

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 2015

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Visconti, 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:  
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, Visconti.

Councilman Talamini entered at 6:50 pm.

Discussion ensued over white collar negotiations, PBA arbitration and hire of a DPW laborer.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, the Executive Session be closed.

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:30 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.

STUDENT ROLL CALL: Mayor Michael Connor called the meeting to order and Clerk Allison Contrini called the roll: Present: Mayor Michael Connor; Councilmembers Arabella Benducci, Joseph Puglisi, Kyle Hamill, Julianna Benducci, Gianna Gentile. Also Present: Clerk Allison Contrini, Borough Administrator Brianna Stettner.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

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

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Assemblyman Robert Auth was in attendance to congratulate the students. He commended the students for becoming active in government. He presented the students with handouts.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager advised that the Borough of Oakland will be receiving a \$ 550,000 grant for open space. The ribbon cutting ceremony for Great Oak Park will be held Sunday at 10 am. Special guests will include Chief Perry of the Ramapough Indians. There will be a Flag Day ceremony on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at Veteran's Park. The carnival will be held June 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department will hold a Fish & Chips dinner at 5 pm. Last Saturday, the baseball and softball parade was held along with the ribbon cutting for the new walking trail. What made the event so special was all the volunteers.

Student Mayor Connor read the following report:

The Student Council and Valley Middle School are very proud of all of our accomplishments this school year. As a school, we collected more food for the Oakland Food Pantry and toys for the Chris Croker Toy drive than any other past year. We also donated \$200.00 to The Holocaust Museum, \$500.00 to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and \$1,000 dollars to The Cure Starts Now, an organization whose goal is to find a cure for children's brain cancer. This year, for the first time, we partnered our student council members with the children from Oasis in Paterson. Oasis is a safe haven for women and children to help break the cycle of poverty through education and compassion. The student council went to Paterson after school to do a craft project with the children, and we will continue to do this project for many years to come.

At this year's graduation ceremony on June 19<sup>th</sup>, one of our eighth grade students, Aboudi Rai, will be reading his winning graduation poem in front of an audience, at Indian Hills High School. In the National Spelling competition, 8<sup>th</sup> grader Daniel Hu advanced to the semi finals for two

consecutive years. This year, Daniel was runner up. We are also proud to announce that 7<sup>th</sup> grader Aileen Gannon was presented with an award from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Playwrights Festival of Bergen County for writing the winning play, "What Just Happened". This play was performed by the theatre arts students at Bergen Community College.

On behalf of the Student Council, I would like to present donation checks to the Oakland Police Department, Fire Department and First Aid Squad. Mayor Connor presented a check to Detective Mark Piercy of the Oakland Police Department, Assistant Chief Dave Hutsebaut and Lt. Lou Thurston of the Fire Department and to Paul DeLorenzo from the Oakland First Aid Squad.

Student Mayor Connor thanked Mayor Schwaeger and Borough Clerk Lisa Duncan for giving us the opportunity to be a part of the Town Council meeting and for allowing us to tour Town Hall and all of its departments. Lastly, we would like to thank Dr. Caffaro, Mr. Desiderio, Ms. Christiano, the Board of Education, as well as our parents and teachers for supporting the Valley Middle School Student Council Program.

#### PRESENTATION ON STIGMA FREE CAMPAIGN

Jody Goffredo advised that the Stigma Free campaign means a lot to those who need help with mental health issues. The town will provide training that will benefit individuals that need help. She thanked the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Pignatelli advised that the first meeting was held at Borough Hall. Twelve to fourteen people attended. He explained that because of the stigma of mental health illness, people do not seek help. The next step in the program is to establish a mental health first aid program where people will be taught to recognize signs. He will announce the dates of the training sessions when they are scheduled.

Heidi McCallum, 140 Manito Avenue, has a daughter that suffers from mental illness. She has lived that stigma for many years. They kept quiet about her illness until recently when she got really sick. Everyone in the community rushed to help. Mrs. McCallum appreciates the effort of putting together a Stigma Free campaign.

Councilman Pignatelli advised that 1 in 4 people have a mental health problem. This training will teach people how to help those suffering with mental illness.

#### OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Paul Nickels, Hackensack, is the Bergen County ambassador to Hackensack for the Stigma Free program. He thanked Oakland for becoming part of the movement.

Ryan Schwertfeger, 186 Hiawatha Blvd, advised that he remembers being in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and participating in Student Government Day. He congratulated the students and the Mayor and Council for continuing with a wonderful program. He explained to the kids that they can make an impact. His 8<sup>th</sup> grade project was to get a dog park in Oakland. Six years later, we are finally moving closer. He advised that you can make a change if you work hard and persevere.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 13, 2015**

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, seconded by Councilman Jensen, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of May 13, 2015 be approved.

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

**APPROVAL OF SIGN REQUEST:**

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, seconded by Councilman Jensen, approval be granted to Family Reach Foundation to post a sign at Bush Plaza for their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Family Fun Run to be held September 27, 2015.

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

**APPROVE REQUEST TO WAIVE APPLICATION FEE**

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, approval be granted to waive the application fee for an amended site plan application for Ramapo Indian Hills High School.

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

**APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1245**

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, seconded by Councilman Jensen, approval be granted to Raffle License RL1245 for Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge to hold carnival games June 24, 25, 26 and 27, 2015 at the Oakland Recreation Fields, Oak Street.

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

**APPOINTMENT TO SHADE TREE:**

Mayor Schwager brought forth the nomination of Ray Carroll to fill an unexpired term on Shade Tree Commission.

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the Council consented to the appointment of Ray Carroll to an unexpired term on the Shade Tree Commission due to expire December 31, 2018.

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

**APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE:**

Mayor Schwager brought forth the nomination of Elizabeth Benducci for appointment to the Public Events Committee for a two-year term.

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the Council consented to the appointment of Elizabeth Benducci to a two-year term on the Public Events Committee to expire December 31, 2016.

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

**APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1246**

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, approval be granted to Raffle License RL1246 for the Oakland PBA to hold an on-premise raffle on June 27, 2015 at the Oakland Recreation Fields, Oak Street.

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

**RESOLUTION 15-143 AUTHORIZE CONTRACT-SOIL INVESTIGATION AND TANK SCAN SERVICES**

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to perform a limited soils investigation and tank scan at 68 and 72 Roosevelt Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Envirotactics, Inc., 1625 Highway 71, Wall, NJ 07719 has submitted a proposal for the services required in an amount not to exceed \$ 11,810; and

WHEREAS, this contract is for a professional service for which no public bidding is required; and

WHEREAS, Envirotactics, Inc. has submitted all paperwork necessary to comply with the Borough of Oakland's Pay to Play requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #C-04-56-705-100;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland do hereby award a contract in an amount not to exceed \$ 11,810 to Envirotactics, Inc. to perform a limited soils investigation and tank scan at 68 and 72 Roosevelt Boulevard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Borough of Oakland.

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

**RESOLUTION 15-149 REFUND 2010 TAXES DUE TO JUDGMENT BLOCK 3601, LOT 41**

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

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on May 15, 2015, in the matter of PSE&G Services Corp. V. Oakland Borough, Docket No. 009145-2010, reducing the assessment of Block 3601, Lot 41, 20 Van Vooren Drive, to \$7,000,000.00 for the Tax Year 2010; and

WHEREAS, a refund of the 2010 property taxes is now due to PSE&G Services Corp. c/o Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC, in the amount of \$12,835.56;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon the advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a check be issued to PSE&G Services Corp., c/o Zipp & Tannenbaum, in the amount of \$12,835.56

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

RESOLUTION 15-150 REFUND 2012 TAXES DUE TO JUDGMENT BLOCK 3601, LOT 41  
On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on May 15, 2015, in the matter of PSE&G Services Corp. V. Oakland Borough, Docket No. 007395-2012, reducing the assessment of Block 3601, Lot 41, 20 Van Vooren Drive, to \$6,400,000.00 for the Tax Year 2012; and

WHEREAS, a refund of the 2012 property taxes is now due to PSE&G Services Corp. c/o Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC, in the amount of \$7,065.49;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon the advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a check be issued to PSE&G Services Corp., c/o Zipp & Tannenbaum, in the amount of \$7,065.49

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

RESOLUTION 15-151 REFUND 2013 TAXES DUE TO JUDGMENT BLOCK 3601, LOT 41  
On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on May 15, 2015, in the matter of PSE&G Services Corp. V. Oakland Borough, Docket No. 004369-2013, reducing the assessment of Block 3601, Lot 41, 20 Van Vooren Drive, to \$6,400,000.00 for the Tax Year 2013; and

WHEREAS, a refund of the 2013 property taxes is now due to PSE&G Services Corp. c/o Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC, in the amount of \$7,174.54;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon the advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a check be issued to PSE&G Services Corp., c/o Zipp & Tannenbaum, in the amount of \$7,174.54

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

RESOLUTION 15-152 REFUND 2014 TAXES DUE TO JUDGMENT BLOCK 3601, LOT 41  
On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on May 15, 2015, in the matter of PSE&G Services Corp. V. Oakland Borough, Docket No. 000259-2014, reducing the assessment of Block 3601, Lot 41, 20 Van Vooren Drive, to \$6,400,000.00 for the Tax Year 2014; and

WHEREAS, a refund of the 2014 property taxes is now due to PSE&G Services Corp. c/o Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC, in the amount of \$7,300.36;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon the advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a check be issued to PSE&G Services Corp., c/o Zipp & Tannenbaum, in the amount of \$7,300.36

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

RESOLUTION 15-153 AMEND BURGIS CONTRACT-HOUSING PLAN

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

WHEREAS, due to a recent court ruling regarding COAH, the Borough must file a declaratory judgment with the court to obtain temporary immunity for affordable housing lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, the Borough must also prepare a new Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Planner, Burgis Associates, Inc. has submitted a proposal dated April 23, 2015, for the work required in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, Burgis Associates has filed all the paperwork necessary to comply with the Borough of Oakland's Pay-to-Play requirements; and

WHEREAS, this contract is for a professional service for which no public bidding is required; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #T-27-56-286-002;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Burgis Associates to perform the service as outlined in their April 23, 2015, proposal to update the Borough's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Borough.

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

**RESOLUTION 15-154 APPROVE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT-RESPONSE TO FIRE CALLS**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Borough shall approve the Shared Services Agreement “Response to Fire Calls” on a trial basis with the Borough of Franklin Lakes Fire Department to respond to certain fire calls as outlined in the agreement: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreement on behalf of the Borough of Oakland.

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

**RESOLUTION 15-155 AUDIT CERTIFICATION**

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for 2014 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and



WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

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

#### RESOLUTION 15-156 AUTHORIZE CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT-CARNIVAL

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland and the Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge Inc. of Oakland wish to co-sponsor the 2015 Oakland carnival; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland and the Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge Inc. have determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough and the Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge Inc. to enter into a Co-Sponsorship Agreement in order to set forth the respective responsibilities with respect to the carnival and to authorize the execution of the Co-Sponsorship Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute the Co-Sponsorship Agreement in the form annexed to this Resolution.
2. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be provided to the Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge Inc.

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

#### RESOLUTION 15-157 APPOINT SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the hiring of Summer Camp staff at their respective rates as per the attached list effective June 22, 2015.

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

**RESOLUTION 15-158 MUNICIPAL COURT BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that TD Bank be designated as the Official Depository of this Borough for its accounts known as:

THE MUNICIPAL COURT ACCOUNT AND MUNICIPAL COURT BAIL ACCOUNT  
and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Municipal Court Judge and the Municipal Court Administrator be and they are hereby designated the custodians of said accounts, that money be drawn from said accounts only upon check of the Borough under two signatures of the Municipal Court Judge or the Municipal Court Administrator or the Municipal Court Clerk Typist.

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

**RESOLUTION 15-159 APPROVE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is in receipt of the 2014 Report of Audit for the period ending December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland formally accepted said audit document on June 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to develop and obtain Mayor and Council approval of an Audit Corrective Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, said plan must be approved and filed within sixty days of formal notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the required Audit Corrective Action Plan, having been prepared and submitted by the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby approved and further that said plan document be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

**RESOLUTION 15-160 STIGMA FREE CAMPAIGN**

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

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Executive and the Board of Chosen Freeholders, along with the Bergen County Department of Health Services, supports the designation of Stigma-Free Zones in every municipality; and

WHEREAS, at the June 2013 meeting of the Bergen County Mental Health Board, members of the Board learned from Care Plus NJ staff that the agency was working collaboratively to establish a Stigma Free Zone in Paramus; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Mental Health Board supported the initiative and recognized that the initiative was aligned with the Board's mission to raise awareness of the disease of mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Mental Health reports that 1 in 4 adults experiences mental illness in a given year and 1 in 17 adults live with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression, or bipolar disorder; approximately 20% of youth ages 13 to 18 and 13% of youth 8 to 15 experience severe mental disorders in a given year, and;

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with the disease of mental illness is identified as the primary reason individuals fail to seek the help they need to recover from the disease, and;

WHEREAS, Stigma-Free Zones aim to inspire public interest and open dialogues about stigma, raise awareness of the disease of mental illness and create a culture wherein residents who have the disease of mental illness feel supported by their community and neighbors and feel free to seek treatment for the disease without fear of stigma and;

WHEREAS, promoting awareness that there can be no "health" without mental health will break down barriers and encourage residents of all ages to be mindful of their mental health and ask for help when needed; and

WHEREAS, local resources are available to treat the disease of mental illness so no one resident needs to suffer alone or feel hopeless, and;

WHEREAS, establishing Stigma-Free Zones will raise awareness of resources and encourage residents to engage in care as soon as the need is identified so recovery can begin, hope is inspired and tragedies are avoided, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVEDS that the Borough of Oakland recognizes the community needs and supports the efforts of the County of Bergen in designating Oakland as a Stigma-Free Zone.

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

#### RESOLUTION 15-161 AUTHORIZE REFUND RECREATION FEES

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received requests for refunds of Softball Registration Fees in the amount of \$380.00; and

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

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

Laurie Marcucilli, 5 Commanche Tr., Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$95.00  
Marianna Perry, 158 Skyline Dr., Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$190.00  
Cindy Lora, 57 Saratoga Dr., Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$95.00

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

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 15-BOND-719

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No.15-Bond-719 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 15-Bond-719 entitled: " WATER CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$30,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE WATER CAPITAL FUND OF THE BOROUGH.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, Water Capital Ordinance Of The Borough Of Oakland, In The County Of Bergen, New Jersey Authorizing The Making Of Various Public Improvements And Acquisitions In, By And For The Borough Of Oakland, Appropriating Therefor The Sum Of \$30,000 And Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From The Capital Improvement Fund Of The Water Capital Fund Of The Borough., be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on June 24, 2015 at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before June 15, 2015 together with notice of this introduction and of the time and place for further consideration for final passage, and that the Clerk post a copy of said Ordinance in the Municipal Building and make copies available to the public.

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

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 15-CODE-716

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.15-Code-716 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII ENTITLED

**“TRAFFIC” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, BY  
ADDING A NEW SECTION 7-41, ENTITLED PERMISSIBLE  
PARKING DISTANCES FROM INTERSECTIONS OR  
CROSSWALKS”**

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, this portion of the meeting be open for public discussion.

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

No comments.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

On motion of Councilman Visconti, seconded by Councilman Jensen, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed on a roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter Vii Entitled “Traffic” Of The Code Of The Borough Of Oakland, By Adding A New Section 7-41, Entitled Permissible Parking Distances From Intersections Or Crosswalks”, be adopted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby directed to cause said Ordinance to be published by title in The Record in the manner provided by law.

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

**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 15-BOND-717**

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.15-Bond-717 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$349,200 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND OF THE BOROUGH.

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, Capital Ordinance Of The Borough Of Oakland, In The County Of Bergen, New Jersey Authorizing The Making Of Various Public Improvements And Acquisitions In, By And For The Borough Of Oakland, Appropriating Therefor The Sum Of \$349,200 And Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From The Capital Improvement Fund Of The General Capital Fund Of The Borough, be adopted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby directed to cause said Ordinance to be published by title in The Record in the manner provided by law.

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

**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 15-BOND-718**

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.15-Bond-718 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,566,500 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, this portion of the meeting be open for public discussion.

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

No comments made.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, " Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Making Of Various Public Improvements And The Acquisition Of New Additional Or Replacement Equipment And Machinery In, By And For The Borough Of Oakland, In The County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$1,566,500 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Make A Down Payment, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds.", be adopted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby directed to cause said Ordinance to be published by title in The Record in the manner provided by law.

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

**WORK SESSION**

**ACCESS FOR ALL:**

Mayor Schwager advised that two meetings ago, Freeholder DeNicola made a presentation on the Access for All program. Access For All would call for a committee to be set up to raise awareness for people with disabilities. She asked if anyone was interested in pursuing the program. There were no comments.

**REPORT ON BOND SALE:**

The following report was submitted by the Chief Financial Officer:

I, Donna Mollineaux, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Oakland, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify as follows:

1. Acting pursuant to resolutions adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough on April 22, 2015, the Notice of Sale of the Bonds hereinafter described (A) was published in The Record on April 27, 2015 and in The Bond Buyer on April 28, 2015, and (B) was posted electronically via Parity on or about April 28, 2015. The Bonds are in the aggregate principal amount of \$ 16,460,000 and consist of an issue of \$ 14,235,000 General Improvement Bonds, an issue of \$ 1,995,000 Water Utility Bonds and an issue of \$ 230,000 Sewer Utility Bonds of the Borough, each issue dated May 15, 2015.

2. In accordance with such Notice of Sale, electronic bids via Parity were received and reviewed by me as the Chief Financial Officer in the Municipal Building, One Municipal Plaza, Oakland, New Jersey, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015 at 11:00 o'clock A.M. Prevailing Time.

3. The attached schedule marked "Schedule A" contains photocopies of all bids received. The attached schedule marked "Schedule B" sets forth, for each bid, the name of the bidder, the total interest amount, the premium, the net interest cost (in dollars) and the net interest cost (as a percentage).

Acting pursuant to said resolutions of the Borough Council, I accepted the proposal submitted by Fidelity Capital Markets, Boston, Massachusetts, which offered to pay for the Bonds, the sum of \$ 16,624,600, plus accrued interest to the date the Bonds are paid for; provided the Bonds bear interest at the rate or rates per annum as set forth below:

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2015	\$ 720,000	2.00 %
2016	745,000	2.00
2017	945,000	2.00
2018	995,000	2.00
2019	1,045,000	2.00
2020	1,095,000	2.50
2021	1,150,000	3.00
2022	1,175,000	3.00
2023	1,175,000	3.00
2024	1,200,000	3.00
2025	1,200,000	3.00
2026	1,225,000	3.00
2027	1,250,000	3.00
2028	1,265,000	3.00
2029	1,275,000	3.125

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as Chief Financial Officer of the Borough the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

Donna M. Mollineaux  
Chief Financial Officer

#### AMEND CONTRACT-LIBRARY ARCHITECT

Mr. Kunze advised that at the last meeting, the Council asked the architect to create information to be shared with the public in order to education them on the Library project. Since the original contract did not include these services, Mr. Kunze asked the architect to submit a proposal for the additional work. The additional amount would be \$ 4,500. Councilman Pignatelli reiterated that this is for work the Council asked them to do. Mayor Schwager reiterated this is for a community outreach program. A resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

#### AWARD JANITORIAL BID:

Mr. Kunze advised that bids were taken on May 27<sup>th</sup>. There were seven vendors that picked up specifications but only one bid was received. That bid is currently under review. If it is determined the bid is responsive, he will make the recommendation for award of the bid. The bid tabulation sheet has been provided to the Council. Mr. Kunze explained that the discrepancy in pricing was because 2015 is only for six months.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini: He congratulated the kids on their participation tonight. He advised that he started his political career in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Councilman Talamini thanked Valley Middle School for doing this for the students. Councilman Talamini advised that the carnival will be



held June 24<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. The fireworks will be held Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> with the raindate of Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>. The public can pre-purchase vouchers for \$ 20 that can be exchanged any night for wristbands. There will be a shuttle bus running between the Copper Tree Mall and the carnival. There will be top of the line bathrooms at the carnival as well.

Councilman Kulmala: He advised that it is a privilege to be working with the Valley Middle School students. Councilman Kulmala had contacted Assemblyman Auth to discuss the State's responsibility of paving West Oakland Avenue. Mr. Kunze is in the process of setting up a meeting with all parties involved. Councilman Kulmala spent the day in Trenton with Assemblyman Auth. Oakland was asked to have a representative on the Rockland-Bergen Bi-State River Commission. The OCC will be meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Councilman Visconti: The last Flood Commission meeting was cancelled. The Great Oak Park grand opening will be held Sunday at 10 am. The Public Events Committee will be serving refreshments. He asked the public to please park in the parking lot. He thanked Mike Guadagnino and all those involved in getting the park opened. Please come help celebrate.

Councilman Pignatelli: The Senior Center will hold bingo on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Reiki will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. The Senior Center will hold a trip on June 24<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$40. The Senior Center holds free health consultations every Monday. The First Aid Squad responded to 333 calls from January through May 2015. In May, the Squad responded to 57 calls and the average response time was 9.4 minutes. The Environmental Commission needs to clarify the revised recycling rules. They are composing a handout to be distributed at the carnival.

Councilman Jensen: The next Planning Board meeting will be held June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Senior Center.

Councilwoman Coira: She congratulated the students for being a role model for their fellow students. She thanked the parents and teachers. Recreation summer sports clinics and camps are filling up. To register, visit the Recreation website.

Mayor Schwager handed out certificates to all the students who participated in Student Government Day. She advised that it was a pleasure to have the students involved. They were all great. She thanked the parents and Student Council advisors Jill Jeune and Mary Richter for coordinating the event. She also thanked Principal Desidario and Superintendent Coffaro.

#### 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.

Elizabeth Benducci, 9 Valley View, thanked everyone for including the girl scouts at the walking path ribbon cutting ceremony. Mayor Schwager advised that the money for the walking path came from the Sports Association's proceeds when they ran the carnival. Councilman Talamini advised that the opening of the walking path was held last Saturday. The walking path is being well used and it was a great idea.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

On motion of Councilman Jensen , seconded by Councilwoman Coira, 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 Councilwoman Coira, 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 Jensen, the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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

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Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk  
July 8, 2015

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Mayor Linda H. Schwager

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Date Approved