

**MINUTES OF  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
WORKSESSION MEETING  
March 7, 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 6:06 p.m. by Council President Lombardi, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmember Gomez entered meeting at 6:11pm.

Councilmember Karabinchak was absent.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Clerk McCray, Township Attorney McManimon, Business Administrator Ruane, Public Works Director Haines, Health Director Elliott, Recreation Director Halliwall, Township Engineer Kataryniak, Fire Captain , Police Chief Bryan, Captain Freeman 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.

Bruce Diamond, 74Calvert Ave. West, Thanked the Mayor who has agreed to give him the reconciliation of Open Space tax numbers, he feels the numbers don't add up. He asked for an update from the Public Safety Committee regarding the support of Senator Barnes bill.

Council President Lombardi, said he received updated documentation and spoke with Prosecutor. He will be presenting that information to the Public Safety Committee to review then they will send report back to council. Councilmember Gomez could possibly have report by next meeting.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peak Road, question on 11a, which McDonalds and when money comes in where is it posted, doesn't judgment do to finance department too.

Ms. Ruane said she saw a line item in trust account just sitting in the fund. We are just returning the money.

Ms. Wolke, on 11B what is presently on Route 1at 1015.The property is Clayton Block.

Mr. McManimon, said this is the beginning of the process, study will determine.

Council President Lombardi added this was a property indentify by the planners.

Fred Woke, 10 Peak Road, question on 9 F we are renewing contract, do they submit bills by date and hours.

Ms. Ruane, yes they send a listing of dates and hours it is quite an extension process. They have to run testing of a lot of areas they are not just coping numbers.

Councilmember Gomez explained the guideline of an audit, you cannot test same item each time.

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Accepted as submitted.

**6. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Councilmember Gomez reported Finance Committee met on Saturday regarding the sewer activity both operational and financial. We have created stability and are very pleased with the progress that has been made.

Councilmember Shah, asked if there will be a written report from the Finance Committee.

Councilmember Gomez replied he can provide her with a financial summary.

Council President Lombardi asked for the Public Safety committee update on the Senator Barnes bill for next meeting.

**7. POINTS OF LIGHT**

Council President Lombardi announced there will be a meeting on April 6, 2016 at 6pm, in Council Chambers the Planner will be doing a Presentation regarding preliminary plans for the area on Amboy Avenue.

**8. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:**

- a. through e. No comments were made.

**9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:**

- a. through g. No comments were made.

**10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:**

- a. No comment was made.

**11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:**

- a. through f. No comments were made.

- g. Council President Lombardi added to agenda a Resolution authorizes the Mayors to execute the attached Developer's Agreement with Open Road of Central Jersey, LLC

**12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:**

- a. through d. No comments were made.

**13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

- a. No comment was made.

**14. FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:**

- a. No comment was made.

**15. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:**

- a. Councilmember Shah asked what is this and how many officers are being trained for this.?

Chief Bryan this is High Tech apparatus that helps us get the job done. We have one lead officer and two other officers will be trained

**16. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:**

Councilmember Sendelsky reported next meeting will be on March 22, 2016.

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

O.1922-2016 No comment was made.

O.1923-2016 No comment was made.

O.1924-2016 No comment was made.

**18. COMMUNICIATIONS:**

a. and b. No comments were made.

**19. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Council President Lombardi:**

a. Intersection of New Dover and Grove Ave., there is a school there and accident wind up in the parking lot .

Mr. Kataryniak said he will be looking into putting a guard rail or changing curb line.

**Councilmember Diehl**

- a. In regards to Councilmember Shah comment on the year 2059, I calculated I will be 105 and not sure if I will be a resident of Edison or even be here.
- b. Shoe collection we should advertise this campaign.
- c. Welcome Mr. Haines, and Mr. Russomanno they have gone from 0 to 60% pretty quickly in resident concerns.
- d. Congratulation to Mark Kataryniak, John Soltesz & Jay Elliot regarding the neighborhood issue where the raising of a house took place. He also asked what is the procedure for importing new soil and how do we check the fill coming in.

Mark Kataryniak explained the process and procedure which is followed as per NJDEP requirements. If a resident has a concern they should contact my office.

**Councilmember Gomez:**

a. None

**Councilmember Karabinchak:**

a. Absent

**Councilmember Patil:**

a. None

**Councilmember Sendelsky:**

- a. Boy Scout Troop 12 – fund raiser at the Elks – they do a amazing job to help in the community
- b. March 16- 7:00 pm Edison Tower Annual Meeting in Council chambers they video of presentation of the Rededication.
- c. Animal shelter shoe fund raiser now through April 30<sup>th</sup> be a good sole let your old shoes make a difference in other people lives.

**Councilmember Shah:**

- a. Overcrowding ordinance and the Internet BAB advertisements.

Mr. Elliot said they have identified a couple of address.

She said Jersey City is charging 6% tax.

- b. She was happy to see the new paint job at animal shelter, but there was an Odor ,

Mr. Kataryniak said Mr. Haines had the sewer department there to clean line and looking into long term solution. We are going to make sure it is properly vented and keeping line cleaned and flushed.

- c. There is a Public Safety bill S655 to be heard in Trenton on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Donald Ship, minority recruitment
- d. March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm NAACP Piscataway Library at 20 Murray Avenue. SKM is a non profit organization which provides educations on health issues and domestic violence. There is a resource and referral line for south Asians 1-888-561-6217.
- e. Women’s history month. Our women population in Edison is 51% .

On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Gomez , with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

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Michael R. Lombardi  
Council President

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Cheryl Russomanno, RMC  
Municipal Clerk