

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2015

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, seconded by Councilman Jensen, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed on roll call vote:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
Litigation, Negotiations, Personnel
3. The Mayor and Council shall release and disclose to the general public the discussion and actions taken on the subject matter of the above mentioned closed session once the Mayor and Council has arrived at a final decision on the specified subject matter.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

Discussion ensued over personnel, labor negotiations and potential litigation. No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Visconti, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the Executive Session be closed.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:32 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti. Absent: None. Also Present: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Schwager announced this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law duly announced and included in the schedule of regular meetings.

MAYOR'S REPORT: FLOW Follies raises money for Senior scholarships for Ramapo and Indian Hills High School. This year's show will be held March 5th to 8th at Ramapo High School. The first annual Green Fair sponsored by the FLOW Environmental Commissions will be held March 7th at Ramapo High School Cafeteria from 11 am to 4 pm. Bergen County K-9 Veterans Day will be held March 13th from 4 to 8 at the Law and Public Safety Institute in Mahwah. The Oakland Library will hold computer classes on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30. There will be a Health and Wellness Fair at Bergen Towne Center on April 24th.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Visconti, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, this portion of the meeting be opened for public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

Dave Richardson, 320 Ramapo Valley Road, the DPW workers should clear fire hydrants instead of plowing clear roads. Mr. Kunze advised that the Borough has been making residents aware of their responsibility to clear fire hydrants just like they have to clear their sidewalks. The Borough is asking the community to help the residents who cannot shovel. When someone calls to advise they are not physically able to shovel the hydrant, we are advising them to ask neighbors, family members or their snow plow contractors. Mr. Richardson commented that traffic violations in town are horrendous and no one ever gets pulled over.

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray, thanked neighbors for shoveling his driveway. He explained about how the plows need to clear the roads. He asked if Oakland was going to join the County for dispatch services. Mayor Schwager advised that the Borough has met with the County to discuss but no decisions have been made. Mr. Monaco commented that before a final decision is made, the Mayor and Council should ask for citizen input.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Visconti, this portion of the meeting be closed to public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 11, 2015

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of February 11, 2015 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini.
Abstain, Councilman Visconti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 11, 2015 EXECUTIVE

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of February 11, 2015 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini.
Abstain, Councilman Visconti.

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1236

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1236 for Dogwood School PTO to hold an on-premise 50/50 on March 27, 2015 at the Oakland Elks Club, 33 Ramapo Valley Road.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1237

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1237 for Dogwood School PTO to hold a 50/50 raffle on March 27, 2015 at the Oakland Elks Club, 33 Ramapo Valley Road.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1238

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1238 for Oakland-Franklin Lakes Rotary Club to hold an off-premise 50/50 raffle on June 23, 2015 at Portobello, 155 Ramapo Valley Road.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 15-75 HIRE PART-TIME SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM AIDE

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland needs to hire a part-time Program Aide for the Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Center Director has made a recommendation to appoint Carol Talerico to work for the Borough of Oakland on an “as needed basis” for the Senior Center as a part-time Program Aide at a rate of \$14.50 per hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby appoint Carol Talerico to the position of part-time Program Aide at a salary of \$14.50 per hour effective February 26, 2015.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 15-76 AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT APPLICATION

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Oakland Municipal Alliance grant for calendar year 2016 in the amount of

DEDR	\$ 9,876.00.
Cash Match	\$ 2,469.00
In-Kind	\$ 7,407.00
2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 15-77 AUTHORIZE RECREATION REFUNDS

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request for a refund of Wrestling Fees in the amount of \$ 234; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 requires governing body approval for said refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby authorize a refund to:

Kim Shah, 11 Valley Forge Road, Oakland,(son Jack), total refund \$ 78.00
 Carla Campozano, 22 Ramapo Valley Road, (sons Jake and Luke), total refund \$156.00

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 15-78 AMEND RESOLUTION 15-01

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2015, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution 15-01 to award the bid for the Recreation Center Walking Path; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the budget accounts listed in Resolution 15-01 were incorrect and the Resolution must be amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account #G-02-14-001-000 in the amount of \$ 28,619.00; Account #T-13-56-286-202 in the amount of \$ 32,000.00; and Account #T-13-56-286-202 in the amount of \$ 52,116.00.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 15-79 AMEND TEMPORARY BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, N.J.S/A. 40A:4-20 of the Local Budget Law provides that in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period prior to the adoption of the budget, the governing body may, by resolution adopted by 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the adoption of the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that, based on the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, that the following emergency temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services:

Current Fund

Account #	Description	Temporary Budget	Amendment
5-01-26-306-010	Snow Removal –S &W	\$ 40,000	\$ 60,000

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

ROOSEVELT BLVD. PHASE II APPRAISAL PROPOSALS

Mr. Kunze advised that we applied for the second round of funding from Bergen County to purchase homes on Roosevelt Boulevard. One of the requirements for the grant process is to conduct certified Green Acres compliant appraisals on the seven lots under consideration for acquisition. The Land Conservancy has solicited proposals on our behalf. Mr. Kunze is recommending that the Borough retain Joshua Mackoff, LLC to conduct appraisals at a cost of \$ 4,025. A resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kunze advised that bids were received for the 2015 Road Program. We got an excellent response and hope to award the bid at the first meeting in March.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini: The Borough received a NJDOT Safe Routes to Schools grant in the amount of \$ 200,000 for sidewalks. He attended the School Board meeting where they discussed the PARCC tests.

Councilman Kulmala: There was an OCC meeting on February 18th. They are working on improving communications with residents via social media. They hope to move forward next month with a Facebook page. The OEM held a meeting on February 18th. They worked on railroad response and the ice storm. Councilman Kulmala advised that a meeting was held with the Public Safety Committee to discuss Mr. Ahearn's concerns about speeding on Pawnee. The Police Chief put together an action plan and radar details are being done from 8:30 am to 9:30 am and from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. One summons was issued for a speed of 42 mph.

Councilman Visconti: The next Flood Commission meeting will be held March 8th at 7:30 pm at the Senior Center. Last month's meeting was cancelled due to the weather. The Park Committee will meet on March 8th at the Danny D'Elia building. There is a cleanup scheduled for April. He advised residents to check the website NewOaklandPark.com for news about the Park. The Library will hold computer classes on Wednesdays from March 18th through April 29th. The Library Board has hired a new Library Director, Peter Havel.

Councilman Pignatelli: No report.

Councilman Jensen: The Planning Board will meet March 12th. We will be ready shortly for budget meetings. He proposed the following dates: March 19th, 21st, 26th, 28th. Mr. Kunze advised he is targeting getting the budget books out by March 13th. He wants to meet with the Council to do a preliminary overview prior to introduction which will take place on March 25th.

Councilwoman Coira: No report.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Visconti, this portion of the meeting be opened for public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Visconti, this portion of the meeting be closed to public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the following bills be submitted for payment:

(see following pages)

BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing bills be paid and charged to their respective accounts when the funds are available.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 pm.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk
March 11, 2015

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

Date Approved