

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
April 25, 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 6:01p.m. by Council President Lombardi , followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Diehl, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Patil, Sendelsky and Shah.

Councilmember Gomez was absent.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Recreation Director Halliwell, Health Director Elliott, 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.

Council President Lombardi opened the meeting for comments from the public.

Jim Kelly, 1932 Route 27, asked if our Health department is taking any test for lead in the water.

Mr. Elliot said Middlesex Water is conducting testing monthly at their plants and distribution centers.

Mr. Kelly is there an update on the Light coming into the complex to make a left turn.

Township Engineer Kataryniak said he has been in contact with the state.

Mr. Kelly asked if we have any plans for the sidewalk at Stelton Community Center to be replaced.

Mr. Kataryniak we are talking with the county, but there are no specific plans yet.

John Poyner, 40 Roosevelt Blvd. thanked everyone who participated in the neighborhood yard sale in Clara Barton this past weekend. Everyone was in good spirits he would like to be the central contact for events. He also asked what is needed by way of permits and road closing for a Block party.

Police Chief Bryan said he would like to set up a meeting with him to discuss.

Bruce Diamond , 74 Calvert Ave. West, in reference to the construction on Rt. 27 South of Wood Ave. , on Cedar Ave, are there plans for sidewalks in that project.

Mr. Kataryniak replied sidewalks are part of plan.

Mr. Diamond asked if there are any answers regarding the elevation on the building on Calvert from Mr. Karabinchak.

Councilmember Karabinchak said he will take a look at tomorrow.

Mr. Diamond, on the Vacation of Streets does the Councilmembers physically inspect the property before their proposal to vacate.

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Mr. Northgrave explained the vacation of where on Mundy Avenue not to interrupt the green way.

Councilmember Diehl asked the engineer for a clear cutting and elevation of this house on Calvert.

Mr. Kataryniak explained the plan approved is in compliance, we don't have the option to change.

Council President Lombardi indicated we will revisit during the Master Plan review.

Fred Wolk, 10 Peake Road, said recently he walked the property between Mundy, James and Freeman, does that property have permission to build?

Mr. Kataryniak, they have site approval and planning approval they're in the process of design.

Councilmember Sendelsky added Zoning board approvals were a couple of years ago they're downsizing the building.

Mr. Wolke, asked why is there a trench.

Council President Lombardi asked Mr. Kataryniak to take a look at the trench.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peak Road, agrees with Mr. Diamond and Mr. Wolke keep it to the green way and this should be tabled., also Item C under Business Administrator, why another attorney .

Mr. Northgrave explained this is a bill that needs to be paid in regard to services rendered.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, hope we can table and appreciate your consideration of Greenway. Regarding the resolution approving the Settlement Agreement for Fair Share plan, no place in the resolution for public input.

Mr. Northgrave explained choices are we could not agree and go to trial.

Ms. Wolke, on page 23 of draft housing plan we should be tighter on variances we grant.

Mr. Northgrave explained what challenges we need to take a look at.

John Poyner, 40 Roosevelt Blvd., if there are any opening on the redevelopment agency he would be interested. He asked if a traffic study will be done.

Council President Lombardi, the planning board would be the body to order a traffic study from the applicant.

Mr. Northgrave, the redevelopment agency would be the governing body.

Mr. Wolke regarding COAH, where are we going to put this housing.

Mr. Northgrave the reality is this is a state wide problem.

Councilmember Karabinchak explained we don't have the money to fund the agency.

Esther Nemitz, asked to disband the agency.

Mr. Northgrave explained the process to disband the agency.

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

5. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

None

6. POINTS OF LIGHT:

Council President Lombardi, yesterday along with councilmember our 6th Annual Earth day was well attended especially the Farmers Market, Rock wall by the High School, Boy and Girl Scouts for their volunteering and administration. Reminder May 4th at 7:30 the Jewish Community Center will be holding their Interfaith Holocaust Service.

Councilmember Sendelsky, also thanked Jay Elliot and the Health Department, Joe Coyle and Walt Stochel is was a great community day.

7. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. through e. No comment was made.

8. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. through d. No comments were made.

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

a. No comment was made.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. No comment was made.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

a. No comments were made.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

a. and b. No comments were made.

13. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK;

a. and b. No comments were made.

14. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Sendelsky report as follows:

Minutes of Planning Board Meeting of April 18, 2016

The planning board went into closed session to be briefed on the tentative settlement arrived at in Superior Court by Shirley Bishop the Edison Township's Council On Affordable Housing (COAH) consultant and Lesley London Esq. After the closed session both professionals made short public presentations as to the benefits of the proposed settlement. The original suit was for 3,418 units which was negotiated down to 1,310 units. They also stated that Edison Township would receive 10 Years of immunity from builder's remedy lawsuits. After their presentation, the Planning board voted 6 affirmative with my abstention (to vote at the council meeting) to send the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan back to the Council.

Four previously approved resolutions were passed unanimously:

- #P-5166- Scion Realty, 62 Preston Street
- #P-1-2016 Peter Chang Architect, Lincoln Highway and Plainfield Avenue
- #P-5167 Tai Ka Lee
- #P-2-2016 Wardlaw Hartridge School

Two Courtesy Hearings Were Held. The first was for PSE&G for a gas Modernization Program. The gas division of PSE& G will be performing gas main replacement along various streets in 2016 as part of its gas modernization program. Work includes replacement of service tie-ins and pavement restoration. I asked them to make sure that they notify all residents in affected neighborhoods beforehand with door tags and public relations messages so people can adjust their routes of travel (see attached PSE& G literature & info). I told them that we were not happy with the way Stephenville Parkway was handled with no prior notification beforehand and streets closed off. I asked them to coordinate all future jobs with our engineer Mark.

The second courtesy hearing was Middlesex Water Company. They will be performing a water main replacement project on Amboy Avenue from the NJ Turnpike to King Georges Post Road and on abutting streets beginning in 2016. Work includes water pipe replacement and water service meter replacement. Water meters will be removed from the inside of the house and moved to the exterior of the house. I re-iterated my request for resident notification and cooperation with our engineer.

Case #P3-2016 Prologis Route 27 Block 124 Lot 22.01 , 22.02. This is an existing building that fronts on Talmadge Road and the owner of the property wants to make modifications consistent with their new tenant "FEDEX" occupancy of the building. The project was a previously approved application of the Morris companies. There were minor modifications to the site dealing with adding a generator, changing the landing pads for the trucks from asphalt to concrete and signage added. The applicant agreed to adhere to our planner's and engineer's recommendations which included replacement of dead trees and shrubbery as well as removal of an old fence. The project was approved unanimously with conditions stated above.

Respectfully Submitted - Councilman Len Sendelsky

**15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, PUBLIC HEARING, AND FINAL ADOPTION:**

O.1926-2016 ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF CERTAIN RIGHTS OF WAY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:67-19.

Mr. Northgrave said based on recommendations from Mr. Kataryniak and the Open Space letter he received we should consider to change this ordinance. Consider to Remove item 1 on Exhibit A, move forward on Mundy Avenue to preserve as a public right of way.

Councilmember Diehl said he will make the motion to amend to remove from the Ordinance on Wednesday.

O.1927-2016 No comment was made.

**16. COMMUNICATIONS:
a. and b. Accepted**

17. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Lombardi:

- a. Thanked the Police department they are actively keeping the Uber drivers out of our Train station.
- b. Congrats to Edison's own Peter Barnes in on his new position as a Superior Court Judge of Middlesex County.

Councilmember Diehl

- a. Our 2nd graders write an essay contest on what's great about Edison and on May 11th we will be Awarding Recognition of the Winners of Contest.

Councilmember Gomez:

- a. absent

Councilmember Karabinchak:

- a. South Plainfield on light, do we have the timing.

Mr. Kataryniak there hasn't been a time set yet.

Councilmember Patil:

- a. None

Councilmember Sendelsky:

- a. He is happy to hear our Attorney is working on an Uber Ordinance to protect our Taxi Companies.
- b. South Plainfield finished taking of the property for Woodland Oaktree Light, ball is in Middlesex County now.

Councilmember Shah:

- a. Employee hand book update.

Ms. Ruane said a draft should be out by Monday.

- b. Quality of Life Ordinance , Air B& B

Mr. Northgrave, they are working on an Ordinance. Air B& B is unregulated at the state. Treasury has to be taxing the entity, cap is 5%.

- c. Taxi Business to protect our local companies

Mr. Northgrave is working on an Ordinance regarding Uber Drivers and Companies.

- d. Thanked the Clerk's office for assisting with the Resolution for the young Lady on the Voice.

Council President Lombardi said it is his understanding the Young Lady from the Voice will be singing at Memorial Day parade.

On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Karabinchak, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Michael R. Lombardi
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk