

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
May 6, 2019**

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 6:07 p.m. by Council President Gomez followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Lombardi, Patil, and Sendelsky

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Clerk McCray, Township Attorney London, Business Administrator Ruane, Public Works Director Russomanno, Health Director Elliott, Township Engineer O'Brien, Fire Chief Latham, Police Captain Filannino 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 1, 2018 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

Mr. Elliot introduced Daniel J. Bernier of Wildlife Management Consultant. Mr. Berrier is here to do a presentation on the White-Tailed Deer Densities in sections of our Township. He and Mr. Elliot conducted a Spotlight Count of Deer Population in Edison. Mr. Berrier reported there finding along with explaining the different options/plans available to manage Deer.

Councilmember Diehl asked percent of injuries using the lethal method. He also asked how many programs throughout New Jersey.

Mr. Berrier, no humans have been hurt. Over twenty five years there have been minor injuries such as someone slipping down from their tree stand. He has many programs amongst government agencies in New Jersey. Presently he has a report from Essex County and Union County.

Councilmember Lombardi thanked Mr. Berrier for his presentation. He asked him to explain the process and the season if we were to do a hunt.

Mr. Berrier explained it's a process to apply to State Fish and Wildlife.

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

Bruce Diamond, 74 Calvert Ave., asked how much for the 1st year - take out so many and new births - number is huge -

Frank Abella, 21 Oak Grove Lane, Thank you for the comprehensive report. It is now time for the council to way the risk. We now have plenty of knowledge to consider what to do next.

Fred Carpese, 33Oak Grove Lane, feels the town has a serious problem with the Deer population.

Esther Nemitz,162B Fay Street, she is very impressed with the Deer report. She asked the status of planting in the pots in Clara Barton.

Mr. Russomanno, we will be stating with the clay pots planting tomorrow.

Frank Greco,12 Maida Road, he will participate any way he can, the safety of our residents has be to done because of the accident potential of the deer.

Julian Zimmet, 17 Stiles Road, regarding the figure on the revenue Suez would get in forty years, in exhibit three of page seven, \$126,800 million. He asked Councilmember Coyle where he got the \$170 million figure from.

Councilmember Coyle, he thanked him for being an active citizen. The question was asked to the financial officer at a meeting he stated the sewer and water combined is \$170 million.

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

6. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Coyle said this summer he will be going over beautification for our parks.

Councilmember Josh, since being added to be liaison for Public Health Committee he would like to meet on Measles. How effective is the Measles vaccination? If we received it before 1960 do we need to get current vaccination?

Councilmember Lombardi, Land Fill Closure Committee, alternative closure plan is being review by CME. Also on April 30th Frank J. Sulliman finally came home, we should dedicate a street perhaps next year where his sister lives.

7. POINTS OF LIGHT-

Council President Gomez - List .

Councilmember Sendelsky, the Fishing Derby was rain or shine, he thanked Joyce and the recreation department. VFW celebrated 75 years in Edison.

Councilmember Coyle, great event fishing derby. On May 17th Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Health & Wellness event which is a free health screening. He thanked the Mayor and his administration for all their cooperation on this health initiative. On May 14th Nick Meat Depot will be receiving an award from the Chamber

Councilmember Lombardi, this Sunday is Mother's Day he wished all the moms throughout the town a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilmember Diehl announced on May 14th, at 7:00 the first Committee of the Whole will meet, council begins their investigation.

8. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. through c. No comments were made.

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. through d. No comments were made.

c. Councilmember Patil asked Ms. Ruane are we only at one 1/12th or over in the temporary budget? He asked for a five year report.

Ms. Ruane explained in a Temporary Budget we are only allowed to spend 1/12th of last year appropriates. She will provide him a report on Wednesday.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. through c. No comments were made.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

a. and b. No comments were made.

b. AP how much is the first year.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

a. No comments were made

13. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

a. No comments were made.

14. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

a. No comments were made.

15. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Sendelsky next meeting is scheduled for May 13th.

16. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Gomez:

a. Deer, we need to start the process. We have to move in the direction for a long term commitment.

Councilmember Coyle:

a. He asked Ms. Ruane, can we discuss flower planting along Amboy Avenue. Is there a plan o gram that was done thru Engineering, he hasn't seen the report.

Ms. Ruane will get him the report.

b. He asked Mr. Russomanno to walk him thru the plan.

Mr. Russomanno explained he will be working along with Mr. O'Brien discussing the root system and following the plan lay out he prepared.

c. Used Car dealerships along Route 1 update on progress.

Ms. Ruane will have on Wednesday.

Councilmember Diehl

a. White tail deer presentation very informative. We can all agree there is a deer problem that we need to address. He subjected we form a sub-committee to move this forward. It is a long term commitment we shouldn't put aside.

Councilmember Joshi:

a. Garbage District he feels we need to do something to address the garbage district, what if any can be done

- b. He asked if we can have our meeting on Facebook live it's very inexpensive we should do as soon as possible.

Councilmember Lombardi:

- a. Thank you for the deer presentation.
- b. He asked Mr. Elliot of an update on the email received regarding the 7-11 Store on Lafayette.

Mr. Elliot is addressing the incident.

- c. He asked for an update on Rahway Road and intersection left hand and right turn from the County.

Mr. O'Brien said he hasn't received anything.

Councilmember Patil:

- a. Truman Drive update

Mr. O'Brien will check on.

Ms. Ruane, waiting for DEP.

- b. Abandoned Properties

Mr. Elliot said the word is out there to get registered.

Councilmember Sendelsky:

- a. Oak tree Road the tarped house update.

Mr. Elliot said he along with John Soltesz have been at the site they will be drawing up plans.

- b. Old Post Road light update

Mr. O'Brien reported they have been re programmed.

- c. COAH update.

Attorney Leslie London explained the law pertaining to builders remedy if there is no settlement plan then the court would handle. We did adopt a plan the Kaplan project on Jackson Avenue was part of Affordable Housing component in that plan. Every member of this council voted to approve this Affordable Housing Plan. It was part of the court Settlement third round into 2025.

On a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky, seconded by Councilmember Patil , with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Alvaro Gomez
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk