

MINUTES

OATH OF OFFICE/RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING **OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
SUNDAY JANUARY 4, 2015 AT 12:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 12:01 pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

INVOCATION: Fire Chaplain Russell Stammer gave the invocation.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Schwager made the announcement that this meeting is being held in accordance with the open public meetings law, duly announced, advertised and posted in the municipal building.

OATH OF OFFICE: Borough Attorney Brian Chewcaskie administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Sandra Coira.

OATH OF OFFICE: Assemblyman Robert Auth administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Russell Talamini.

Councilwoman Coira's Message:

Councilwoman Coira thanked her family, especially her husband and kids, because without them, this would all not be possible. She thanked the residents and the voters who gave her this opportunity to serve for another three years. She thanked the volunteers and the staff who work behind the scenes to help the Governing Body to do their job. Those volunteers are the reason Oakland is one of the best towns to live in. She thanked everyone again for the opportunity to serve the community.

Councilman Talamini's Message:

Good Afternoon, Mayor Schwager, Members of the Council, Honored guests, Family and Friends,

Let me start by saying thank you to Assemblyman Auth for swearing me in. We are very lucky to have him representing us down in Trenton. I am honored to have him as a friend and I am very grateful that he would take the time out of his day to do this for me. Usually he's swearing at me, so this is a nice change of pace.

I have a long list of thank yous and if I leave anyone out I apologize. Thank you to the Oakland K-8 Board of Education. I'm very proud of my time on the Board and I will always value the experience, knowledge and friends I gained from serving there. Thank you to everyone who voted for me and for having the confidence in me to represent you here in Oakland. Thank you to Councilwoman Sandra Coira for having a campaign based on issues. Thank you to the Oakland Republican Club and everyone who helped on my campaign, I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to my family for teaching me how important it is to be involved in the town in which

you live. And thank you to my wife and children for all their support and for sharing me with the town of Oakland.

I'm looking forward to working with the Mayor and Council and I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Thank you.

Mayor Schwager's Message:

Mayor Schwager thanked all the Council people for their cooperation and working together. She is proud to be part of this Governing Body. We respect each other and cooperate with each other. She is looking forward to another year. This is a very special community. Oakland was recently named one of the top 10 communities in New Jersey. There were a lot of accomplishments this year. Work will be done on the Van Allen House with the roof construction project. The Borough received grants for flood buyouts along the river. That is a wonderful opportunity for the residents of Oakland. The Library litigation ended and the Borough took bids for an architect. The Library renovation work will occur this year. The Recreation Center walking path project will be done this year with money that the Borough received from Sports Association for the project. Great Oak Park will be a gem for our community. She thanked Mike Guadagnino for all his work on the park. Oakland is working toward sewers. Sewers will become a reality in the downtown. She thanked Borough Engineer Kevin Boswell for his work on the project. Mayor Schwager wished a happy 60th anniversary to the First Aid Squad. She thanked the volunteer Fire Department. She is proud of all of Oakland's volunteers. Mayor Schwager is looking forward to another year of working together with everyone. She wished everyone a Happy, healthy 2015.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini. Absent: Councilman Visconti. Also Present: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney.

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE:

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the absence of Councilman Visconti be excused.

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

OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Jensen, this portion of the meeting be opened to the public.

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

No comments made.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

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

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

ADOPT 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Jensen, the 2015 meeting schedule be adopted as follows:

*2015
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
BOROUGH OF OAKLAND
MAYOR AND COUNCIL*

BUSINESS MAY BE CONDUCTED AT EACH MEETING. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 PM TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LITIGATION, NEGOTIATIONS, AND PERSONNEL MATTERS. ALL REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS, WHICH ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WILL COMMENCE AT 7:30 PM.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT/COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY.

OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY/RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 12:00 NOON ON JANUARY 4, 2015 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 10 LAWLOR DRIVE.

January	4	Oath of Office Ceremony/Re-Organization
	14	Regular Meeting
	28	Regular Meeting
February	11	Regular Meeting
	25	Regular Meeting
March	11	Regular Meeting
	25	Regular Meeting
April	8	Regular Meeting
	22	Regular Meeting
May	13	Regular Meeting
	27	Regular Meeting
June	10	Regular Meeting
	24	Regular Meeting
July	8	Regular Meeting
	22	Regular Meeting
August	12	Regular Meeting
	26	Regular Meeting
Sept	9	Regular Meeting
	30	Regular Meeting
Oct	14	Regular Meeting
	28	Regular Meeting
November	9 (Monday)	Regular Meeting

	24 (Tuesday)	Regular Meeting
December	9	Regular Meeting
	23	Regular Meeting

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

ADOPT OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, The Record be designated as the official newspaper for the Borough of Oakland.

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

RESOLUTION 05-01 AWARD BID-RECREATION CENTER WALKING PATH

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

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2014, the Borough of Oakland received thirteen (13) bids for the Recreation Center Walking Path Project; and

WHEREAS, Diamond Construction, had the lowest responsible bid with a base bid price of \$112,735.00;

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney have reviewed the bids and have recommended acceptance of the bid from Diamond Construction, 35 Beaverson Blvd., Suite 12C, Brick, New Jersey 08723; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account # G-02-14-001-000 in the amount of \$28,619.00, T-13-56-286-020 in the amount of \$32,000.00 and T-13-56-286-020 in the amount of \$52,116.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Diamond Construction in the total amount of \$112,735.00 is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator is directed to prepare an appropriate contract for the same; and

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

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

RESOLUTION 15-02 AUTHORIZE HIRING OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland desire to retain the services of a full-time Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland have considered candidates and wish to retain the services of Donna Mollineaux as CFO/Treasurer of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Ms. Mollineaux have agreed on salary and services to be provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that Donna Mollineaux is hereby appointed as full-time CFO of the Borough of Oakland at an initial annual salary of \$117,000, said appointment to be effective for a term commencing Monday, January 19, 2015, and running through December 31, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Borough Code section 2-3.5A(c), Ms. Mollineaux is hereby appointed as Treasurer for a term commencing January 19, 2015, and running until the 2016 Reorganization meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 15-03 HIRE FULL-TIME CLERK TYPIST

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

WHEREAS, In 2011 the Borough established the position of part-time Recreation Aide to provide administrative and operational support to the Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy now exists in that position; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Christina Clipperton was hired as a part-time Clerk in 2014 to provide administrative support to the Planning and Zoning Boards; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clipperton has shown the ability and desire to learn all aspects of her job as well as other aspects of the Borough's operations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that Christina Clipperton be appointed as a full-time Clerk at an annual salary of \$36,400.00, effective January 12, 2015, to fill the vacant position supporting the Recreation Commission and to continue as Planning and Zoning Board Secretary.

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

APPOINT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, Councilman Pat Pignatelli be appointed Council President for 2015.

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

Council President Pignatelli appointed the following to Council Committees and Liaisons for 2015:

COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2015

Finance Committee	Chairperson Member	Tim Jensen Chris Visconti
Public Safety Committee Police-Fire-First Aid-Municipal Court	Chairperson Member	Eric Kulmala Pat Pignatelli
D.P.W. Committee Roads-Solid Waste-Recycling Building and Grounds	Chairperson Member	Sandra Coira Tim Jensen
Water And Sewer	Chairperson Member	Chris Visconti Pat Pignatelli
Inter Governmental Relations/Administration	Chairperson Member	Russ Talamini Eric Kulmala
Land Use Committee Planning & Board of Adjustment	Chairperson	Tim Jensen

COUNCIL LIAISONS

Public Events	Russ Talamini
Environmental Commission	Pat Pignatelli
Local and Regional Schools	Russ Talamini
Senior Citizens Liaison	Pat Pignatelli
Board of Health	Pat Pignatelli
Emergency Management	Eric Kulmala
Flood Commission	Chris Visconti
Recreation Commission	Sandra Coira
Municipal Alliance	Sandra Coira
Communications Commission	Eric Kulmala
Shade Tree Commission	Sandra Coira
Downtown Improvement	Chris Visconti
Library	Chris Visconti
Historical Preservation	Pat Pignatelli
Community Events	Russ Talamini
Park Committee	Chris Visconti

BENEDICTION: Fire Chaplain Russell Stammer gave the Benediction.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the meeting be adjourned at 12:26 pm.

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

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk

Linda H. Schwager, Mayor

Date Approved: January 28, 2015