

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2017

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, 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:
Labor Negotiations, Personnel; Potential Litigation
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 Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

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

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the Executive Session be closed.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

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 Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini. 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:

Mayor Schwager complimented the Public Events Committee for their work on the Tree and Menorah Lighting. It was a fabulous event. Chairman Chopper Russo did an outstanding job. Mayor Schwager apologized to Councilman Biale for cutting him off last meeting when he was reading Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation on Thanksgiving. She asked Councilman Biale to read Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation on Thanksgiving. Councilwoman Coira is not going to be at the December 20th meeting and Mayor Schwager thanked her for her six years of service.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

Kevin Heffernen, 40 Grove Street, spoke about making history with Station Park. He spoke about the needs for downtown redevelopment. He feels the downtown redevelopment needs its own committee.

Pat Pignatelli, 499 Ramapo Valley Road, advised that as a member of the American Legion, he is working on getting the West Point Band to perform in Oakland. He is asking for Council approval. The tentative date would be June 3rd. The Council offered their support.

Mark Piercy, President PBA Local 164, advised that the PBA made a donation of \$3,500 to the Cancer center at Hackensack Hospital for research. He thanked everyone who donated. The PBA is accepting unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots. Councilman Knapp commented that the Fire Department will be collecting those gifts on December 16th when they bring Santa around town.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 21, 2017

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of November 21, 2017 be approved.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 8, 2017 EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of November 8, 2017 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini.
Abstain, Councilman Levy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 21, 2017 EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of November 21, 2017 be approved.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

APPOINT AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR STATION PARK:

Mayor Schwager appointed the following people, effective for January 2018, to the Ad-Hoc Committee for Station Park: Ed Clark, Sandra Coira, Kevin Heffernen, Nancy Krause, Peter Kikot, Mike Guadagnino, and Councilman Knapp and Councilman Levy as Council Liaisons.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF DOG PARK

Mayor Schwager asked that this issue be tabled. She explained that there are unknowns that need to be answered.

MOTION TO TABLE:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, the request for support of the Dog Park be tabled.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

Councilwoman Coira commented that the request for support is premature.

RESOLUTION 17-331 AUTHORIZE CDBG GRANT APPLICATION

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

WHEREAS, a Bergen Community Development grant of \$ 83,029.25 has been proposed by the Borough of Oakland for Vinyl Siding Replacement for the Oakland Senior Citizens Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, in the municipality of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 17-339 AUTHORIZE HEALTH BENEFITS WAIVER PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:10-17.1 authorizes municipalities to offer payments in lieu of benefits for employees that waive their healthcare coverage, under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland believes it to be in the best interest of the community to implement a program for cash payments in lieu of providing medical insurance for its employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that a Health Benefits Waiver program is hereby established in accordance with NJSA 40A:10-17.1 as set forth below:

- Borough employees that are entitled to health insurance may opt to decline health insurance and receive bi-weekly payments in lieu of health insurance.
- The annual payment shall be 25% of the net premium amount (net premium amount being defined as the applicable total insurance premium less the amount of the employee's premium contribution), or \$5,000, whichever is less.
- Employees may choose to waive all or some of the following coverages: medical and prescription together, dental, vision.
- To be eligible, the employee must submit a written request to the Borough Administrator on a form provided by the Borough Administrator and provide proof of other group insurance coverage. This proof of coverage must be an official document verifying that the employee is insured under a group health insurance plan. A copy of an insurance identification card is not sufficient.
- Enrollment by the employee in the paid waiver program shall be for the full calendar year. However, the employee may resume coverage with the Borough during the year if the employee ceases to be covered through the employee's spouse.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 17-340 AUTHORIZE REFUND REDEMPTION MONIES-LIEN 16-00018

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

WHEREAS, the Oakland Tax Collector has received funds from a property owner or other party of interest for redemption of a Tax Sale Lien 16-00018, Block 1606, Lot 33, better known as 110 Truman Blvd on November 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, lien holders are entitled to payment for redemption of the Tax Lien upon receipt of funds by the Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$9,663.03, payable to Christiana Trust as Custodian, GSRAN-Z Deposit Account, P.O. Box 71276, Philadelphia, PA 19176

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$9,663.03 to the aforementioned lien holder.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 17-341 AUTHORIZE REFUND TAXES BLOCK 3903, LOT 42.13

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request from the property owner for a refund Of taxes due to a Veteran's Deduction; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a refund as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3903/42.13	Frederick Fuest	\$250.00

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 17-342 AUTHORIZE REFUND TAXES-BLOCK 5503, LOT 10

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request from the property owner for a refund of taxes due to a Senior Citizen's Deduction; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a refund as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5503/10	Anna R. Fronte	\$250.00

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 17-343 AUTHORIZE REFUND TAXES-BLOCK 5102, LOT 53

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request from the property owner for a refund of taxes due to a Senior Citizen's Deduction; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a refund as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5102/53	Eugene J. & Bettina Mason	\$250.00

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 17-344 AUTHORIZE REFUND TAXES-BLOCK 802, LOT 54

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request from the property owner for a refund of taxes due to a 2017 duplicate payment; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a refund as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
802/54	Melissa & Christopher Vion	\$4,400.62

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 17-345 AUTHORIZE TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT-BLOCK 3903, LOT 77

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

WHEREAS, P & T Company, LLC, the owners and/or taxpayers of property known as Block 3903, Lot 77, located at 306 Ramapo Valley Road, has filed a real property tax appeal for tax year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, Borough Appraiser, and Tax Appeal Attorney have recommended a settlement of the litigation, which is in the best interest of the Municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, that the Tax Appeal Attorney be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary in order to effectuate a settlement of the appeal entitled P&T Company, LLC vs. Oakland, wherein for tax year 2017, the assessment of \$ 504,600 will be reduced to \$475,000, resulting in a refund of \$827.62; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid settlement is predicated upon waiver of payment of interest on any refund.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 17-346 AUDIT CERTIFICATION

On motion of Councilman Biale, 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 2016 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 Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 17-349 BUDGET TRANSFER

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

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to expend funds in excess of the amounts approved in the Fiscal 2017 budget of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, there exist certain budget expenditures with funds available in excess of the amounts approved in the Fiscal 2017 budget of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits the transfer of such funds during the last two months of the fiscal year;

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, the following transfers be made to the Fiscal 2017 budget:

<u>Current Fund</u>		From	To
Workers' Comp	7-01-23-215-000	\$2,000	
Sub-total		\$2,000	
Defined Contribution Plan	7-01-36-473-000		\$1,000
Municipal Court – O/E	7-01-43-490-020		\$1,000
Sub-total			\$2,000

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 17-BOND-761 CAPITAL BOND ORDINANCE

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 17-Bond-761 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 17-Bond-761 entitled: " BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,690,000 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.”

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed on 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 Communication And Signal Systems Equipment In, By And For The Borough Of Oakland, In The County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$2,690,000 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 Bond”, be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on December 20, 2017 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 December 11, 2017 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 Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 17-348 INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDINANCE

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,690,000 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."

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 20th day of December, 2017, at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 17-CODE-764 RECREATON FEES

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 17-Code-764 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 17-Code-764 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND CHAPTER IX, RECREATION FACILITIES AND RECREATION AREAS, SUBCHAPTER 9-2.3, ENTITLED "FEE SCHEDULE FOR ACTIVITIES," TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF FACILITIES AND THE FEE SCHEDULE THEREOF.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing The Revised General Ordinances Of The Borough Of Oakland Chapter IX, Recreation Facilities And Recreation Areas, Subchapter 9-2.3, Entitled "Fee Schedule For Activities," To Provide For The Use Of Facilities And The Fee Schedule Thereof., be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on December 20, 2017 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 December 11, 2017 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 Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO.17-BOND-760 CAPITAL PURCHASE

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 17-Bond-760 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 \$434,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND CAPITAL SURPLUS** OF THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND OF THE BOROUGH."

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

On motion of Councilman Biale, 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 \$434,000 And Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From The Capital Improvement Fund And Capital Surplus 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 Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 17-CODE-762 AMEND TRAFFIC CODE

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.17-Code 762 -and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 15 ENTITLED “PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOUSES ON CERTAIN STREET AND SECTION 27, ENTITLED “TRAFFIC - TURN PROHIBITIONS” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

On motion of Councilman Knapp, 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, An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter Vii "Traffic", Section 15 Entitled "Parking Prohibited During Certain Houses On Certain Street And Section 27, Entitled "Traffic - Turn Prohibitions" Of The Code Of The Borough Of Oakland, 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 Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 17-CODE-763 AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 17-Code-763 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE REVISING, AMENDING AND REENACTING PARAGRAPHS 1 THROUGH 16 OF ORDINANCE NO-17-CODE-759 TITLED "THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED "SALARIES OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES"

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

On motion of Councilman Biale, 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, An Ordinance Revising, Amending And Reenacting Paragraphs 1 Through 16 Of Ordinance No-17-Code-759 Titled "The Code

Of The Borough Of Oakland, County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, Entitled "Salaries Of Municipal Employees", 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 Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

WORK SESSION:

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE:

The Borough Clerk prepared a draft meeting schedule for the Council to review. She advised that a date needs to be selected for the Oath of Office meeting. They selected January 7, 2018 at noon for the Oath of Office meeting.

SOLID WASTE BID:

Mr. Kunze advised that the Council needs to discuss the term of the contract, frequency of collection and whether to do single or dual stream recycling. Mayor Schwager advised she received responses on Facebook and through email and she advised that most of the residents want twice per week pick up. Mayor Schwager had also suggested having twice per week pick up until January and then once per week until April but it would need to be rebid. Mr. Kunze spoke of the budget impacts for each option. If the garbage and recycling collection is kept status quo, the impact would be an additional \$ 70,000 on the budget. If the garbage is kept as is and we switch to dual stream recycling, there would be zero impact on the budget. For twice per week garbage pick up and single stream recycling, the budget impact would be \$ 135,000. For twice per week garbage pick up and dual stream recycling, the budget impact would be \$ 65,000. Mayor Schwager and Councilman Biale advised that we used to switch the pick up days every few years. Mr. Kunze explained that now there are make up days for holidays so it doesn't impact residents as much as it used to.

Councilman Talamini commented that he personally could do once per week pick up all year round. He would vote to keep the garbage collection as is and have dual stream recycling pick up for zero impact on the budget. Councilman Kulmala would keep the garbage collection as is and go to dual stream recycling. However, he asked that in the future we ask for an extra pick up for Christmas. Mayor Schwager reiterated that the next time we go out to bid, ask for twice per week pick up to January. Councilman Biale commented that the Seniors don't need twice per week pick up but most residents do want it. He has no issues with going to twice per week pick up and dual stream recycling.

Councilman Levy want to leave garbage collection as is and go to dual stream recycling. Councilwoman Coira would like twice per week garbage collection year-round and dual stream recycling. She advised that the Environmental Commission recommended moving to dual stream recycling. Councilman Knapp supports dual stream recycling. He commented that the taxpayers want the twice per week pick up year round. Councilman Levy commented that Franklin Lakes has a good program with dumpsters at the Municipal Complex for recycling. He asked if Oakland has looked into that. Mr. Kunze responded that Franklin Lakes had kept dual stream recycling while we had switched to single stream. We have curbside pick up and Franklin Lakes does not. That is why they have the dumpsters. Councilman Levy asked if there would be a financial advantage to doing the dumpsters instead of curbside pick up. Mr. Kunze responded it would be the same price.

Mr. Kunze commented that everyone is in favor of dual stream recycling but the vote regarding garbage collection is split 3 to 3. Councilman Kulmala commented that the sampling of residents that responded was very small. Mayor Schwager responded that she would vote for twice per week pick up year round and dual stream recycling. Mr. Kunze asked for the contract term. He has recommended no more than three years. The consensus of the Council was to award a three year contract. A resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

RENEW NBCUA SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT-SLUDGE DISPOSAL:

Mr. Kunze advised that the Borough disposes the sludge from our three sewer treatment plants at the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority plant in Waldwick. There is no change in the agreement or rate for 2018. He recommends renewal of the agreement for 2018.

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES:

As part of the annual fleet replacement program, the Police Chief is recommending the purchase of two vehicles. One is a 2018 Ford Explorer Police interceptor and the other is a 2018 Dodge Durango for the Detective Bureau. Mayor Schwager asked if we got a recall notice on the Ford Explorer. Mr. Kunze responded we did not but we have the first vehicle going in for a retrofit on January 11th. Councilman Knapp advised that he had asked the Chief to put carbon monoxide detectors in the cars.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kunze advised that the Borough received RFQ's for Professional Services. The review committee needs to be established. It is usually the Council President and liaison for Administration as well as the Mayor. Mr. Kunze will circulate some meeting dates.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini: He thanked the Public Events Committee for the wonderful job on the Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting. The audit was accepted tonight.

Councilman Kulmala: The Tree and Menorah lighting ceremony was terrific. Councilman Kulmala, Councilman Knapp and Councilwoman Coira attended the firefighter graduation ceremony. Riley Beech, Grady Dies and Gary Greulich all graduated. The Public Safety Committee is looking at personnel needs. He thanked Councilwoman Coira for her service and commented that she will be missed.

Councilman Biale: The Seniors will hold two bingos. The Senior Center will be closed on December 22nd and December 25th. It will close at 1 pm on December 29th. The end of the year celebration will be held December 28th at 12:00 pm. Councilman Biale advised that yard waste pick up will be extended one week since not all the leaves have fallen. He thanked Councilwoman Coira for her years of service. He will miss her attentive detail to legality.

Councilman Levy: He met with the Flood Commission. He advised residents not to put leaves in the river. It is against the law and causes damage. The next Flood Commission meeting is December 11th at 7:30 pm at the Senior Center. He advised residents to start looking into private flood insurance.

Councilwoman Coira: No report. She thanked the residents for allowing her to serve for six years and she thanked her colleagues.

Councilman Knapp: He did not attend the Board of Health meeting. The Municipal Alliance met. They are working on programs for next year. He thanked Councilwoman Coira. He attended the Toys for Tots event last Saturday. It is a great event.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

Don Burns, 22 Whittier Lane, gave the background on the current garbage collection. He commented that he did not see anything wrong with the way the schedule is currently and he questioned the cost effectiveness of an additional \$ 65,000. He would keep the garbage collection the way it is and go to dual stream recycling.

Ryan Schwertfeger, 58 Andrew Avenue, advised he had a conversation with Mike Guadagnino and they will work out issues for the Dog Park. He thanked everyone in town for their support. He explained that the fundraising committee needs to approach large businesses for donations and the businesses want something official from the Borough. He thanked Councilwoman Coira for her service.

Vivian King, 113 Hiawatha Boulevard , thanked Councilwoman Coira for all she did for the Recreation Commission.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

Councilman Talamini thanked Councilwoman Coira for her time on the Council. She is very professional and helpful with her insight. She will be missed.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Biale, 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 Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

Mayor Schwager commented that Councilwoman Coira will be missed.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the meeting be adjourned at 8:59 pm.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

December 20, 2017

Date Approved