

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Rustin, and Councilmembers Anthony Barzelatto, Maxim Basch, Nadia LaMastra, Daniel Park and Mark Zinna

ABSENT: Councilmember Nadia LaMastra
Councilmember Paul Stefanowicz

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Jewel Thompson-Chin
Borough Attorney William R. McClure

At 7:49 p.m. Mayor Rustin read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement: "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, chapter 231, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates for the year are listed in the Annual Agenda; copies are sent to the Record, Suburbanite, and Northern Valley News and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center. "

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Peter Rustin.

REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. McClure advised that there were no revisions to the agenda.

Motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Park, and all other members voting in favor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the April 28, 2015 Work Session, April 28, 2015 Regular Meeting, and May 5, 2015 Work Session are approved.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

No one came forward.

CONSENT AGENDA:

#R15-159/Approve Expenditures as of May 6, 2015

#R15-160/Amend 2015 Meeting Schedule – Reschedule July and August Meetings

#R15-161/Authorize Return of Performance Bond and Escrow – Tenafly Car Wash

#R15-162/Authorize Change Order – Municipal Building Chiller Replacement

#R15-163/Approve Raffle Application – RA 1114

#R15-164/Authorize Refunds – Recreation Department – Various

#R15-165/Authorize Refunds – Recreation Department – Fingerprint Reimbursement

#R15-166/Authorize Additional Engineering Services – Lead and Asbestos Evaluation

Motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Park, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on the Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

C. Barzelatto:	aye	C. Park:	aye
C. Basch:	aye	C. Stefanowicz:	absent
C. LaMastra:	absent	C. Zinna:	aye

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Zinna

C. Zinna stated that he received a letter regarding an incident that took place at the Knickerbocker Country Club where someone collapsed during dinner. He added that the individuals stated that the Police were there almost instantly. He noted that they commended the Police for their service and professionalism. He also noted that an individual who was pulled over for a broken taillight praised the officer for the Officer's professionalism. C. Zinna stated that he received a letter from Arthur Learner Lamb who was involved in a bicycle accident in Tenafly. He stated that he wrote a full page

letter complimenting the Police Department and TVAC for their service.

He stated that a Planning Board COAH meeting was held yesterday afternoon. He stated that the Board reviewed with the COAH professionals the current status and what to expect. He stated that COAH dollars could be used for affordable housing for veterans. He added that they discussed the presentation from Domus Corporation. He advised that they may arrange for Vantage to come in to do a presentation. C. Zinna stated that they reviewed the deadlines for filing and noted that everything is on schedule. He noted that they also discussed the potential number of units that they are required to build in Tenafly. He advised that Joe Burgis believes the number of units will be approximately 18 or 25. C. Zinna confirmed that the attorney is reviewing the declaratory judgement, which the Council will review.

The Mayor stated that the second round methodology will be used. The Mayor noted that the second round was based on numbers. Mayor Rustin added that they created a system where there will be 15 judges throughout the state reviewing over 500 plans. He stated that although the courts said decisions must be based on a case by case municipality by municipality basis, the Fair Housing Act stated that the basis must be based on a regional situation, which he added is a conflict. The Mayor advised that there are currently 3 groups that have provided numbers to the court. He noted that Robert Bershell from COAH stated that his number is 52,000 affordable housing units. David Kinsey, who has spoken on behalf of the Fair Share Housing Committee and an advocate for affordable housing recommended 2001 units. He added that Art Bernard spoke on behalf of the Builders Association advised 300,000 affordable units. The Mayor noted that affordable housing is supposed to make up 20 percent of the housing stock, which he stated is an unrealistic number. He explained that the attorney and Joe Burgis suggested communicating with another attorney in South Jersey who is an expert on COAH. He noted that the attorney is putting together a coalition of municipalities to finance another study to come up with numbers of the lower set of numbers that has been presented. He stated that it will give the court more ammunition to decide on the lower more realistic number. He said that they are looking to get as many municipalities as possible to join in on the study. The Mayor stated that COAH money can be used instead of coming out of the budget.

Mayor Rustin

The Mayor stated that he attended a Mayor's breakfast this morning. He announced that the speakers were Captain Bill Sheehan of the Hackensack Riverkeeper and the other gentlemen represented Bergen Grass Routes. He noted that the Riverkeeper discussed floor control. He added that the Hackensack Riverkeeper is pushing to have the Hackensack River declared a superfund site, which would bring in federal money.

Councilman Park

C. Park stated that CAP met last night. The current Chairperson stepped down. He noted that they will ask to put up a billboard regarding Parents Who Host. He stated its regarding kids who have house parties and the parents are there supervising, but there is still drinking underage. He noted that they would like to put up the billboard this Friday; however they would like an 8 day extension due to prom and graduation. The Mayor stated that parents underestimate the difficulty of hosting a teenage party. He

added due to social media, it is very difficult to keep a party under control.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No one came forward.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

The Mayor stated that it is beginning summertime, which means kids are downtown. He stated that he thinks the governing body has done a great job. He added that it is enjoyable driving and seeing kids playing basketball, soccer, tennis and skateboarding. He added that the Borough has given youths many opportunities to do fun things and keep them out of trouble.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 15-167.

BE IT RESOLVED in compliance with NJSA 10:4-12, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Tenafly are going into Closed Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

- A. Collective Bargaining
 - 1. PBA Grievance Status
 - 2. Contract Negotiation Updates

- B. Personnel
 - 1. CFO Recruitment Update

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved. After Closed Executive Session, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in the Richard D. Wilson Committee Room to adjourn this public meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion from C. Zinna, seconded by C. Park, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Committee Room at 8:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Zinna, second by C. Basch and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela,
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk