

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 22, 2016

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Visconti, 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:  
Ramapo River Restoration Project Potential Litigation; Personnel; COAH
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, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:35 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Biale, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti. Absent: Councilwoman Coira. 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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EXCUSE ABSENCE:

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager thanked the Public Events Committee and anyone who helped to organize the carnival. She thanked the DPW and all the organizations who participated. There was great weather and it was great to see everyone working together. Mayor Schwager asked Councilman Kulmala to thank Peter Tuohy for the fabulous work he has done on the Crossroads newsletter. Mayor Schwager advised that volunteers are needed for the Access for All Committee. Volunteers are also needed for the Green Team in order for the Borough to get recertified for Sustainable Jersey. There will be a meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup> for representatives for the Board of Education and parents on how to work together to prevent bullying. It is part of the Stigma Free program. The Fire Department invited the Mayor and Council to participate in a drill on Monday. It was an unbelievable experience and she thanked the Fire Department for all they do.

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 Biale, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

Chopper Russo, 58 Minnehaha Blvd, Chairman of the Public Events Committee, thanked everyone who participated in the carnival. The goal of the Public Events Committee is to make each event better. They are always looking for more volunteers. He thanked all the members of the Committee, especially Mike Kozak, for all their hard work with the carnival. He thanked the DPW who did a fabulous job. Mayor Schwager asked if there was any feedback on the shuttle bus. Mr. Russo responded that it was well used on Saturday but they would like more people to use it on Friday night.

Mike Kozak, 24 Cayuga, member of Public Events Committee, spoke of the new layout for the carnival this year. He spoke about the use of Geofilter and advised there were over 1000 postings and 50,000 views. There was great weather this year for the carnival. He spoke of the challenges with parking and advised the carnival was competing for parking with baseball and team tennis.

The Public Events Committee will discuss this with Recreation for next year. He explained that there was a bottleneck on Route 202 when Oak Street was closed. It took a long time for the shuttle bus to get through. The overall revenue was almost \$ 108,000 and was up 46% from last year. Councilman Biale commented that it was one of the best events in the town. Councilman Kulmala advised that the carnival was a huge hit. Councilman Talamini thanked the Public Events Committee and especially Mike Kozak for his great ideas. He commented that it was amazing to see how well everyone worked together.

Don Burns, 22 Whittier Lane, advised that he lives on the side of town with grass and leaf pick up on a Monday. If there is a holiday, there is no pick up until the following week. The next time the Borough negotiates a garbage contract, they should consider having an alternate pick up day for residents who are affected by a holiday. Mr. Kunze responded that this has been identified as an issue and will be addressed during the next contract. Councilman Biale agreed that it is a problem because the grass starts to smell. Mr. Burns commented that the only No parking signs on Walnut Street are on a dangerous curve and he thinks those signs are useful. Councilman Kulmala responded that the No parking signs on the top of Walnut Street were removed after the Public Safety Committee discussed the issue. The signs will remain on the lower part by the curve. Mr. Burns asked if the schools are still sharing the cost of the Crossroads newsletter. Mr. Kunze responded that the school gives submissions for the newsletter but there is no joint funding. He explained that the newsletter will be done online in the future. Mr. Burns responded that the school should be paying for their part of the newsletter and they shouldn't be participating in the newsletter if they are not paying for it. Mr. Burns advised that the Recreation parade will start airing tonight. The carnival was recorded and should be on air in about a week.

Mike Kozak, 24 Cayuga, asked where the Borough is with the website. Mr. Kunze responded that we have done design layout, content management and design and are in feature development at this time. Councilman Kulmala advised that there has been discussion about streaming of Mayor and Council meetings. Mr. Kozak spoke of the danger of West Oakland Avenue for bicycle riders. There should be enough room for bike riders and pedestrians. He spoke about the need for sidewalks on Oak Street as well as the need for additional lighting to help with people walking down to the carnival. Mayor Schwager advised that it is important for the Public Events Committee to sit down with the Police Department before next year's carnival to work out any issues. Mr. Kunze advised that the Borough applied for a Safe Routes from School grant for that sidewalk. However, the Mayor and Council can choose to allocate money to do a sidewalk. Mr. Kozak reiterated that people are needed for the Green Team.

Chopper Russo, thanked Jason Duncan from the DPW for temporarily striping the parking lot by the Recreation field for the carnival.

#### CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 8, 2016

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of June 8, 2016 be approved.

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

**RESOLUTION 16-131 AUTHORIZE SNOW PLOW AGREEMENT WITH BERGEN COUNTY**

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

WHEREAS, as part of its snowplowing operations, the Borough of Oakland clears various county roads located within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is entitled to be reimbursed by the County of Bergen for such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement by and between the County of Bergen and the Borough of Oakland, in the form annexed hereto and made a part hereof, with respect to the snowplowing operations by the Borough on County roads, including compensation therefor.

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

**RESOLUTION 16-132 APPOINT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

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

WHEREAS, in order to conduct Community Development Grant Meetings in conjunction with the monthly Share Service Meetings, the H.U.D./County regulations require that each municipality appoint by Resolution two representatives to the N.W. Regional Board; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Schwager has designated Borough Administrator Richard Kunze to serve as the Mayor's representative to the Community Development Program for a one-year term, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council hereby appoint Councilman John Biale to serve as the Council's representative for a one-year term, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby appoint Borough Clerk, Lisa Duncan as the alternate.

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

**RESOLUTION 16-133 SUPPORT S-2107**

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

WHEREAS, in 2014, the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits issued a notice concerning bona fide severance of employment-post retirement employment restrictions for individuals covered by any New Jersey State administered retirement system, in order to preserve Internal Revenue Service (IRS) "qualified status" of PERS, TPAF, PFRS, SPRS and JRS plans, so as to protect retirees from a 10% excise tax penalty on their monthly retirement payments; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:1-17.14.2(a) defines a "bona fide severance from employment" as "the complete termination of the employee's employment relationship with the employer for a period of at least 180 days"; and

WHEREAS, if an individual returns to public employment, even as a volunteer, with the former employer prior to satisfying the requirements of a bona fide severance from employment, the employee will be required to repay all retirement benefits received from the date of retirement and may be required to re-enroll in the same or different retirement system; and

WHEREAS, Division of Pensions and Benefits have advised employees that they must sever all relations with their employer, including volunteer positions, for 180 days or they risk losing their pensions; and

WHEREAS, public employees tend to volunteer in the communities they live and work in as volunteer fire fighters, First Aid responders, celebration committee members of PTA's, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, for volunteer firefighters and first aid responders they would have to reapply to the volunteer organization as a new member, and, as a new member, they would be required to take all necessary test and training including physicals and agility test; and

WHEREAS, employees affected by the Division of Pensions ruling are at least 55 years of age who in their volunteer positions tend to be mentors to the new and younger members typically providing guidance and direction; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are the backbone of communities providing services to the residents at no cost to taxpayers while freely giving of their time and expertise; and

WHEREAS, Assembly members Holly Schepisi, and Anthony Bucco and Senators Paul Sarlo and Thomas Kean, Jr., have introduced legislation to correct the Division of Pensions directive, and to promote continued volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, A-536 and S-2017 would provide that the retirement of a member of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or a member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) who (1) on the date of retirement has attained the service retirement age applicable to that member and is a volunteer firefighter, volunteer first aid worker, rescue squad worker or emergency medical technician, with the same employer from whose employment the member retires; and (2) remains a volunteer after retirement, will be a bona fide severance from employment, notwithstanding that the retired employee maintains the relationship of a volunteer firefighter with the same employer from whom the member retired, provided that the qualified status of PERS and PFRS under federal law can be maintained;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland supports A-536 and S-2107, to permit retirees to continue to serve their fellow citizens as volunteers, without loss of their retirement, and without being forced to accept a separation from volunteer service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge our State Legislators, Senator Cardinale and Assembly Members Auth and Schepisi to support these bills, with voice and vote; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution are forwarded to our Legislators and to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey, the Senate President, the Assembly Speaker, the Senate Republican Leader and the Assembly Republican Leader, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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

**RESOLUTION 16-134 HIRE POLICE OFFICER-C. KELLY**

On motion of Councilman Biale, 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 has determined the need to authorize the hiring of a police officer for the Oakland Police Department based on a vacancy and the current table of organization; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has recommended the appointment of Charles W. Kelly pending the completion of the necessary pre-employment testing and background checks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland that Charles W. Kelly be and is hereby appointed as a police officer for the Borough of Oakland, which appointment is effective as of July 8, 2016, and being made in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Personnel Certification of Eligibles for Appointment List, and his salary shall be \$ 38,535 in accordance with the current PBA contract.

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

**RESOLUTION 16-135 AWARD BID-2016 ROAD PROGRAM**

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

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2016, the Borough of Oakland received eleven (11) bids for the 2016 Road Program; and

WHEREAS, D&L Paving Contractors, Inc. 281 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ had the lowest responsive and responsible bid with a base bid price of \$1,000,552.69; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney have reviewed the bids and have recommended acceptance of the bid from D&L Paving Contractors, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account #'s C-04-56-709-201 \$149,000.00; C-04-56-708-201 \$100,000.00; C-04-56-691-302 \$70,818.23; C-04-56-706-202 \$680,734.46;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of D& L Paving Contractors, Inc., in the total amount of \$1,000,552.69 be 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 on behalf of the Borough.

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

**RESOLUTION 16-136 AWARD BID-GENERATOR**

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

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2016, the Borough of Oakland received three (3) bids for the Borough Hall Emergency Generator Installation Project; and

WHEREAS, Dee-En Electric, 3014 Tremley Point Road, Linden, New Jersey had the lowest responsive and responsible bid with a base bid price of \$101,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney have reviewed the bids and have recommended acceptance of the bid of Dee-En Electric; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account #C-04-56-690-903;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Dee-En Electric in the total amount of \$101,000 be 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 on behalf of the Borough.

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

**RESOLUTION 16-137 AUTHORIZE RECREATION REFUND**

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request for a refund of Softball Camp Registration Fees in the amount of \$105.00; and

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

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

Joe Manetti, 7 Mohawk Avenue, Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$105.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 16-138 AUTHORIZE RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSES**

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

WHEREAS, the licensees, herein named, filed applications for renewal of their Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses, Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses and Club Licenses for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the said applicants have deposited the required fee of \$2,000.00 for said licenses, with the exception of the Club Licenses which are \$150.00, and filed payment electronically to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, Trenton, New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the premises of said applicants have been inspected and approved by the Board of Health, Police Department and the Fire Prevention Bureau, Tax and Water Departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the renewals be issued to the following licenses, pending receipt of all required paperwork from the NJ State Division of Taxation, for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017:

NAME	LOCATION	STATE NUMBER
Cenzino Enterprises Inc. (Cenzino)	589 Ramapo Valley Road	0242-33-003-007
Elks Lodge, B.P.O.E. 2167	33 Ramapo Valley Road	0242-31-014-001
Holiday Spirits	29 Spruce Street	0242-33-012-004

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby directed to submit one copy of a certified resolution to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, Trenton, and one certified copy of this resolution to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Beverage Tax Bureau, Trenton, New Jersey.

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

#### RESOLUTION 16-139 AUTHORIZE REFUND-LIEN REDEMPTION TTL15-00032

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, 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 15-00032, Block 5005 Lot 9, better known as 31 Massasoit Trail on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$ 1,121.64, payable to One World House of Worship, 293 Murray Hill Terrace #519, Bergenfield, NJ 07621;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$ 1,500.00 (Premium) to the aforementioned lien holder.

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



**INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 16-CODE-738**

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 16-Code-738 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No.16-Code-738 entitled: " AN ORDINANCE REVISING, AMENDING AND REENACTING PARAGRAPHS 1 THROUGH 12 OF ORDINANCE NO-15-CODE-725 TITLED "THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED "SALARIES OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES"

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Revising, Amending And Reenacting Paragraphs 1 Through 12 Of Ordinance No-15-Code-725 Titled "The Code Of The Borough Of Oakland, County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, Entitled "Salaries Of Municipal Employees", be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on July 13, 2016 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 July 3, 2016 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, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 16-CODE-735 HIGHLANDS EXEMPTION ORDINANCE**

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.16-Code-735 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 59 Land Use and Zoning of the Borough of Oakland to Enable Local Determination of Certain Highlands Area Exemptions"

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

Jean Brennan, 422 West Oakland Ave, questioned who is making the determination for exemption. Mr. Kunze responded that certain staff members will receive training. Ms. Brennan asked if the public can question an exemption. Mr. Chewcaskie responded three individuals will be certified to grant exemptions Those applications would have to meet Highlands criteria. Ms. Brennan commented that there is an application before the Board of Adjustment now. Mr. Chewcaskie commented that prior to the Land Use Board acting on an application, the applicant would have to prove they met the Highlands Exemption. Ms. Brennan questioned if the Borough will be abiding by the Highlands master plan and questioned the septic requirements in the

Highlands Preservation area. Councilman Biale advised that there is an appeals process that must be filed with the DEP.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Jensen, Kulmala, 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 Chapter 59 Land Use and Zoning of the Borough of Oakland to Enable Local Determination of Certain Highlands Area Exemptions, 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, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 16-CODE-736**

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 16-Code-736 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND TO UPDATE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT"

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

No comments made.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

On motion of Councilman Biale, 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, An Ordinance Amending The Land Use Ordinance Of The Borough Of Oakland To Update Submission Requirements For Applications For Development, 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, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

**WORK SESSION:**

**AMEND TRAFFIC ORDINANCE-NO PARKING ON WALNUT STREET**

Councilman Kulmala advised that the Walnut Street no parking ordinance was passed in 1985 but signs were never put up. The Public Safety Committee met on this topic and has recommended that the ordinance be changed to conform with the ordinance for parking for the high school students. The no parking signs will remain on the lower section because of the dangerous curve. Councilman Jensen asked what other streets are being studied by the Public Safety Committee because no parking signs are being put up in other areas of town. Councilman Kulmala will discuss with the Public Safety Committee. An ordinance to amend parking on Walnut street will be introduced at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Visconti advised that the Governor has proposed a rescheduling of school aid to give the same amount per student. Currently, Bergen County gets little funding. If the school aid funding is recalculated, it could reduce property taxes by 25%. He would like the Mayor and Council to pass a resolution to urge our legislative representatives to endorse this. A resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilman Jensen: The Planning Board will meet on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Senior Center.

Councilman Visconti: There was a Park Committee meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Borough Engineer needs to sign off on the plan for the dog park. Mr. Kunze advised that the draft plan was provided to the Engineer and to staff for review. Councilman Visconti advised that more work was done on the mini golf course. He explained that the Borough needs to get the Letter of Intent done with the DEP before any more work can commence. The Flood Commission will not meet again until September. Work is continuing on plans for the Library renovation.

Councilman Biale: The Seniors will meet on Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 am and there will be a speaker from Valley Hospital. On June 12<sup>th</sup>, there was a story in The Record on Oakland resident Donna Myhre who is suffering from ALS. She needs donations in order to make her home accessible.

Councilman Kulmala: There was a meeting of the Public Safety Committee on June 13<sup>th</sup>. They interviewed Mr. Kelly who was appointed tonight and discussed the parking issue on Walnut Street. The Crossroads newsletter was delivered. The OCC is looking for volunteers. There is progress on the Borough website. Hopefully, it will be launched in the fall. There was a bad house fire on Ryerson on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Emergency personnel did an outstanding job. The Fire Department did a drill for the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Talamini: He thanked the Public Events Committee for all their work on the carnival. It was a wonderful event. He thanked the DPW and all the organizations that participated. Councilman Talamini thanked the Fire Department for the drill and advised it was an amazing experience.

Mayor Schwager asked cars to stop for Fire Trucks responding to an emergency. Councilman Kulmala advised that the Fire Department is always looking for volunteers. Councilman Biale advised that at the drill, there was a demonstration of education tools to train new firemen. It is an excellent system. There was talk of maybe a shared service purchase.

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

Ryan Schwertfeger, 186 Hiawatha Blvd, advised that the fundraiser garage sale raised \$ 500 towards the dog park.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

**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, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

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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-DPW renovation project

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, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

Discussion ensued over the DPW project. No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

RE-CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

On motion of Councilman Visconti, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the regular meeting be re-convened.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Visconti, seconded by Councilman Biale, the meeting be adjourned at 9:13 pm.

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

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Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk

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Mayor Linda H. Schwager

July 13, 2016

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Date Approved