

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #19—July 23, 2018

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

Absent: None

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. "48-hr. Notice" was faxed to these same publications on February 2, 2018.

The Council approved the Conference and Closed Session **Minutes** of July 16, 2018, Klein abstained.

Mayor Meinhardt stated that the **JCP&L Presentation** scheduled for this evening had been postponed to a future date.

Susan Berkenbush and Alan Karpas addressed the Council, updating the Council members on the **Love+Unity Diversity Festival** to be held on September 29, 2018 at the West Essex YMCA, to celebrate unity and harmony in the community. The Council agreed to provide \$5,000 in funding towards stage and sound equipment and miscellaneous expenses.

Richard Cornell, **Chairman of the Trails and Greenways Committee**, presented ideas about improving walking trails around Livingston Township and proposed a canoe and kayak launch site at Okner Fields. Mayor Meinhardt requested that he provide the Council with a formal presentation for consideration at a later date.

The Council approved the April and June, 2018 **Legal Fees** of Genova Burns. The Council approved the June and February, 2018 **Legal Fees** of McCarter and English.

Township Deputy Manager Jones addressed the Council on the **Sale of a Surplus Vehicle** by the Township. A resolution will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the regular meeting of August 6, 2018.

Township Deputy Manager Jones discussed the **Change Order and Final Payment for 2016 Madonna Drive Synthetic Field Athletic Complex Renovation**, and the council requested a further breakdown of the Change Order before voting on the resolution at the next regular meeting of August 6, 2018.

Township Manager Lewis recommended the **Contract Renewal for Community Grants, Planning & Housing LLC (CGPH)**. A resolution will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the regular meeting of August 6, 2018.

Township Manager Lewis recommended the **Professional Services Contract for Mott MacDonald for Implementation of Water Utility Asset Management Tool**. A resolution will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the regular meeting of August 6, 2018.

Township Deputy Manager Jones discussed the **Change Order and Final Payment for 2017 Water Main Improvements**. A resolution will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next regular meeting of August 6, 2018.

Township Attorney Weiner explained the reason for **Planning Board Memo re: Ordinance 9-2018**. Ordinance 9-2018 will include the D-S2 and CI zone. The Ordinance is listed for public hearing at the next regular meeting of August 6, 2018.

Township Council discussed the **Planning Board Memo re: Ordinance 11-2018**. The Ordinance is listed for public hearing at the next regular meeting of August 6, 2018.

Township Manager Lewis recommended a 2-year extension on the **Curbside Solid Waste Collection Contract with Waste Industries, LLC**, commencing September 1, 2018. A resolution will be placed on the next regular meeting Agenda for a vote at the regular meeting of August 6, 2018.

Township Attorney Weiner explained **Ordinance 12-2018**, amending the code to be more compliant with current standards on door to door solicitation. She mentioned that a "Do Not Solicit List" was included for consideration by Council. Councilmember Fernandez recommended a sticker on the front door of residences who subscribe to the list.

Township Manager Lewis recommended a one year **HVAC Maintenance and Repairs** contract with All J's Mechanical, LLC. A resolution will be placed on the next regular meeting Agenda for a vote at the regular meeting of August 6, 2018.

Mayor Meinhardt asked for comments from the Councilmembers and Administration. Councilmember Fernandez asked about a potential walking hazard along North Livingston. He also inquired about how the schools handle recycling. Councilmember Klein inquired about LED lighting for Township Hall and also commented on his approval of the Council's vote last week on Ordinance 8-2018. Township Manager Lewis mentioned that he will be appointing Police Captain Gary Marshuetz as Police Chief upon the current Chief's retirement on September 1, 2018.

Mayor Meinhardt asked for public comment. Mr. Walter LeVine stated that he felt there needed to be recreational development on Open Space property. Mr. Hunter mentioned that East Hills Park was in poor condition. Mr. Karpas reiterated that the town wide camp out was rescheduled to August 18, 2018 and that there will also be a Living Animal Shelter Open House on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 10am to 2pm.

At 8:45 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could go into closed session.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session—Litigation, Negotiations

At 8:47 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 16th day of July, 2018, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation, 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 9:45 p.m., the Closed Session adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN S. MAZZUCCO
Deputy Township Clerk