

**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF THE EDGEWATER MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD IN THE NANCY MERSE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 55 RIVER
ROAD, EDGEWATER, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON APRIL
7, 2014**

PRESIDING: Mayor James F. Delaney

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Councilman Henwood, Councilman Doran, Councilman Monte,
Councilman Vidal and Councilman Bartolomeo

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Gregory S. Franz, Borough Clerk Barbara Rae and Borough
Attorney Philip Boggia

ABSENT: Councilman Jordan

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

Mayor Delaney read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement into the Record.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Councilman Doran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONFERENCE

**1. Jack Warren, Executive Director Edgewater Housing
Bill Katchen:**

- Present to answer questions regarding the Housing Authority and refinancing resolutions passed at the March 18, 2014 Meeting.
- Bill Katchen reviewed history. He noted that the resolutions had to do with getting a lower mortgage rate for 27 Dempsey Avenue building.
- Looking to dissolve the “for profit” partnership and explained why.
- Reviewed additional changes and intent. Spoke about other municipalities.
- Mr. Katchen also spoke about the 26 units at the Tsgonnis property and noted they are also looking to refinance that for a lower mortgage. .
- Responded to questions from the Governing Body.

2. John Fische, Energy Consultant

- Present to discuss energy deregulation. Explained what the term “energy deregulation” means and gave a demonstration.
- Have been in business since 1975 and has saved clients over 2 million dollars.
- Spoke about PSE&G and third party providers and buying power for residents and businesses.
- Explained how they offer rate risk guarantee.
- Spoke about the process and the need for the Governing Body to pass an Ordinance authorizing the program. It would not commit the Municipality.
- Opt-out period.
- Need for outreach and education. Will work with officials and no cost to Municipality.
- No RFP process. Electronic competition.
- Dedicated website for residents.
- Listed savings and benefits per person.
- Summarized process – Ordinance, sign agreement with PSE&G. Go to outreach. Have run first co-op in the state.
- Price rate guarantee option.
- Responded to questions about a 2 year contract.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Delaney opened the meeting to the public and the following were heard:

Michael Pierce - lives next door to Veterans Field:

- Asked for a progress report on the field.
- He mentioned that the geese are still present.
- Mayor Delaney responded noting that the Governing Body wants to be able to move this along as fast as possible. Being aggressive as possible but in the safest way. Asked Attorney for input.
- Borough Attorney Boggia commented. Noted that Governing Body is considering a number of options.
- Remediate and opened as soon as possible. Remedial action work plan –
- It is the Borough's #1 priority.
- Possibility of finishing field and going for reimbursement later on.
- Discussion turf versus grass. Mayor originally preferred grass.

Valory Bardinas, 16 Hudson Terrace:

- Asked about “for profit” entities.
- She referenced the February 18th resolution that was not on agenda that concerned the transfer of 3 affordable housing units from St. Moritz to 38 COAH. Building has not yet been approved by COAH. Complained that there was no discussion in public and that the Council on Affordable Housing has not yet approved the building.
- Spoke about Borough's COAH obligation.
- Mayor Delaney explained the motion noting that the Council did not vote to transfer the units. Rather, the vote was to allow the request to go forward to COAH. Informed Ms. Bardinas that COAH did not approve the transfer.
- Asked about the status of Waterside Construction Corporation.

Denis Gallagher, 18 Arlington Terrace:

- Asked about ongoing construction around the Borough. Was not aware of the construction and believes that residents could be notified via the website and/or television.
- Discussion including the Mayor, the Administrator and members of the Council.

No one else wished to be heard therefore the Mayor closed the meeting to the public.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Litigation

- a) Waterside Litigation

Personnel:

- Marina Staff
- Police Personnel

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

April 7, 2014

INTRODUCED: Councilman Henwood

SECOND: Councilman Vidal

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewater desires to meet in private and/or Executive Session to discuss matters that are permitted by the exceptions to the Open Public Meetings Act as indicated herein:

_____L Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or court rule shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public;

_____2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

_____3 Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

_____4. Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

_____5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real estate with public funds, the setting of a banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

_____6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

~~_____~~7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer;

~~_____~~8. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

_____9. Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act or commission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council shall recess into private and/or Executive and Closed Session to discuss the aforementioned subject matter and the minutes of same may be disclosed at such time in the future as the GOVERNING BODY in its discretion may determine according to law.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Henwood	Yes
Councilman Doran	Absent
Councilman Monte	Yes
Councilman Vidal	Yes
Councilman Jordan	Absent
Councilman Bartolomeo	Yes

The governing body returned from Closed Session.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Councilman Henwood, Councilman Doran, Councilman Vidal and Councilman Bartolomeo

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Delaney, Administrator Gregory S. Franz, Borough Clerk Barbara Rae and Borough Attorney Philip Boggia.

ABSENT: Councilman Jordan and Councilman Monte

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT REGULAR SESSION (04-21-14)

MINUTES

March 18, 2014 Regular & Closed

No questions or comments.

ORDINANCES

Introduction:

None.

Adoption:

1. **Ord. 1503-2014** An Ordinance of the Borough of Edgewater, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, Amending, Supplementing and Reaffirming the Development Project Redevelopment Plan for the iPark Property.

No questions or comments.

A. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT REGULAR SESSION (04-21-2014)

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **2014 086** Budget
2. **2014-087** Sr. Bus Request – Trips to Yankee Stadium
3. **2014-088** VFAS Appointments
4. **2014-089** Salaries & Wages
5. **2014-090** Salaries & Wages
6. **2014-091** Salaries & Wages
7. **2014-092** Services & Supplies
8. **2014-093** Sr. Bus Request – Cre8Art School (Ft. Lee)
9. **2014-094** Summer Activities at the Marina Park
10. **2014-095** Arilex Infinity Release of Performance Bond

No questions or comments.

REQUESTS/MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

ADMINISTRATOR

- School Generator - School Board inquiring about potential donation from Borough for the purchase of a generator for the EVG School. Discussion.
- Budget – Councilman Vidal spoke about calculations and projections. Administrator noted that April 21, 2014 is the target date for introduction and May 19, 2014 for adoption. Councilman Vidal also spoke about creating a new line item.
- Shadyside Parking – Recommendations from Police Department sent to Borough Attorney for review regarding Old River Road and Thompson Lane. Spoke about shared services for melting snow. Administrator Franz responded to Councilman Henwood's question about a resolution for Shadyside parking meters. Discussion included Borough Attorney Boggia.
- Parking Ordinances – same as above.
- Summer Camp – Compiling summer staff applications. Believes will be able to utilize some space in Recreation Center. Spoke about Leonia and Palisades Park Pools and fee structure.
- Route 5 Parking – Councilman Doran had inquired about creating some type of parking area at Undercliff Avenue and Route 5. Borough owns some property there but not enough to create ample safe parking. Maybe able to acquire some

no cost state property. Discussion included curb cuts. To invite Planner and Engineer to next Work Session. Mayor Delaney spoke about trimming time off of the Undercliff one way.

- Community Center Roof and Street Sweeper – will be preparing bid specifications to go out to bid.
- Old River Road Improvements – Preconstruction meeting within the next week or two for streetscape improvements, etc.
- Sewer Bills – Completed. Rate will be 4.81 – last year’s rate was 4.365. Increased revenue.
- Tax Maps – Still compiling information. Most tedious task is getting condominium information.
- Colony Diversion – State is requesting Phase I Environmental Report. Councilman Henwood spoke about an understanding from County regarding potential widening.
- Emergency Medical Technician – closed.
- iPark Redevelopment Amendment Ordinance – Already discussed.
- Technology –On the next Agenda will be a resolution making changes to Policy Manual as recommended by JIF and reviewed by Borough Attorney Boggia. Informed Governing Body that the Borough was one of three gold recipients at the Safety Awards for the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. Awarded \$2,000 cash payment from the JIF. A credit to the staff and employees.
- River Road Corridor Study - Met with Grant Writer. There is a New Jersey Department of Transportation Alternative Grant Program with a potential \$800,000 award. Discussed possibility of superstop (bus stop). Described superstop. That was one of the recommendations in the River Road Corridor Study – Spoke to County Planner. Would be a perfect program for Edgewater. Perfect location would be Thompson Lane and River Road. May need to take some space out of the parking area. Discussion. Note – Superstop caters to our residents, not commuters.
- First Aid Blood Drive April 9th.
- Notified by County Health Department several restaurants in Edgewater exceeding the County’s Health Expectations. Listed Food Facilities.
- Technology – Met with Verizon. Parking Meters. Pay Stations - They partnered with a vendor. Enforcement can be done from a desk.

Councilman Henwood asked for the status regarding the Old Borough Hall and the first floor ambulance. Administrator Franz said that finalized plans and specs should be available within six weeks.

MOTION

April 7, 2014

INTRODUCED: Councilman Henwood

SECOND: Councilman Doran

Motion to adjourn.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Henwood	Yes
Councilman Doran	Yes
Councilman Monte	Absent
Councilman Vidal	Yes
Councilman Jordan	Absent
Councilman Bartholomeo	Yes

Barbara Rae, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: May 19, 2014