katz moved to introduce the following Ordinance and pass same on first reading. The Acting Clerk was 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 ordinance, and on which said ordinance will be considered for final adoption. Seconded by Mayor Hameeduddin and carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. TMAASA Appointments.

C. Honis requesting maintaining appointments for various boards; gave a background of the TMAASA advisory board and suggested they be re-appointed for another term.

C. Toffler left the meeting at 11:19 PM.

Mayor Hameeduddin requested an update on the Township website and its service ticket tracker.

Mr. Broughton responded that the committee had a final presentation and was confident with selecting a vendor. A presentation will be forthcoming at the September 28, 2010 meeting.

Mayor Hameeduddin further inquired about the ADP time tracking software.

Mr. Broughton responded that the software has been implemented and is being run parallel to our current payroll system. Prior to moving to a new payroll system, certain items need to be addressed.

DM. Gussen also questioned the status of a drainage study.

Mr. Broughton discussed the recent completion of the environmental geographical study; issues with Green Acres regarding the ROSI; and discussed the grant process.

DM. Gussen questioned whether or not there was a "fix" to the grant.

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Mr. Broughton responded that there are certain issues that are being looked into.

Mr. Rupp discussed the issue of properties that are included in the Recreation and Open Space Inventories (ROSI); prior written communications with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); and not approved lists submitted without governing body approval.

DM. Gussen clarified submitted lists that were not approved by the governing body were being held to by the NJDEP.

Mr. Turitz confirmed DM. Gussen's statement and furthered that only authorized communications and approvals of land on a ROSI by the Council and Manager be held to.

DM. Gussen questioned if there were protocols to prevent future unauthorized boards and commission from submitted unauthorized inventories of land to the NJDEP.

Mr. Turitz recommended more oversight by management and Council.

DM. Gussen requested all errant documents.

Mr. Turitz responded that his firm will attempt to locate and submit such documents.

Mr. Rupp furthered that a search for such documents in the Township Clerk's office was unsuccessful.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Request for Endorsing Resolution - BCCD Grant - Vantage Health System - Purchase of home for use as affordable housing for disabled residents.

Vantage Health systems – Vicky Cidro (sic), CEO of Vantage Health systems spoke about a resolution seeking funding through community development to purchase a home for disabled individuals for a payment in lieu of taxes.

C. Katz questioned at what point would a payment in lieu of taxes arrangement be put in place.

Ms. Cidro discussed a timeline of approval for a grant award and thus a search for a property suitable for such a project. She referenced resolution requests from Englewood, Dumont, and Teaneck, in the event that they are able to purchase property in one of the three municipalities.

C. Katz asked Mr. Turitz to provide a timeline.

Mr. Turitz responded that Council may pass a resolution in support should a property be found in Teaneck.

A majority of Council was in support of this resolution.

2. Request for Endorsing Resolution - BCCD Grant - Shelter Our Sisters - Transitional Housing Counselor/Director.

Shelter Our Sisters – Elaine Mizer (sic), CEO, thanked DM. Gussen for a prior speaking engagement; discussed an on-going application for 20 years for a staff position, and requested an approval for same. She also reiterated that there would be no cost to the Township.

A resolution will be listed for the September 28, 2010 meeting.

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3. Teaneck League of Women Voters - Request for Proclamation.

A proclamation will be presented at the September 28, 2010 meeting.

4. Request for Volunteer of the Year Award candidate by County Executive Dennis McNerney.

C. Katz nominated Janice Preschel for this award and Council agreed on his nomination.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

C. Parker discussed the first meeting of the newly appointed members of the Youth Advisory Board. She discussed on-going negotiations with Fairleigh Dickinson University for leadership training for the YAB and reminded Council about her prior request for a member of the YAB to join the Council on the dais. C. Parker also discussed a communication that the Manager would be meeting with the Social Services Advisory Board to discuss possible funding options for the board including possibly utilizing principle from the Hyatt Fund.

Mayor Hameeduddin touched upon the fundraising issue and suggested C. Parker contact the Puffin Foundation.

C. Parker referenced a prior fundraiser with the Puffin Foundation.

Mayor Hameeduddin discussed issues with former fundraisers and accounting. He suggested that any fundraised moneys be kept track of; he questioned the amount of funds maintained in both Public Assistance Trust Funds.

C. Parker responded that approximately \$4,000 is maintained in both funds and the balances are currently close to \$500.

C. Stern noted that the first meeting of the Cedar Lane Management Group will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 and he will report on same at the September 28, 2010 Council meeting.

DM. Gussen was unable to attend the recent Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Advisory Board; he discussed a proposal by Chairman Reskakis to discuss a specific park at each meeting to include a discussion about amenities and needs of same.

C. Katz reported that the Zoning Subcommittee would like to explore possibly rezoning Route 4 East and West by the Englewood border and moving same to the Planning Board.

Mr. Turitz further clarified the location of the possible move to re-zone both sides of Route 4 and the possibility of revenue generator that may be a result of such a re-zoning.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

None.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program.

Mr. Broughton discussed the SAFER Grant's final round of funding and questioned whether or not Council wanted to apply for funding.

C. Katz requested the Manager's recommendation whether or not to apply for grant funds.

Mayor Hameeduddin requested more time to read the grant prior to application.

C. Stern requested clarification about the grant's nature.

Mr. Broughton responded that after two years, firemen would need to be hired.

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DM. Gussen gave an overview of the grant and its requirements.

C. Parker disagreed and felt that the grant should be applied for and attrition will allow for the hiring of the two new fire fighters at the end of the grant.

C. Katz supported C. Parker's recommendation.

Mr. Broughton discussed that in the previous application; the same rationale used by C. Parker was utilized and furthered that the Council may change their mind to accept the grant prior to final approval. He also discussed the pending retirements and current staffing levels at the Fire Department.

Four members of Council were in agreement to endorse the SAFER Grant and directed the Manager to submit the grant application.

2. I have appointed Mr. Fran Wilson to the position of Municipal Department Head - Director of Public Works, effective September 3, 2010.

3. Recycling Trucks Bid

Mr. Broughton discussed the recent bids of recycling trucks and that they were received overbid. The trucks will be re-bid and said re-bid has been issued.

C. Honis questioned the Manager about a time frame.

Mr. Broughton responded that within another month, the bid should be out. He added that the new recycling program is contingent upon the receipt of the recycling trucks.

Mr. Broughton also discussed the receipt of bids today about the demolition and remediation of the Old Police Headquarters. He added that many of the bids appear lower than the budgeted amount and appear favorable for the Township.

C. Honis questioned the Manager about scheduling a walk through.

Mr. Broughton will set-up an appointment with C. Honis for a walkthrough.

Mr. Broughton also discussed the Memorandum of Agreement with the Borough of Bogota for the feasibility study.

He also spoke about the need for replacement trucks through the use of recycling funds for Public Works. Mr. Broughton also discussed possibly purchasing recycling barrels for residents through recycling funds and announced details for an upcoming meeting at the Garden Plot.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Parker moved to adjourn the meeting at 11: 47 PM.

Seconded by Councilmember Honis.

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Toffler.

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CERTIFICATION OF TOWNSHIP CLERK

In accordance with Appendix I, *Rule VI* of the Township Code of the Township of Teaneck, I hereby certify that the aforementioned was approved in the manner set forth in Resolution # by the Township Council of the Township of Teaneck on July 24, 2012.

JAIME L. EVELINA, RMC
Township Clerk
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