

Borough of Tenafly

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Rustin and Council members Nadia LaMastra, Michael Lattif, Joseph McDermott, Patrick J. Rouse, and Jon Warms

ABSENT: Councilman Anthony Barzelatto

ALSO

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

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 Press Journal, Record, Suburbanite, 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.

On a motion by Councilman Warms, second by Councilman Lattif, and all present voting in favor, the following sets of Minutes were approved: Closed Session of February 23, 2010 (not for release), Closed Session of March 9, 2010 (not for release), Work Session of March 23, 2010, Public Meeting of March 23, 2010, and Closed Session of March 23, 2010 (not for release).

REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Gerry Migliore, President of the Tenafly Chamber of Commerce, referencing item 7.B. on the agenda, requested that permission be granted for the closing the Washington Street and West Railroad Avenue on Sunday, May 2, 2010 for the Street Fair that the Chamber has planned for the downtown. He stated that the Fair was being limited to one day to help address the concerns raised by local businesses that objected to the Street Fairs.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. NJ DOT Re: Agreement/\$200,000/W. Clinton, Section 3

B. Chamber of Commerce Re: Request for street closure on May 2, 2010

Ms. LaMastra voiced her concern that the members of the Chamber had endorsed an April date and a July date for a Street Fair and had not voted on a May date. Local businesses have not prepared for this event at this time. In addition, Mt. Carmel Church has communion that Sunday and she felt a Street Fair was insensitive to the church's schedule, as the start of the Fair overlaps with the ceremony at the church.

Mr. Migliore was permitted to speak to the Council in response to Ms. LaMastra's concerns. He stated that a higher quality promoter had been retained for a classier street fair. He believes this event will be an important step in the healing process for the Chamber, and it is an important step in the direction of what street fairs are: a community event. He will gauge the Fair successful based on the products sold and the participation of the local businesses.

On a roll call, the vote on granting permission to close Washington Street and West Railroad Avenue was recorded as follows:

Councilman Barzelatto:	absent	Councilman McDermott:	aye
Councilwoman LaMastra:	nay	Councilman Rouse:	aye
Councilman Lattif:	aye	Councilman Warms:	aye

On a vote of 4-1, the motion was carried.

Councilwoman LaMastra

Recreation Board met last evening. They are working on the lighting of the municipal field and background checks. They are investigating a firm to do the fingerprinting and the Police Chief and Borough Attorney will review their recommendation. The cost would be \$23 per person. In addition, the registrations for summer camp are coming in. She advised that the Recreation Board has been inundated with requests for use of the municipal field and some have suggested that another field have turf installed, possibly Smith School field.

Councilman Rouse

The Historic Preservation Commission and the daughters of the late Virginia Mosley, former Borough Historian, are requesting permission to hold a memorial service for Virginia on Roosevelt Common on May 1. All agreed.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rustin recognized Councilman Lattif

A. #R10-137/Appoint Green Team

Mr. Lattif questioned the form of the resolution and the energy audits mentioned in it.

Mr. McDermott explained that the resolution was the format submitted by Sustainable Jersey. Regarding the audits, there are two separate ones: one of the Municipal Center by PSE&G, and a second one of other municipal and public facilities that has yet to be done to help earn certification as a Sustainable Jersey community.

On a motion by Councilman Lattif, second by Councilman McDermott:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tenafly strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tenafly wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and well into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to focus attention on “GREEN” issues the Borough government wishes to establish a Green Team Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tenafly wants to begin the process of focusing on ‘GREEN’ issues by starting with audits of municipal facilities and operations first; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission will add a line item in their 2010 budget to begin the process of making the Borough’s operations greener, and more environmentally friendly beginning with energy audits of the town’s facilities to pinpoint the most effective ways to reduce energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, solar power, green design, water quality improvements, and operational changes will all be considered as the Borough moves to do their share to lessen the environmental impact of its operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Tenafly that the Environmental Commission hereby establishes a Green Team Advisory Committee consisting of seven (7) members who shall be merchants, residents or employees of the school system, or Borough of Tenafly, appointed annually by the Mayor, but whose term of appointment shall be through December 31, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough of Tenafly, that the Mission, Goals and Objectives for the Green Team Advisory Committee through December 31, 2010 are established as follows:

MISSION

The Borough of Tenafly Green Team Advisory Committee will advise the Borough officials on ways too improve municipal operations with “GREEN” Initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation.

GOALS

Submit a report and recommendations to the Borough Council by January 1, 2011 to include:

- 1. The progress of an audit on municipal facilities
- 2. Suggestions on best practices for “greener” municipal operations
- 3. What has been accomplished, and actions still needed to be done to achieve certification

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Encourage participation of residents and employees to solicit ideas and implement green initiatives
- 2. Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical environmental and financial sense
- 3. Develop strategies for sustainable green initiatives in municipal operations

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of Tenafly that the following persons are appointed to the Green Team Advisory Committee for the remainder of 2010:

NAME	POSITION
Vincent Benenati or alternate	Supervisor of Building & Grounds for the Board of Education
J. Robert Beutel	Director of Public Works and Municipal Recycling Coordinator for the Borough Of Tenafly
James Coyle or Alternate	Tenafly Environmental Commission member
Donald Kaplan	Board of Education representative
Jennifer Kleinbaum or Alternate	Director of Nature Center or member from Nature Center Board
Gerry Migliore	Representative from Chamber of Commerce
Joseph McDermott	Borough Tenafly Council Representative

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

Councilman Barzelatto:	absent	Councilman: McDermott:	aye
Councilwoman LaMastra:	aye	Councilman: Rouse:	aye
Councilman Lattif:	aye	Councilman Warms:	aye

Mayor Rustin recognized Councilman Rouse

B. #R10-147/Support Organ and Tissue Donation

Motion by Councilman Rouse, second by Councilman Lattif:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Tenafly, urge support of organ, tissue and bone marrow donation programs and encourage residents to educate themselves

about these vital programs in order to save lives and raise their awareness of the urgent need for organ and tissue donors.

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

Councilman Barzelatto:	absent	Councilman: McDermott:	aye
Councilwoman LaMastra:	aye	Councilman: Rouse:	aye
Councilman Lattif:	aye	Councilman Warmes:	aye

AUDIENCE REMARKS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Rustin commented that the CNBC interview with Governor Christie was fascinating at this budget time.

CLOSED SESSION

The Borough Attorney read the following resolution:

RESOLVED that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, the Mayor and Council will go into Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

Legal

1. Compensation issue/former Registrar *to be presented by the Borough Administrator*

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion from Councilman Rouse, second by Councilman Lattif, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session at 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hatten
Borough Clerk