

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #12—May 7, 2018

Present: Mayor Meinhardt; Councilmembers Anthony, Fernandez, Klein, Silverman; Township Manager Lewis; Township Attorney Weiner; Township Clerk Turtleaub

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor stated that all the requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Law” had been met. “Annual Notice” was faxed to the *West Essex Tribune and the Star Ledger* on January 3, 2018.

The Council approved the Conference and Closed Session **Minutes** of April 16, 2018 and of April 23, 2018.

Planning Board Chair Peter Klein and Township Planner Veena Sawant discussed the Township’s **Housing Element and Fair Share Plan**, responding to Councilmember Klein’s question as to how the number of 90 units was arrived at.

Township Manager Lewis addressed the request of the **Camuso Committee** for building storage space near the Gazebo. Beth Lippman and Deputy Township Manager Jones discussed the impact on the nearby Force Home. Mayor Meinhardt suggested that the Council await definition of where the Township can go and will look further into the question.

The Council approved the April 2018 **Legal Fees** of Murphy McKeon.

The Council granted the request of Our Lady of the Philippines Prayer Group to **Use the Oval for a Procession** on May 26, 2018. As in the past, the Procession will utilize the inner pathway of the Oval.

The Council discussed and agreed to the request of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) and members of “Moms Demand Action for a Proclamation in recognition of **Gun Violence Awareness Day**. The Clerk will contact the group to arrange for a formal presentation at the Council’s May 22 Regular Meeting.

The Council considered the request of **Jake’s Fireworks to hold a tent sale at the Livingston Mall**. Councilmember Silverman noted that the Certificate of Insurance provided did not protect the Township. Councilmembers expressed concerns about the use of fireworks. It was agreed that more information was needed, and that both Simon Properties and the requesting Kansas group would be asked to meet with the Council.

The Council considered the Request of Sinai Rugs to hold a **Tent Sale at Livingston Mall**. Noting that this request had been made and granted in years past, that if the insurance issues raised by Councilmember Silverman were addressed, that approval would be given.

Township Attorney Weiner advised of dates concerning **Energy Aggregation**, and confirmed that Bob Chilton would be meeting with the Council at its May 14 Conference meeting.

Public Comment

Bob Hunter spoke against gun violence.

Lorraine Palmer, 6 Hawthorne Drive, on behalf of the Historical Society, addressed the need for space near the Gazebo for the **Camuso Committee** to house its Christmas display items, feeling that “there is not enough room” at present. Mayor Meinhardt explained that the issue had been addressed earlier in the meeting, and that the Township would be obtaining a survey to see where the property ends, reviewing its status as Green Acres property, etc., so that it can be determined whether the concept is even viable.

Anthony Aramando, 142 S. Livingston Avenue, questioned why it took sixteen calls before the Police Chief responded to him, and also discussed the “speeding problem” on Livingston Avenue.

At 7:30 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 8:30 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

Authorizing Closed Session—Contract Negotiations/Attorney Client Privilege (Municipal Property); Contract Negotiations (Revaluation Proposals); Contract Negotiations/Attorney Client Privilege (PBA)

At 8:30 p.m., the following Resolution was considered:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Livingston has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the Conference meeting of the Governing Body will reconvene; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this 7th day of May, 2018, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations and such matters as may come before the Council and that are exempted from the public as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in closed session will be made public upon disposition.

On motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote, all members present voted YES.

At 9:15 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 9:15 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk