

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
March 21, 2016**

The Worksession Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Council President Lombardi , followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Gomez, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Patil, and Sendelsky.

Councilmember Shah entered at 6:07pm

Councilmember Diehl was absent.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Clerk Kenny, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Recreation Director Halliwell, Health Director Elliott, Director of Public Works Haines, Township Engineer Kataryniak, Fire Chief Latham, Police Chief Bryan and Cameraman Cologna.

The Clerk advised that adequate notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, has been provided by an Annual Notice sent to The Home News and Tribune, The Star Ledger and the Sentinel on December 12, 2015 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

4. PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL:

Council President Lombardi welcomed everyone to meeting tonight, we will start meeting with a presentation from Ms. Gloria Dittman.

Gloria Dittman, President of Edison Art Society, presented to the Council proposed sketches by the Artist Fernando Silva to be done on tiles on the entrance to our building. She explained the painting will be done on tiles, 8 ft x 8 ft. x 10ft. The Art Society will be sending our letters regarding fund raising to pay for this project and will reach out to the Edison Schools to create a tile. If you donate \$500.00 or more Fernando will create a tile for them. They hope to unveil this project in September 2016. There is no cost to the Township.

Council President Lombardi asked Ms. Dittman how to reach the Art Society.

Ms. Dittman said you can reach them at 732-548-9134 and their address if you would like to send in a donation is 15 Midland Road, Edison, NJ 08820.

Council President Lombardi is excited to see the renderings.

Councilmember Sendelsky will help out anyway he can and will speak to the Edison Tower Committee.

Councilmember Karabinchak anything you may need help just ask looking forward to it.

Ms. Dittman asked if she can get an approval tonight.

Council President Lombardi said there is no council action needed as long Mayor approves.

Councilmember Gomez applauds their efforts in making Edison look great.

Councilmember Patil is also in favor of this project.

Councilmember Shah, thank you for always trying to make Edison better.

5. ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS:

Walter Stochel, 2118 Oak Tree Road, regarding item C under Law is that for JFK Hospital.

Mr. Northgrave, replied yes, along with the administration we had interviewed Mr. Allan because he was the attorney that was successful in Morristown.

Mr. Stochel, asked regarding Item G under Finance regarding the Open Space Bond, could someone explain.

Ms. Ruane explained the procedure should have been every year bonds should be reviewed. The Open Space will go into the current Open Space Fund.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, regarding Item 11a, last meeting we were told that the escrow amount to refund Salisburg was final. Now there is an extra \$25,000.

Mr. Northgrave he didn't recall but miss spoke. This is the final close out figure. No further payments to Salisburg.

Ms. Wolke, reported a Point of Light regarding our Police Department on a positive note they are doing a Bicycle Race on May 9th.

Bruce Diamond, 74 Calvert Avenue, asked for the status on the Open Space Audit.

Ms. Ruane replied it is currently being preformed.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street asked why is the April 6th Draft Plan presentation meeting at the Council Chambers not in Clara Barton. Request it be recorded by Edison TV.

Council President Lombardi, it is not a council function, simply a draft plan presentation.

Mr. Northgrave recommended a notice go out in case all council was present. To be clear this is just an outreach to the community. There will be two addition opportunities to speak on this plan.

Ms. Neimitz asked if this will be recorded.

Ms. Ruane replied no plans to do so.

John Poyner, 40 Roosevelt Blvd, he has posted the notice on Nextstore.com and emailed it out.

Officer Christopher Telepolsky, President of PBA Local 75, Public Safety issue SOA & PBA oppose Senator Barnes bill. This is unnecessary, unwarranted and unwanted, for the past three years there has been oversight by the county prosecutor's office and they make determinations on how they want it to proceed. There is no reason to have the Attorney General Office do the exact same thing. The process is working no infighting is going on right now, should oppose the bill.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, Hospital tax appeals, some parts of JFK that could be taxed.

Councilmember Karabinchak said JFK is paying sewer fees over \$700,000.

Mr. Diamond, need a list of JFK Properties being taxed. In response to PBA President, this is about the citizens and paying someone to sit home for two years, it is not acceptable, not about the unions.

Mr. Stochel asked if a resident has a complaint against an officer where do they go.

Chief Bryan said to Contact our Internal Affairs, citizens call the town.

Hearing no further comments, this public hearing was closed, on a motion made by Councilmember Karabinchak seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky, with all in favor.

6. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

a. and b. Accepted as submitted

7. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Council Vice President Gomez reported on Public Safety committee is gathering the facts as this topic is still under litigation and appeal we have best interest of the town. Together the committee is measuring the performance of the department if the prosecutor take over is doing the job. His opinion is current process is working..

Council President Lombardi said he has reached out to Andrew Carey, County Prosecutor and he feels Senator Barnes bill is unnecessary it will cut the county out of the process and they are more familiar with the local issues than the state. Complaints are trending down, no need for resolution to support at this time.

Councilmember Karabinchak said statistics speak for themselves, the media misleads the public. Let the process move forward this council should not make a decision.

8. POINTS OF LIGHT:

Council President Lombardi reminded everyone about the April 6th meeting in Council Chambers regarding Amboy Avenue Rehabilitation Draft Plan.

9. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. and b. No comments were made.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. through g. No comments were made.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

a. and b. No comments were made.

c. Councilmember Sendelsky this resolution authorizes us to look into JFK, but if Governor has a moratorium will this go forward.

Mr. Northgrave said this will not move forward, subsequent legislation.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. and b. No comments were made.

13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

a. and b. No comments were made.

14. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

a. and b. No comments were made.

15. FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:

a. No comment was made.

16. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

a. through d. No comments were made.

17. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Sendelsky he will have a report on Wednesday, Planning Board meeting is tomorrow.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, PUBLIC HEARING, AND FINAL ADOPTION:

O.1925-2016 No comment was made.

19. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Lombardi:

a. New Dover and Grove

Mr. Kataryniak is working on estimates.

b. Intersection of Inman and Wood

Mr. Kataryniak will look into it.

Councilmember Diehl

Absent

Councilmember Gomez:

None

Councilmember Karabinchak:

a. He asked for update on Oaktree and Woodland Light

Mr. Kataryniak, the county is still working with South Plainfield.

b. Zoning Officer Position

Ms. Ruane has had interview recently.

c. Grants for Library

Ms. Ruane said she will have Chris look into.

d. Developers Agreement with BAPS

Mr. Northgrave said we should have for next meeting.

e. Closing of Land fill.

Administration has a meeting scheduled.

f. Master Plan

Ms. Ruane stated it is done every six years, which is 2017.

Councilmember Patil:

None

Councilmember Sendelsky:

- a. Animal Shelter if conducting a Shoe Drive Fund Raiser.
- b. Thanked our engineer for the list of paving.
- c. He asked for the status on the light for Karnell Court and Tingley.

Mr. Kataryniak explained the process P.S. E. & G needs to work on their end to see if light is warranted.

d. He asked for update on Stop Sign on Christie.

Mr. Kataryniak will talk with Public Works.

Councilmember Shah:

- a. She asked if the Animal Shelter pipe is fixed.

Mr. Kataryniak explained we have a jet cleaning of the line and looking into a reconfiguration of the system.

- b. She asked what can we do about the Ads on internet sites regard Air B & B?

Mr. Elliot explained they are auditing Land Lord Lists to site the owners.

- c. She announced it is Woman's History Month.

20. CLOSED SESSION:

Mr. Northgrave canceled Closed Session for this evening.

On a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky, seconded by Councilmember Patil, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Michael R. Lombardi
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk