

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Rustin and Councilmembers, Maxim Basch, Shama Haider, Daniel Park and Mark Zinna

ABSENT: Councilmembers Anthony Barzelatto and Paul Stefanowicz

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

At 9:06 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 Press and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center."

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Rustin

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the September 27, 2016 Regular Meeting, October 6, 2016 Work Session, October 6, 2016 Special Regular Meeting, October 6, 2016 Closed Session (not to be released), and October 13, 2016 Closed Session (not to be released) are approved.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA:
None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Coyle – 14 Kentwood Road – spoke regarding the Open Space Trust Fund use. He stated that he has heard that the Open Space Trust Fund would be on the ballot to be renewed. Mr. Coyle noted that Council did not receive the Environmental Commission's opinion on renewing the Open Space Trust Fund. Mr. Coyle informed that the Environmental Commission would not have voted for the renewal. He inquired as to the legitimacy of the expenditure for Geissinger Field. He added that he does not believe it is a good idea to extend the Open Space Trust Fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

#R16-353/Authorize Receipt of Bids – Davis Johnson Park ADA Ramp Project
#R16-354/Authorize Refund – Engineering Escrow – 246 Highwood Avenue
#R16-355/Authorize Refund – Engineering Escrow – 277 Riveredge Road
#R16-356/Authorize Refund – Engineering Escrow – 139 Stonehurst Drive
#R16-357/Authorize Refunds – Recreation Department – Fingerprint Reimbursement
#R16-358/Authorize Refunds – Recreation Department – Various

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:	absent	C. Park:	aye
C. Basch:	aye	C. Stefanowicz:	absent
C. Haider:	aye	C. Zinna:	aye

All members present voting in favor, the Consent Agenda was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Park

The Environmental Commission met. He stated that they were upset about an article in the Suburbanite, which featured the release of balloons at an event in Tenafly.

The CAP committee met and will hold an underage drinking panel on November 16th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Tenafly Middle School.

Councilman Zinna

The Chamber of Commerce held their street fair. He stated that on Saturday the event was canceled due to the wind; however, he added that Sunday was a successful day. He advised that approximately 8,000 people attended.

Mayor Rustin commented that he found the location to be a suitable spot. He informed that the event did not affect traffic; however, he advised that he needs to speak with the owner of Café Angelique to see if they were affected by the street fair. He added that it was a good turnout considering the weather. The Mayor thanked the Chamber of Commerce President for her work with setting up the street fair.

Mayor Rustin

Mayor Rustin attended a meeting at Assembly Woman Huttel's office. He discussed Air BNB, where homes and apartment owners lease out their property on a short term basis over the internet. He advised that Fort Lee has passed an ordinance to prohibit short-term leases. He stated that he does not believe Tenafly has a problem with this issue.

Mayor Rustin commented that for part of the meeting Senator Weinberg and Senator Sweeney discussed transportation, the gas tax and the elimination of estate tax and reduction of sales tax. The Mayor voiced his concern over the impact on the state budget with the elimination of the estate tax and the reduction of sales tax.

Councilwoman Haider

The Zoning Board met and there were no new zoning board applications, just a resolution.

She stated that the Senior Center is interested in the progress of the bus. She added that the Senior Center is receiving phone calls regarding the bus schedule.

Councilmember Basch

The bid opening for the senior bus will take place November 17th. He advised that the position of bus dispatcher has already been incorporated into the 2017 budget. He recommended getting individuals from Work Force to replace paid dispatchers. C. Basch stated that 2 part-time drivers will be hired as well. He commented that the best uses for the bus include doctor appointments and shopping. C. Basch informed that Mr. Feldman went to the JCC to take inventory on what services they provide. He added that the JCC is becoming a civic based organization. He noted that they have many programs for seniors. Mayor Rustin emphasized that they have wonderful programs at the JCC. He commented that they have a broad range of programs, which range from preschoolers to seniors. He

stated that they also have programs for individuals with Alzheimer for socialization. Mayor Rustin recommended that once hired, the Senior Services Coordinator familiarize themselves with the programs at the JCC.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rustin noted that the Open Space Trust Fund renewal is on the ballot as well as an interpretive statement. He stated that without the trust fund, Geissinger Field might not have been able to be done. He stated that the trust fund covers a lot of areas regarding acquisition, recreation and the historic preservation.

Mayor Rustin informed that there had been two serious accidents that have occurred in Tenafly within the last two days. He stated that a jogger was killed at 5:45 a.m. on Sunday morning. He advised that he will speak with the Chief regarding placing attention on joggers that cannot be seen.

Mayor Rustin stated that Celebrity Kids is closing. He added that a potential cause of their closure is due to a rent increase. Mayor Rustin stressed that more people need to be brought to the downtown area.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rustin recognized Borough Attorney William McClure, who read into the record Resolution 16-360.

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. Contract Negotiations Update
- B. Litigation/Attorney-Client Privilege
 - 1. Perelli v. Borough of Tenafly
- C. Real Estate/Acquisition of Property
 - 1. Potential Acquisition Prospects

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. Haider, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session at 9:39p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by C. Basch, second by C. Haider, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Aportela,
MPA, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk