

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EDGEWATER MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025, IN THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 55 RIVER ROAD, EDGEWATER, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AT 6:00 PM

Mayor McPartland called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT READ BY MAYOR MCPARTLAND

Mayor McPartland read the following statement:

in compliance with New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, hereby declare that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided specifying that this meeting would be held on this date, June 23, 2025, in the Municipal Building, 55 River Road, Conference Rm 3, Edgewater, New Jersey at 6:00 pm. This notice was published in the Record, posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall and posted on the Borough's website.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Lawlor, Councilman Monte, Councilman Vidal, Councilman Martin, Councilman Bartolomeo

ALSO PRESENT

Administrator Gregory Franz, Borough Attorney Andrew J. Poye, Borough Clerk Stephanie Evans.

ABSENT

Councilman Gutierrez

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC

Mayor McPartland opened the meeting to the public.

Laurie Molina, 104 Nelson Court – She spoke about obtaining pet scanners and slip knot leashes for the police dept. Mr. Franz stated 12 leashes should be enough.

Mayor McPartland seeing no further comments, closed the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor McPartland read the title of the resolution. Resolutions from 2025-160.

2025-160 Resolution Endorsing the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan

RESOLUTION 2025-160

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2025 HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L.2024, c.2, establishing a new framework for determining and enforcing municipal affordable housing obligations under the New Jersey Supreme Court's Mount Laurel doctrine and the New Jersey Fair Housing Act (the "FHA") (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, *et al.*); and

WHEREAS, among other things, the Act abolished the Council on Affordable Housing (hereinafter, "COAH"), and replaced it with seven retired, on recall judges designated as the Program and authorized the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, (hereinafter, respectively, "Director" and "AOC") to create a framework to process applications for affordable housing compliance certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(1)(b), each municipality was to adopt a binding resolution no later than January 31, 2025, determining and setting forth its present and prospective fair share obligations for the "Fourth Round" of affordable housing obligations ("Fourth Round"); and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Edgewater ("Borough") adopted Resolution No. 2025-073 on January 21, 2025, identifying its present need obligation as 6 units and prospective need obligation as 295 affordable units for the Fourth Round.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the FHA and Administrative Directive #14-24, issued by the Administrative Office of the Courts on December 13, 2024 ("Directive #14-24"), the Borough filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment with the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Bergen County, entitled In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Edgewater, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, Docket No. BER-L-560-25 on January 23, 2025 (the "DJ Action"), identifying its present and prospective fair share obligations for the Fourth Round as set forth above, and committing to adopting and

submitting a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") as required by the FHA; and

WHEREAS, no parties challenged the Borough's present and prospective need obligations; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2025, the Honorable Gregg A. Padovano, J.S.C., issued an Order setting the Borough's present need obligation at 6 units and the prospective need obligation at 295 affordable units and further authorized the Borough to proceed with preparation and adoption of a proposed HEFSP to satisfy the Borough's affordable housing obligation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(2)(a) and Directive #14-24, each municipality must adopt and file as part of its DJ Action a HEFSP, with associated resolutions and proposed drafts of the appropriate zoning and other ordinances, necessary to implement its HEFSP, no later than June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater Planning Board ("Board") adopted the HEFSP, entitled "Round 4 Housing Element & Fair Share Plan" prepared by the Gregory Associates, LLC (the "Fourth Round HEFSP"), as an amendment to the Borough's Master Plan on June 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to endorse the Fourth Round HEFSP adopted by the Board on June 23, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Edgewater, Bergen County as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby endorse the Fourth Round HEFSP adopted by the Borough of Edgewater Planning Board on June 23, 2025.
2. The Governing Body does hereby authorize the filing of this Resolution endorsing the Fourth Round HEFSP adopted by the Board on eCourts for review by the Program.
3. The Mayor and Clerk, together with other appropriate officers and employees of the Borough of Edgewater, are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADJOURNMENT @ 7:15 pm

Mayor McPartland asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by: Councilman Bartolomeo

Second by: Councilman Martin

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie Evans, RMC
Borough Clerk