

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 12, 2014

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, 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:  
Potential Litigation, 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, Stagg, Visconti.

Discussion ensued over personnel matters and potential litigation.  
Councilman Pignatelli entered at 6:55 pm.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

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

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

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

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MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Schwager advised that Ramapo College hosted a job fair last week. There will be a job fair at Bergen Community College on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm. The first Green Team meeting of the year was held. There are a lot of programs scheduled. Mayor Schwager may have someone interested to chair a Green fair. Mayor Schwager advised that, in conjunction with the Mayors' Wellness Program and the Bergen County Health Department, Oakland will be involved in a 12-week weight loss challenge. It will be sponsored by the gym formerly known as the Edge. Residents who participate will be required to weigh in a minimum of six times and attend one seminar. The program will start April 5<sup>th</sup>. Participation in this program will get the Borough points toward Sustainable Jersey certification. Mayor Schwager announced that Oakland is being awarded a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to be used towards cleanup of the Ramapo River.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray Road, spoke of his suggestion for Board of Education to change the school times for traffic control purposes.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 12, 2014

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of February 12, 2014 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Visconti. Abstain, Councilwoman Stagg.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 26, 2014

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of February 26, 2014 be approved.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 8, 2014 EXECUTIVE

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilman Jensen, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of January 8, 2014 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Visconti.  
Abstain: Councilwoman Stagg.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 22, 2014 EXECUTIVE

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of January 22, 2014 be approved.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1214 DOGWOOD SCHOOL PTO

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1214 for Dogwood School PTO to hold an on-premise 50/50 raffle on March 31, 2014 at Portobello's, 175 Ramapo Valley Road.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1215 DOGWOOD SCHOOL PTO

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilman Visconti, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1215 for Dogwood School PTO to hold an on-premise raffle for merchandise on March 31, 2014 at Portobello's, 175 Ramapo Valley Road.

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

APPROVE SIGN REQUEST FROM RAMAPO-BERGEN ANIMAL REFUGE INC.

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilman Visconti, approval be granted for Ramapo-Bergen Animal Refuge Inc. to post a sign prior to their Copper Tree Mall sales on the following dates:

April 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	August 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>
May 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	September 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>
June 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>	October 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>
July 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	December 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>

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

APPONTMENT-GREEN TEAM

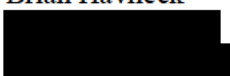
On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilman Visconti, Simon Burgess be appointed as a Citizen member of the Green Team.

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

RESOLUTION 14-90 APPOINT PER-DIEM DISPATCHERS

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

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has requested the appointment of three (3) Per Diem Dispatchers and has completed all necessary background investigations and deemed the candidates to be qualified;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby appoint		
Guiseppe Capparelli	Brian Havlicek	John Ryan
21 Pawnee Avenue		15 Belleview Ave.
Oakland, NJ 07436		Butler, NJ 07405

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

RESOLUTION 14-91 APPROVE RECREATION BYLAWS-TABLED

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland approve the Bylaws of the Oakland Recreation Commission as attached.

Discussion ensued. Since the amended bylaws were not attached, the Council decided to table.

MOTION TO TABLE:

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilman Jensen, Resolution 14-91 be tabled until the next meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 14-92 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

WHEREAS, NJSA40A:4-20 of the Local Budget Law provides that in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period prior to the adoption of the budget, the governing body may, by resolution adopted by 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the adoption of the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that, based on the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, that the following

emergency temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services:

<u>Current Fund</u>	Salaries & Wages	Other
Administration	\$ 17,500	
Mayor & Council	\$ 6,000	
Municipal Clerk	\$ 7,500	
Elections	\$ 1,200	\$ 7,000
Finance	\$ 25,000	
Audit		\$ 5,500
Information & Technology		\$ 11,000
Tax Collection	\$ 7,000	
Tax Assessment	\$ 7,000	
Legal Services		\$ 30,000
Insurance:		
Property & Casualty		\$ 130,500
Employee Group Health		\$ 400,000
Engineering		\$ 8,000
Planning Board	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000
Board of Adjustment	\$ 3,500	
Uniform Construction Code	\$ 24,500	\$ 1,000
.	Salaries & Wages	Other Expenses
Police Department	\$650,500	
911 System		\$ 3,500
Emergency Management	\$ 3,700	\$ 2,000
Flood Control	\$ 1,500	\$ 700
Contribution to First Aid Squad		\$ 30,000
Fire Dept.		\$ 20,000
Prosecutor		\$ 6,000
Streets & Roads	\$ 70,000	\$ 25,500
Shade Tree		\$ 5,000
Stormwater Management	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000
Garbage & Trash Removal	\$ 15,000	\$ 450,000
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 70,000	\$ 20,000
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000
Board of Health	\$ 15,000	\$ 45,000
Recreation	\$ 50,500	\$ 125,000
Senior Citizens	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000
Public Library	\$ 80,500	\$ 50,500
Electricity		\$ 30,500
Street Lighting		\$ 25,000
Telephone		\$ 30,000
Natural Gas		\$ 7,000
Gasoline		\$ 30,500
Social Security		\$ 80,000
Defined Contribution Plan		\$ 300
NJ Motor Vehicle Services	\$ 30,500	
Municipal Court	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,000
Public Defender		\$ 3,000
Total	\$1,151,400.	\$1,632,500.
Current Fund Total		\$2,783,900.

Water Utility

	Salaries & Wages	Other Expenses
Water Operations	\$ 95,500	\$ 80,000
Utilities		\$ 90,000
Social Security		\$ 30,500
Other Insurance Premiums		\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 95,500	\$210,500
Water Fund Total		\$306,000

Sewer Utility

	Salaries & Wages	Other Expenses
Sewer Operations	\$ 35,000	\$ 60,000
Utilities		\$ 11,000
Social Security		\$ 7,000
Other Insurance Premiums		
Total	\$ 35,000	\$ 78,000
Sewer Fund Total		\$ 113,000

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

## RESOLUTION 14-93 DEDUCT CHANGE ORDER-TEKTON

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

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2012, a contract was awarded to Tekton Development Corp. for the renovations and additions to the DPW facility in the amount of \$2,579,000; and

WHEREAS, requests were made for the following Change Order:

Change Order 32	Contract price reduction in conjunction with	
	Contract completion date extension for additional	
	Costs incurred by Borough	\$ -1,200.00

WHEREAS, the Change Order has been reviewed and recommended by the Borough's architect, Keith Lesser of S&L Architecture Studio LLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Change Order 32 for a contract price reduction of \$- 1,200.00 to Tekton Development Corp.

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

## RESOLUTION 14-94 CONTRACT AMENDMENT-EPIC

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

WHEREAS, a contract was issued to Epic Management, Inc. of Piscataway, New Jersey for Owner's Representative Services for the DPW Building Renovation Project and the contract is due to expire on February 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Epic's contract in order to extend an additional month to continue providing needed services while construction continues; and

WHEREAS, no additional compensation is required beyond the amount already authorized:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the amendment to Epic Management's contract for an additional month to March 9, 2014.

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

#### RESOLUTION 14-95 CONTRACT AMENDMENT S & L ARCHITECTURE

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

WHEREAS, a contract was issued to S&L Architecture for construction administration for the DPW Building Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend S&L Architecture Studio's contract by an additional \$1,200.00 to continue providing needed services while construction continues; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account C-04-56-663-100;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the amendment to S&L Architecture Studio's contract for the period of February 1 through February 28, 2014 at a total cost of \$1,200.00.

Councilman Pignatelli questioned if we need to retain the architect until all the punch list items are done. Mr. Kunze responded that the architect is actively involved with providing information to the Borough Attorney regarding Tekton. He advised that none of the consultants are putting in the same level of work but still have a role.

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

#### RESOLUTION 14-96 RE-ADOPT DRUG FREE SCHOOL ZONE MAP-TABLED

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has prepared updated maps entitled "Drug Free Zone Map (500' Radius From Public Buildings, Parks & Housing and 1000' Radius From School Properties)"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland desires to adopt the maps in accordance with the New Jersey State law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has certified the maps as being accurate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the maps entitled “Drug Free Zone Map (500’ Radius From Public Buildings, Parks & Housing and 1000’ Radius From School Properties)”, dated February 11, 2014, prepared by Borough Engineer Stephen T. Boswell, Ph.D., P.E., and Frank M. Krupinski, Professional Land Surveyor, of Boswell McClave Engineering be and are hereby approved by the Borough of Oakland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution and maps be transmitted to the Bergen County Prosecutor, Oakland Police Department and Borough Engineer.

Discussion ensued. Councilwoman Stagg questioned if daycare centers count as schools. Mr. Chewcaskie responded that he doesn’t believe day care centers are included in the statute. He believes the statute refers to instructional facilities. Councilwoman Stagg commented that the resolution should be worded that if a school closes, this doesn’t have to be revisited. Councilman Jensen asked if this will require new signage and would that have a budget impact. Mr. Chewcaskie responded he did not think so but he would check the statute. Councilwoman Stagg questioned if the Borough owned property off of Breakneck Road and the new Park should be on the map. The consensus was to table the resolution until the Council received further information.

MOTION TO TABLE:

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Stagg, Resolution 14-96 be tabled until further information provided.

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

RESOLUTION 14-97 AUTHORIZE CONTRACT-WATER & SEWER ENGINEER

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough of Oakland to engage the services of **Water & Sewer Engineer** for 2014; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget to compensate said Water & Sewer Engineer; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. exempts professional services from certain requirements of public bidding provided a notice of the appointment be printed in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did undertake a competitive process to select a Water & Sewer Engineer and solicited Requests for Qualifications in November 2013; and

WHEREAS, the applicants has submitted paperwork certifying that they have not made any disqualifying pay to play contributions pursuant to the Borough’s Pay-to-Play Ordinance No.12-Code-669 adopted July 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s Review Team has determined that Kevin Boswell of the firm Boswell McClave Engineering, Inc. will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and



WHEREAS, Mayor Schwager has nominated Kevin Boswell and the firm of Boswell McClave Engineering, Inc. to serve as the Water & Sewer Engineer for the year 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received or will receive a Business Registration certificate and Affirmative Action compliance statement from the firm prior to entering into a contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland that said Water & Sewer Engineer be and is hereby appointed for the year 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compensation for said Water & Sewer Engineer for the year 2014 shall be claimed, approved and paid in the manner set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-18 and pursuant to agreement to be entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract amount shall not exceed \$ 13,500.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account # 4-05-55-502-028 -\$11,000 and Account # 4-07-55-501-029-\$ 2,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk shall cause a notice of the adoption of this resolution be printed in a qualified newspaper within ten (10) days after passage hereof.

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

#### RESOLUTION 14-98 CERTIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE FOR RECYCLING TAX

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

WHEREAS, the Recycling Enhancement Act, P.L. 2007, chapter 311, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, there is levied upon the owner or operator of every solid waste facility (with certain exceptions) a recycling tax of \$ 3.00 per ton on all solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at the solid waste facility.

WHEREAS, whenever a municipality operates a municipal service system for solid waste collection, or provides for regular solid waste collection service under a contract awarded pursuant to the "Local Public Contracts Law", the amount of grant monies received by the municipality shall not be less than the annual amount of recycling tax paid by the municipality except that all grant moneys received by the municipality shall be expended only for its recycling program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Oakland that the Borough of Oakland hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L. 2007, chapter 311, in 2013 in the amount of \$ 13,744.44. Documentation supporting this submission is available at 1 Municipal Plaza and shall be maintained for no less than five years from this date.

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

**RESOLUTION 14-99 AUTHORIZE RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION**

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

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2013 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Mayor and Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that Oakland hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Eugene MacMahon to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

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

**BUDGET:**

**RESOLUTION 14-100 READ BUDGET BY TITLE**

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved municipal budget as advertised has been posted in the municipal building and copies have

been made available by the clerk to persons requiring them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CY2014 municipal budget shall be read by title only.

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

**RESOLUTION 14-101 INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET**

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

Municipal Budget of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen for the Fiscal Year 2014

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget be published in The Bergen Record in the issue of March 21, 2014.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland does hereby approve the following budget for the year 2014.

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, on March 12, 2014.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at Council Chambers, on April 9, 2014 at 7:30 o'clock pm at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2014 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Councilman Jensen advised that the total appropriations less the Library are \$ 17,184,985.31. Total appropriations including the Library are \$ 17,958,185.31. The amount to be raised by taxes, municipal levy, is \$ 13,345,264.11 and the total tax levy is \$ 14,118,464.11. That amounts to an increase of \$ 210,162.11 or 1.51%.

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

**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 14-CODE-699**

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.14-Code-699 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, SUBCHAPTER 10, ENTITLED "PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.", SECTION 2-10.2 ENTITLED "APPROVAL PROCEDURE"

**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, Stagg, Visconti.

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, 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 The Revised General Ordinances Of The Borough Of Oakland Chapter Ii, Administration, Subchapter 10, Entitled "Payment Of Claims.", Section 2-10.2 Entitled "Approval Procedure", 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.

Mayor Schwager emphasized that all Council members should review the bills list carefully. Councilman Pignatelli would like a report in six months to report on the success of the new procedures. Mr. Kunze responded he would but he is not sure how to evaluate success beyond the amount of time it takes to pay the bills.

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

**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 14-CODE-700**

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.14-Code-700 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)"

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)", 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, Stagg, Visconti.

**WORK SESSION:**

**LEFT TURN LANE-RAMAPO VALLEY ROAD AT ELM STREET**

Mr. Kunze advised that last fall there was a striping change on Ramapo Valley Road establishing a left turn lane for Elm Street. There was concern from the Mayor and Council on how this was going to function. The Borough asked to meet with the County and that meeting was held in February. The County agreed that additional signage was needed and more arrows are necessary to designate the left turn lane. They agreed to fix the storm drain in the through lane. Mr. Kunze advised this was brought back for discussion because it needs to be codified.

Police Chief Kasper advised that the County had changed the striping on Ramapo Valley Road. Previously there had been issues with improper passing and road rage. The County determined the new striping was the best fix to the problem. It seems to be working fine. The Police need an ordinance in order to enforce any traffic violations. Chief Kasper advised that the County will return in the spring to look at additional signage.

Councilman Pignatelli commented that he hopes the County will look at the striping on the whole road after sewers come in to the downtown. Chief Kasper advised that certain intersections are controlled by the State and certain parts of the road are controlled by the County. Councilman Pignatelli commented he thinks the road can be improved with striping. Chief Kasper responded that the road is not wide enough in certain parts such as where the retail stores are unless parking on the street is eliminated. Councilman Pignatelli questioned if a bicycle lane was feasible. Chief Kasper responded it would not because the road is wide in certain spots but then it narrows in certain parts. The bike lanes would essentially lead to nowhere. Councilman Pignatelli asked if there could be a bike lane from East Oak Street down to the Recreation fields. Chief Kasper responded he would look at it but he did not think the street was wide enough.

Councilman Visconti asked if we could put parking in the area in front of Copper Tree mall instead of the striping. Chief Kasper advised he could look at it with the County. Councilman

Visconti asked if at the intersection of Oak Street, if Ramapo Valley Road going south could be made into three lanes-left turn, through lane and right turn lane. Chief Kasper advised he would ask the County. Councilman Kulmala asked why there is no turn on red at the corner of West Oakland Ave and Ramapo Valley Road. Chief Kasper responded that intersection is controlled by the State. The reason for the no turn on red is because of the railroad tracks. Mayor Schwager commented that they had discussed limiting that right turn for people to go straight on Ramapo Valley Road. Cars who try to get into the left turn lane to turn on Yawpo block traffic. Chief Kasper responded that they are limited as to what can be done at that intersection. Trucks won't be able to make the turn if dividers are put in the road. Mr. Kunze advised that when he met with the County, they explored striping changes at the Yawpo intersection.

An ordinance for the left turn lane will be listed for introduction on the March 26<sup>th</sup> agenda.

#### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT:

Mr. Kunze advised that Crew Engineers had been authorized to do the Consumer Confidence Report before the Council decided on who was going to be the Water & Sewer Engineer. Crew Engineers is now due compensation so we must authorize a contract. A resolution will be listed on the March 26<sup>th</sup> agenda.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Kulmala: The Planning Board is meeting March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The Communications Commission will meet on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to get articles in the Crossroads newsletter is March 31<sup>st</sup>. The TV committee is desperate for volunteers. The TV Committee did get a new camera and new editing system.

Councilman Visconti: The Flood Commission did not meet on Monday. They are working on the Community Rating System and a mailer will be going out to residents. Last night, the Park Committee held a meeting. Most of the Scout projects cannot start until the weather breaks. There will be a cleanup on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The next Park Committee meeting will be April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilwoman Stagg: The Environmental Commission is looking for new activities to enhance Open space. They are working on the Natural Resources Inventory. They are planning the dedication for Stewarts Woods.

Councilman Pignatelli: He advised that there will be a celebration on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Senior Center for Oakland's 112<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Councilman Jensen: The budget meetings have been set for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. The Public Events Committee will hold its Easter Egg Hunt on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

Councilwoman Coira: The Rutgers Safety training course will be held March 14<sup>th</sup>. Signup information for Soccer, Football, Golf, Tennis and Summer Camp is listed on the Recreation website. Baseball and Softball practices will begin soon. There was no quorum for the Municipal Alliance meeting on Monday.

Councilman Kulmala advised there was a house fire last week on River Road and the Fire Department did an outstanding job.

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

Chief Kasper, Oakland Police Department, advised that he is the Safety Coordinator with the Bergen County JIF Safety Program. The Borough of Oakland received the Silver safety award this year because there were zero loss time incidents last year. He gave kudos to the Borough employees for their efforts.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Stagg, 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, Stagg, Visconti.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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

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Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk  
March 26, 2014

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Mayor Linda H. Schwager

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Date Approved