

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2017

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, seconded by Councilman Biale, 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:  
Tax Appeal Settlement; 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 Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Knapp, 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 7:35 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, 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.

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RESOLUTION 17-327 APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL VACANCY

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

WHEREAS, Christopher Visconti resigned as a Council member on October 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2017 the Republican County Committee submitted the names of three nominees for a successor to fill Mr. Visconti's vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland has considered the nominees and desire to make an appointment in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:16-11;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that Lewis Levy is hereby appointed Council person for the Borough of Oakland as successor to Christopher Visconti; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be provided to the Committee members and shall be kept on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

Mayor Schwager administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Levy.

Mayor Schwager asked for another roll call.

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.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager advised that she received a notice from the attorney for the Ramapo River Reserve Homeowners Association. They are complaining that the yellow line on Ramapo River Trace has faded. Mayor Schwager advised that a meeting will be set up with the attorney and the Borough professionals. Mayor Schwager advised that Operation Toy Train for Toys for Tots will be held on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12:10 pm to 12:40 pm. There will be a shredding event

on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 am to noon. The Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 pm.

**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.

Ryan Schwertfeger, 58 Andrew Avenue, thanked everyone who came to the craft show fundraiser for the Dog Park. They raised \$ 1885.

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray, spoke about an injustice done to a football coach. Mayor Schwager advised that there are two sides to every story. Mr. Monaco asked why the Borough Attorney was involved. Mr. Chewcaskie responded that the Recreation Commission asked for advice. He explained that the Recreation Commission is a distinct body set up by Statute. They are an independent body separate from the Governing Body. Councilman Kulmala advised that he and Councilwoman Coira met with the football coach and members of the Recreation Commission. It was sent back to the Recreation Commission to resolve the issue. Councilwoman Coira commented that Recreation Commission Chairman Mike Guadagnino is a phenomenal chairman and runs the Commission with integrity. The Recreation Commission does everything they can to keep parents involved. She commented that after she and Councilman Kulmala met with the coach and Recreation Commission members, the Recreation Commission held numerous hearings on the matter.

**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 8, 2017**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of November 8, 2017 be approved.

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

**APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE #RL1318**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Talamini, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1318 for Congenital Heart Defect Coalition to hold an on-premise 50/50 raffle on December 9, 2017 at Portobello, 175 Ramapo Valley Road.

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

**REQUEST TO LICENSE BOROUGH PROPERTY ADJACENT TO 30 ISLAND TERRACE**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the Council consented to a license of Borough property, Block 2203, Lot 11 to Stephen Laspina, 30 Island Terrace.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF PREQUALIFICATION REGULATIONS**

Margaret Hickey from Hickey & Connolly Historic Architects advised this is the first step in the process to complete the exterior renovation on the Van Allen House. She explained that the Borough received a grant from NJ Historic Trust to match the grant received from Bergen County. She explained that this process limits the contractors who can bid on the project because they will need to have prior experience in this type of work.

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray, asked if we are getting grants for this project. Ms. Hickey responded that the project is being funded by grants from Bergen County Trust Fund and the NJ Historic Trust.

**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.

**RESOLUTION 17-337 ADOPTING PREQUALIFICATION REGULATIONS**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland may establish reasonable regulations appropriate for controlling the qualifications of prospective bidders upon contracts to be awarded by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to establish prequalification regulations for projects financially assisted by the New Jersey Historic Preservation Bond Fund, Garden State Preservation Trust or Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks such financial assistance in connection with the exterior renovation of the Van Allen House; and

WHEREAS, there have been promulgated contractor prequalification regulations in connection with the exterior renovation of the Van Allen House; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has conducted a public hearing and has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Oakland to establish reasonable regulations appropriate for controlling the qualification of perspective bidders in connection with the exterior renovations of the Van Allen House.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the prequalification regulations attached hereto are hereby adopted for utilization in connection with the bid for the exterior renovations of the Van Allen House; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the implementation of the contractor prequalification regulations is subject to review and approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to file with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services proposed regulations, a true copy of this resolution, a true copy of the hearings, copies of the two newspaper legal advertisements for public hearing and a completed, certified, standard certification form.

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

RESOLUTION 17-328 AUTHORIZE TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT-3 APACHE DRIVE  
On motion of Councilwoman Coira, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, Anita Dricheler and Laurie Gross, the owners and/or taxpayers of property known as Block 1301, Lot 31, located at 3 Apache Drive, have 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 Dricheler & Gross vs. Oakland, wherein for tax year 2017, the assessment of \$1,260,200 will be reduced to \$1,150,000, resulting in a refund of \$3,081.19;

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 17-329 AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT-BERGEN COUNTY  
On motion of Councilwoman Coira, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is desirous of utilizing the County Owned Emergency and Non-Emergency Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland will enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Bergen in connection with the sharing of the County Owned Emergency and Non-Emergency Equipment; and

WHEREAS, this agreement benefits the Municipality and its citizens by allowing the Borough a needed service at a most effective cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Shared Services Agreement regarding the sharing of County Owned Emergency and Non-Emergency Equipment which agreement is annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

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

**RESOLUTION 17-330 AMEND PLANNER CONTRACT-AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

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

WHEREAS, the Borough awarded a contract to Burgis Associates to prepare a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and for work involved with Affordable Housing Litigation; and

WHEREAS, additional work has been required due to ongoing affordable housing litigation and additional work is anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the additional work shall not exceed \$55,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the following Accounts:

#T-27-56-286-002	\$ 52,010
#G-02-09-716-002	\$ 3,490

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby amend the contract for Burgis Associates by an additional \$55, 500.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 17-332 AMEND ATTORNEY CONTRACT**

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland awarded a contract to Brian Chewcaskie and the firm of Gittleman, Muhlstock & Chewcaskie to serve as Borough Attorney for 2017; and

WHEREAS, additional work was required due to litigation for Affordable Housing and tax appeals and the 2017 contract needs to be amended; and

WHEREAS, the cost for this additional service will not exceed \$ 10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account #7-01-20-155-028 \$ 5,000.00 and Account # 7-01-55-904-001 \$ 5,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby amend the 2017 contract for Brian Chewcaskie and the firm Gittleman, Muhlstock & Chewcaskie by an additional \$ 10,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 17-333 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT-McDERMOTT**

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

WHEREAS, certain matters have arisen pertaining to Patrol Officer Edward McDermott's employment with the Borough of Oakland ("Borough"); and

WHEREAS, Patrol Officer Edward McDermott and Oakland PBA Local No. 164 have agreed to a Last Chance Agreement and executed same on November 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the Last Chance Agreement and seeks to accept and agree to the terms of same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough hereby accepts and agrees to the terms and conditions of the Last Chance Agreement dated November 21, 2017; and
2. The Borough hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Last Chance Agreement dated November 21, 2017; and
3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

#### RESOLUTION 17-334 OPPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

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

WHEREAS, in a memo dated November 13, 2017, the Construction Official advises that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) has proposed impactful amendments to the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) regulations that will have adverse consequences on the Borough of Oakland and statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official believes the prior approvals are a necessary step that insures work performed is not in conflict with County, State or Federal regulations and insures the safety of residents and occupants of the Borough of Oakland and has set forth the following concerns with the NJDCA proposal:

1. The proposal would remove "prior approvals" as a restriction from considering a project as minor work, which would eliminate review from agencies such as the Department of Environmental Protection, Board of Health, Zoning and any Assessments that are made by the municipality. Without Building Department enforcement as prior approvals, the Borough will not have jurisdiction over projects that requires these approvals such as compliance in flood zones.
2. Flooring, bathroom alterations, electrical outlets, water heaters, furnaces and insulation are all repairs that may result in a substantial damage designation to homes which would require homes to be elevated under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) standards and which we are required to enforce as a participating Community Rating System (CRS) municipality. Not enforcing NFIP regulations can result in the Borough being downgraded under the CRS resulting in higher insurance rates for residents.

3. Eliminating water heaters and furnaces from permits will endanger residents to potential carbon dioxide exposure if the appliance is improperly installed.
4. Eliminating permit requirements for siding raises safety concerns regarding proper electrical service reconnections to a home.

WHEREAS, the Construction Official further advises, if the proposal is adopted, that it would become a prevailing rule for all municipalities in the State.

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

1. The Borough of Oakland objects to the proposed rule changes and urges that they be modified to address the Borough's concerns noted herein.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Charles Richman, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Representatives of the 39<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and our sister municipalities.

Councilwoman Coira commented that this issue was discussed last meeting and she is in favor of the proposed amendments. Councilman Biale advised that he agrees with Construction Official Hagberg's concerns.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.  
Nay, Councilwoman Coira.

#### RESOLUTION 17-335 REFUND OF RECREATION FEES

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, 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 Tackle Football Registration Fees in the amount of \$138.00; 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:

Kevin Slasinski, 74 Long Hill Rd., Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$138.00.

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

#### RESOLUTION 17-336 RATIFICATION OF PBA LABOR AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Oakland PBA Local No. 164, (hereinafter "the Union") are the local union representative for all patrol officers, sergeants, lieutenants and captains of the Borough of Oakland Police Department; and



WHEREAS, the Union and the Borough of Oakland Negotiations Committees have been engaged in negotiations for a successor collective negotiations agreement between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the parties' have negotiated and agreed upon the terms to a successor collective negotiations agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties' have worked together in drafting a successor collective negotiations agreement for the term of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 and incorporates the new terms, benefits and conditions of employment; and

WHEREAS, the Union has ratified and executed the successor collective negotiations agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is desirous of ratifying and executing the successor collective negotiations agreement for the term of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 attached hereto as exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby ratifies the successor collective negotiations agreement between the Borough of Oakland and PBA Local No. 164 for the term of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the collective negotiations agreement on behalf of the Borough.

Councilman Talamini asked for an overview of the agreement. Mr. Kunze responded it is a three-year agreement with COLA's of 2%, 2.5% and 2.5%. There is an increase to the clothing benefit and an increase in the detective differential. A clause was removed to allow personal days to be divided. The agreement was amended so that if Borough Hall is closed, the Police are no longer entitled to the time. A step is being added for Sergeant. Anyone hired after July 1, 2018 will not be eligible for retirement health benefits. Councilman Levy asked what the net impact is to the taxpayer. Mr. Kunze advised that the total of COLA plus step increases plus longevity is 13% overall. It translates to a \$ 380,000 increase over the life of the contract.

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

#### RESOLUTION 17-338 CHANGE ORDER-FIRE CO. #2 RENOVATIONS

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland awarded a contract to GMT Contracting Corp. in the amount of \$ 120,000.00 for the Renovations at Fire Company #2; and

WHEREAS, the following Change Order has been requested:

Change Order 1	Additional work for ceiling	\$ 5,500.00
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WHEREAS, the Change Order has been reviewed and recommended by Axis Architectural Group; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account # C-04-56-691-404;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland authorize Change Order # 1 in the amount of \$ 5,500.00 for a new total contract amount of \$ 125,500.00.

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

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 17-BOND-760

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 17-Bond-760 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 17-Bond-760 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.

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, 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 introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on December 6, 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 November 27, 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, Levy, Kulmala, Talamini.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 17-CODE-762

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

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 17-Code-762 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"

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 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 introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on December 6, 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 November 27, 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.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 17-CODE-763

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

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 17-Code-763 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"

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Talamini, 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 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 introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on December 6, 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 November 27, 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.

**WORK SESSION:****SOLID WASTE BID:**

Mr. Kunze advised that bids for solid waste and recycling collection were received on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Our current vendor was the only bidder. The pricing was essentially the same except there was a reduced price for year-round once per week collection. Mr. Kunze advised that the bid has been reviewed and is compliant. He needs to discuss terms with the Governing Body. He explained that currently we have single stream recycling. When the current contract was implemented, the recycling market was healthier. The last time, Suburban Disposal offered a discount for the single stream recycling and now it is the same price.

Mayor Schwager asked what the cost per household would be for twice per week pick up. Mr. Kunze responded the increased cost would be \$ 65,000 divided by 4800 households. That amounts to \$ 13 per household. Mr. Kunze advised that the increase would have an impact on next year's budget. Mayor Schwager commented that she wants to hear from the residents if they want twice per week pick up year-round for the additional \$ 65,000. Councilwoman Coira commented this is a common complaint of residents and she thinks the residents want the twice per week pick up. Councilman Biale commented that if we go to dual stream recycling, there is a net savings of \$ 70,000 so it would be a wash if we want twice per week pick up year round. He did comment that people generate more waste in the summer. Mr. Kunze will work up numbers so the contract can be awarded. Councilman Biale would appreciate feedback from the residents.

**RECREATION FEE ADJUSTMENTS:**

Mr. Kunze advised that we adjust recreation fees every year as part of the budget process. We try to have the ordinance adopted by the end of the year so it is in place at the beginning of the year. Neil Malmud, treasurer for the Recreation Commission, advised that there will be no increase for football. He explained that there is a 6-year life for football equipment and then it cannot be used for safety reasons. The Football Commissioner asked if the Recreation Commission could replenish a certain amount every year. The Commissioner then came up with the idea that the uniform shirt and pants would be paid by the parent so there won't be an increase in the fee.

Mayor Schwager asked how Oakland's fees compare to other towns. Mr. Malmud responded that Oakland is one of the lowest. Mayor Schwager asked if we give discounts for multiple children. Mr. Malmud responded that we do in certain sports. Councilman Kulmala advised that the Recreation Commission works hard and is very diligent. Mr. Malmud advised that the fees are based on the preliminary budget. The Recreation Commission is asking for less money than last year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Schwager advised that she is going to appoint an ad-hoc Committee for Station Park. She would like to appoint Mike Guadagnino, Kevin Heffernen, Nancy Krause, Ed Clark and a representative of the Community of Commerce. She would like Council members Knapp and Levy to be the Council Liaisons.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilman Talamini: The Public Events Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 pm. He commented on how great the Public Events Committee is and every event they run is better than the last. He thanked Lew Levy for joining the Council. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Kulmala: There was no OCC meeting this month because there was no quorum. The Recreation Commission will meet Monday November 27<sup>th</sup>. A meeting was held with Department Heads and the grant writer regarding grant money that is available. The Fire Department is working to secure a grant for the ladder truck. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and welcomed Councilman Levy.

Councilman Biale: He welcomed Lew Levy to the Council. It was a great idea to have the grant writer speak to the Department Heads. The Seniors will hold their end of the year celebration on December 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a presentation on housing options on December 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be Bingo on December 7<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>. The Senior Center will be closed on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup> and will close at 1 pm on December 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a shredding event on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 am. Councilman Biale asked for resident input on the garbage contract. He read a piece by Abraham Lincoln on Thanksgiving.

Councilman Knapp: The Municipal Alliance will meet on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Health meets tonight. Administration is working on ID Badges and computers/tablets for the Governing Body. He thanked Chopper Russo for his work on the Halloween Parade. The Fire Department will be bringing Santa around on the fire trucks on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. The PBA is participating in No shave November to raise money for cancer research. He welcomed Lew Levy.

Councilwoman Coira: The next Shade Tree Commission meeting will be December 4<sup>th</sup>. The Environmental Commission will meet December 5<sup>th</sup>. She welcomed Lew Levy. She commended the Public Safety Committee and Traffic Office Frank Fiore for the changes made by Dogwood School. It was a great effort to improve the flow of traffic. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Levy: He attended the Flood Commission meeting at the request of the Mayor. There was a speaker regarding flood insurance. There is a possibility that the NFIP can end. The federal government is helping private insurance companies. The Flood Commission has information. The Flood Commission is concerned with the channel where the Army Corps of Engineers project was done.

#### 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.

Mike Guadagnino, 34 Hopper Street, thanked Councilwoman Coira for her kind words. He congratulated Councilman Levy. He thanked the Mayor for creating the Station Park ad-hoc committee. Mr. Guadagnino advised that people are not always going to agree. The Recreation Commission handled the situation with the coach the best that it could. He commented we are all neighbors and everyone should be civil to each other. The Recreation Commission is working towards what they think is the right thing to do. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Kevin Heffernen, 40 Grove Street, thanked the Mayor for her commitment to Oakland and he thanked Councilman Kulmala for his enthusiastic support for Station Park. He looks forward to working with Councilman Knapp and Councilman Levy on the ad-hoc committee. The committee will give reports. Nothing has been done with downtown improvements and he thanked the Mayor and Council for their commitment,

Councilman Biale asked if the original video presentation for Station Park could be put on the website.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

**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.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 pm.

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

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Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk  
December 6, 2017

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Mayor Linda H. Schwager

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Date Approved