

REGULAR MEETING – MAY 2, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:09 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Mayor Brill Mittler; Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Administrator Jover; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: None.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits and seconded by Councilman George, the minutes of the Regular and Conference Meetings held February 21, 2017, March 7, 2017, March 21, 2017 and April 4, 2017 were approved by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, George, Hersh, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: Councilpersons Foster-Dublin, Kim.

Mayor Brill Mittler asked the Council members to present their reports.

Councilwoman Kim reported that she attended the April Senior Luncheon on April 6th. She thanked El Sol for providing the food. Beginning on May 4th, the Senior Center will now be offer Kosher Meals on Thursdays in addition to the Tuesday Luncheon program that was started earlier this year. Members of the Senior Center and the community have been enjoying a hot and nutritious Kosher Meal each Tuesday. The meal includes an entrée, salad and dessert for a \$5.00 meal contribution. Lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. or can be arranged for takeout. They have partnered with Jewish Family Services to provide this service. Contact the Senior Center or stop by to sign up and obtain a monthly menu. The next Senior Luncheon will be in celebration of Mother's Day and will be held on Tuesday, May 9th at 12:00 p.m. Seniors will enjoy musical entertainment and lunch will be catered by Highland Park's Pithari. At 1:30 p.m. there will be a special Mother's Day Planting Program. On Wednesday, May 10th, some of our seniors will be attending Middlesex County's 90's Birthday Bash. This special event is in celebration and honor of seniors 90 years of age and over. This year, we have 10 seniors that will be in attendance at this very special event. The Recreation Advisory Committee will be meeting on May 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior/Youth Center. Registration is ongoing for Summer Camp, Sports Camp, Theater Camp, Special Needs Camp, Teen Camp and 3 Day Mini Camp, which begins July 5th. The Highland Park Youth Theater Company's performance of High School Musical Jr. will be held on May 11th at 6:30 p.m. and May 14th at 3:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. All of the spring sports programs for youth and adults are ongoing. The Arts Commission met on April 13th and they are looking for more members. On April 30th, they had the opening of the Sculpture Walk. Nearly 100 people came through to see the sculptures. The Highland Park High School Orchestra performed. She would like the map of the sculptures to be placed up in the kiosk at the Environmental Center so people can have the information. The sharing for the autobiography solo show workshop went very well. It was attended by about 10 people and was an excellent first attempt at holding a workshop of this kind. Angela was great to work with and excelled at helping the participants write their solo shows. The sharing happened on April 18th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Open Studios continues to get participants and they are getting the word out to get more participants. They are planning a second Book Arts workshop at the library for the fall, since the first one in February was so popular.

Councilman George commented that he is sure that everyone has heard, and a lot of you have already visited the sculpture project at the Environmental Center and Johnson Park opposite the Crossings Development. We've seen the pictures and read about the art, but he wanted to thank those who put in a lot of work to make this project happen, and happen on time. He thanked Dean Lisa Baratta and Prof. Pat Strelzek at Rutgers who became his email and phone buddies, coordinating every day for about 2 weeks. He thanked Allan Williams of the Environmental Commission and John Marron of the Arts Commission who stayed to represent those organizations while the installation went on. He thanked the Mayor and Borough Attorney for their help with the agreements, Joan Hullings, as representative to the JIF for insurance certificates, and Jennifer Santiago for coordinating at the Borough. He thanked Lt. Panichella, and Officers O'Mara and Fitzgerald for traffic control, it was hectic at rush hour with trucks in the street and arts walking around carrying art. He gave special thanks to Harry Gordon. He was there for most of the day till dusk when they knocked off for the day. He was a big, strong construction kind of guy who was operating the big crane that brought the art and installed it. He talked with him and he said the truck was actually his own, he is a granite sculptor and needed the truck for his work, and he donated the time and costs to install the art. The Department of Public Works completed another round of pothole repairs, including the municipal parking lot by the Reformed Church. They will be continuing to patch through the spring. The Recycle Coach App was introduced at the Earth Day celebration on April 23rd. The app can be used to report things such as potholes to the Department of Public Works and the Borough in addition to obtaining information about recycling such as schedules, and lists of over 600 recyclables and how to dispose of them. The Department of Public Works is moving forward with implementation of the new one-man garbage collection system. They are going to use the prior plan of advanced planning and notice as well as demonstrating how the system worked which was successful in the past. Earth Day on April 23rd was a success and it seemed that the crowd was a little bigger this year. The Shade Tree Advisory Committee and the Native Plant Reserve were handing out free persimmon trees. The Department of Public Works was handing out free bio fuel collection containers, good for many purposes if you don't use a lot of frying oil. As in the past, this was a great event with presentations definitely of interest to our town, its environment and the Raritan River. He attended a Sustainable Highland Park meeting on April 19th at the Environmental Center. They are submitting a grant application to NJDEP for a Level 3 Electric Vehicle Charging Station through the NJDEP Drive Green Initiative. They will also be submitting a grant for a similar station through PSE&G. The Solar Challenge will wrap up this month, and while we may not meet the level of solar installations that some other towns have achieved, there is still a chance we can get more residents to sign up for the free assessment. Information is on the

Borough's website. At a recent meeting the Environmental Commission discussed a number of pending matters. First, repairs to the facility were discussed, and in coordination with the Department of Public Works, some essential repairs were completed to allow the facility to be used more and in better ways. Next, the Commission dealt with more details for the Sculpture Exhibit which opened on April 30th, as there were still a lot of details which had not been worked out. Members of the Commission, along with members of the Shade Tree Advisory Committee were also present on April 27th in the early morning for the inspection of the lower meadows for the proposed PSE&G solar array installation. The inspection went well and the trees to be removed and the replanting areas were marked out. The Shade Tree Advisory Committee handed out free persimmon trees at Earth Day which are available to plant as ornamental and ground stabilizing plantings. The Committee is also finalizing a grant proposal for installation of trees at the High School and this will be a great addition to the area in general. Lastly, he attended an all-day seminar at the Law Center in New Brunswick put on by the BPU which was attended by PSE&G, numerous state regulators and directors, consultants and practitioners in the energy field. Part of the discussion was on microgrids and he thinks that some of the information and contacts will prove valuable as they go forward with feasibility work on the solar field and microgrid.

Councilman Hersh reported that The Immigration and Refugee Task Force met on April 5 to discuss the final draft of our Inclusive Communities Resolution prior to publishing on the Borough website. Once again, many thanks to Isabel Ruano, Tracy Cangiano, Leticia Cataldi and John Adler for their valuable insight and expertise on this issue. Also, I would like to welcome Jordan Steiner to the task force; she's being appointed tonight. First on the task force's agenda is exploring something outlined in our inclusive communities' resolution and that is the establishment of an independent, privately-funded social services nonprofit. We are also looking to partner with existing organizations in order to achieve this goal. The Commission for Universal Access met on April 6th where the discussion focused on concepts for the Borough's Inclusive playground, a wonderful new concept driven by resident Monique Coleman for a Youth Theatre Stars and Friends Camp. The next meeting of the Commission for Universal Access will take place this Thursday, May 4th, 7:30 p.m., in the Berman Conference Room here at Borough Hall. On Thursday, April 13th, the Highland Park Housing Authority Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting. In addition to conducting regular business, Board members Evelyn Sedehi and Raysa Martinez presented to me two excellent candidates for the Commission's first resident Commissioner in quite some time. I'm pleased to welcome Regis Methven to the board. His participation in our public meetings and knowledge of the issues facing the Housing Authority will be real assets moving forward. Also, the commission discussed HOME funding for the Highland Park Housing Authority's Park Terrace Apartments — 24 family units that are part of our public housing inventory. Unfortunately, at the following meeting of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, our application for \$200,000 was denied. These funds are necessary to make immediate improvements to the bathrooms. As among the first Public Housing Authorities in the state to enter into HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration, largely because of our inability to carry any debt, I believe there were considerations that may have been overlooked or not adequately presented to the HOME committee. Public housing is a cornerstone to community inclusivity and making sure our local public housing stock is safe and decent must be a priority for our county. Housing Authority Director Donna Brightman and I had a very productive discussion with Gerry Mackenzie, Director of the County's Department of Community Services and Melyssa Lewis, Director of the County's Office of Human Services. Moving forward, we intend to aggressively pursue alternate funding as well as being out in front of these federal grant opportunities. The Highland Park Housing Authority will next meet Wednesday, May 10th, 6:30 p.m. at the Kronman Building. Later, on April 13th, the Highland Park Board of Health met where there was a substantial discussion about the FDA's enforcement of tobacco and electronic cigarette laws in the region. Specifically, we discussed four violations FDA agents observed in Highland Park in the fall of 2016 which resulted in warning letters to retail establishments found in violation of federal tobacco laws and regulations by selling cigarettes or e-cigarettes to minors. Since we do not coordinate with the FDA, or deputized agents thereof, moving forward, the Board of Health will try to look for ways to coordinate with the FDA in order to enforce our local laws are being followed. The Board of Health will next meet on Thursday, May 11th, 7 p.m., in the lower-level conference room here at Borough Hall. There is never a time when having clear and transparent policies is a negative. And right now, towns across the country are taking necessary steps to not only protect residents and improve community policing by removing any obstacle in crime reporting, but also making sound fiscal decisions by expressing concerns about unfunded mandates in a time when our towns and residents are squeezed financially and must use every last penny to provide excellent service to all residents. The inclusive communities' resolution is just that. It takes a long-term approach to ensuring that all residents have access to a safe, decent communities, free of the obstacles that have historically kept significant portions our community from living the American ideal. We must take the shape of our ideals. We must honor our immigrant communities and understand that these neighbors are essential to the fabric. We must serve all residents without prejudice and we therefore promote inclusive communities as a matter of policy.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that the Police Department took part in Operation Take Back this past weekend at the Senior Center. Highland Park had the largest number of medications collected. The Police Department will be receiving an award for good community policing and she will attend the event at Livingston Campus on May 22nd with the Mayor and Policed Chief. She encouraged bicycle riders to wear helmets and reminded those to look up while crossing intersections instead of looking down at their cell phones. Every 15 minutes' program will be held at the High School and will focus on drunk driving awareness.

Councilman Fine reported that Phyllis Goldstein will be appointed tonight to the Shared Services Commission. They will hold their first meeting on May 4th at 4:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that that the 5K race will be held on Sunday, May 7th at 9:00 AM and will begin at the High School. The funds raised from the race go to the Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Arts and Recreation Department and the Library. The Street Fair will be held the same day from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM. She encouraged residents to download the Recycle

Coach app on their smartphones. In March, the Council approved an Area in Need of Rehabilitation Screening Committee. The purpose of the screening committee is to increase consistency across the entire Borough planning process and among the Borough's various boards and agencies by working in coordination with the Borough Planner in establishing a proactive, pre-application process for any project which includes rehabilitation, redevelopment, in-fill development or other application for development. The screening committee will meet early in the process with any developer wishing to explore a potential project or preparing an application for development that would normally track directly to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment or Redevelopment Agency. This will allow the Borough to provide early guidance, recommendations and input to a developer which can help limit potential time and significant costs, and result in higher quality applications more consistent with the Borough's master plan, redevelopment plan, zoning regulations, main street program and other goals. The committee has met twice and they have seen four developers. They were able to engage in dialogue with these developers in a transparent forum and provide them with recommendations of what our community will find most acceptable. Lastly, she welcomed new Borough Administrator Teri Jover. She looks forward to working with her, especially on issues with Economic Development.

Borough Attorney Schmierer - No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler asked that the residents join her and the Council in honoring the numerous volunteers in Highland Park. This community boasts more than 300 volunteers in a wide variety of organizations, from recreation to environmental programs, to planning and redevelopment boards, and so much more. We are so lucky to have residents who care so much about their community. The volunteers work tirelessly to benefit the Borough and make this town the terrific place that it is. This year, they will also present an award to the Volunteer of the Year, Kim Hammond. Kim has been Chair of the Planning Board for many years and is involved in many Borough and School organizations. She is an invaluable member of the Borough's volunteer team. She asked residents to support the volunteers and enjoy music and refreshments. The event will be held on Tuesday, May 9th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Senior/Youth Center. She thanked Councilman George, the Arts Commission, the Mason Gross School of the Arts and the Middlesex County Parks Department for their efforts in making the Sculpture Walk event a reality.

Mayor Brill Mittler opened the meeting for public discussion and called upon all those wishing to speak to identify themselves.

David Hughes, 330 South 3rd Avenue, commented that he is puzzled by the title and substance of the resolution on immigration. He thought Highland Park was going to be a sanctuary city. The resolution became fair and welcoming and now it is something else. He asked the Council to reconsider the title. Mayor Brill Mittler commented that the purpose of the document is not to help or hurt the 45th President, the purpose is to make life better for residents. Councilman Hersh added that he is working with the County on detainer policy. This resolution is specifically for Highland Park residents and what the Borough's policy goals are moving forward. This is a policy document and he can go and protest for immigration rights the same as he is doing on his own.

Josh Pryzanski, 141 North 10th Avenue, commented on the road diet resolution on the agenda. There was a tragic accident 16 months ago that killed a child and injured his mother. He thanked the Mayor and Council, Chief Rizco and the Police Department for putting in 16 months of work to make traffic/pedestrians more safe. He hopes the NJDOT will move forward with the road diet to help safety. He noted that a new business is coming to the old Glatt location and he hopes that traffic/access will be looked at to enforce safety for residents.

Mike Buchman, 234 Lincoln Avenue, commented that he is speaking in favor of the immigration resolution. There are a number of misconceptions about immigrant populations. Immigrants are much likely to commit crimes than those who are already born here. High rates of immigrants were associated with lower rates of violent crime and property crime. Native born American males ages 18 to 39 are twice as likely to be in jail (3.3%), whereas half that percent of immigrants. These are 2010 figures and similar information is available from 1990 and 2000. Statistics also show that Counties that maintain policies like the one that is proposed average 35.5% fewer crimes compared to Counties that don't. This holds true for immigrants who are documented and undocumented regardless of their country of origin, level of education, etc. The overwhelming majority of immigrants are not criminals. Foreign born people in the United States are incarcerated less than native born Americans.

Craig Hanoch, 227 Montgomery Street, commented that he is in favor the immigration resolution. He thanked the Council for their hard work and asked that they vote in favor of the resolution. The resolution needs to be clear who they are talking about and it should be more sharply focused on the specific unique needs of immigrants, undocumented immigrants and refugees or people seeking asylum.

Rev. Seth Kaper-Dale, Reformed Church of Highland Park, thanked the Council for their work on the immigration resolution. The final draft of the resolution is extremely disappointing. He is worried about now and not 10 years from now. This resolution may be nice for longevity sake; it is nothing to people suffering right now. Everything in there is stuff that is true, there is nothing with teeth. There is nothing in there that says if ICE calls up on a Friday night and says we are going to be in town the next day, that anybody is going to know about that. He referenced an incident last week in New Brunswick where the Police knew ICE was coming and there were 7 different incidents that took 10 people to detention and broke up a ton of families and scared numerous people. The Borough has opportunity to have much better stuff than what is in this document. He encouraged them to vote for the document, but hopes that beyond the document they do something that actually looks like real support for immigrants. This is not support for immigrants who are suffering fear at this moment. It is something helpful for down the road. If you are going to do something to support the people who are suffering right now, it might have to be an executive order or something that comes out much stronger that says you will say

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something supportive for folks that offer sanctuary, that says that you will actually go to bat for people and he does not feel that in this document.

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Ann Gowan, South 2nd Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for their work on the immigration resolution. She is proud to be part of a town that put so much effort into it. She would like to see more specific details put into the resolution. She would not mind a provision being put into the resolution asking that the Police Department not ask residents about their immigration status.

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, commented that everyone spoke about immigrants, but nobody spoke about our children. Need to keep drugs out and protect our children. 800,000 immigrants had records and we cannot have them come into our country and violate our laws. Must build that wall.

Karen Jackson, 242 So. 6th Avenue, commented that she goes to the senior center daily and Kim and Janet go out of their way to help everyone every day.

Sheila, 19 Raritan Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for all the work they put into the immigration resolution. It is important that 287G was not put in. She agreed with previous comments and would like to see something with more teeth in it or something that is a lot more fluid in the case of another executive order coming to pass and it affecting our residents. She encouraged them to vote yes.

Brian Lee, Somerset, NJ, commented that he was born in New Jersey and raised in Hong Kong, returning to New Jersey when he was 13. When he went to high school, he knew a lot of undocumented kids growing up. He thanked the Council for their hard work. He agreed with other comments and noted that the title of the immigration resolution is unfocused and does not mention immigration at all. Mayor Brill Mittler commented that the task force was originally charged to work on this document and they will be making the task force a more permanent group going forward. They will address how to make it easier for the immigrant population to get on the road to legalization. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that approximately 10 years ago the Council passed a resolution that the Highland Park Police Department would not be ICE agents. ICE has come into Highland Park in the past and they did not notify the Highland Park Police Department and they are not required to do so.

Ellen Webb, 20 South 1st Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for extending the time on this resolution. It was a benefit to the community that it was available to review and discuss. Before, they were commenting on general concepts of the resolution. Have to go after assistance vs. enforcement. She stands in solidarity with immigrants whether documented or undocumented. There is nothing in place to regularize their status. Have to take steps to protect constitutional rights of our neighbors and help the personnel of Highland Park to know what to do. Nobody has deported 800,000 people anywhere, that is incorrect information. Extending the time to consider the resolution is okay so that they can sharpen some of it up.

Jessica Hundsten, 304 Montgomery Street, thanked the Mayor and Council for the inclusiveness with this process. She stands in support of the immigration resolution. This resolution has potential to impact more than just immigrants and refugees. It has the opportunity to protect historically marginalized communities or communities who have victims of police violence or other forms of violence. She thinks it is important to know that these kinds of policies are not just in support of immigrants and refugees, they have the potential to support other communities. She sees this as a first step of many other steps they might take with the creation of an immigration and refugee advisory board. She looks forward to seeing more in the way of community policing.

Jennifer LeBruzzo, 22 Pembroke Avenue, North Brunswick, noted that she is a Social Worker that covers Middlesex County. When she sees a resolution like this she thinks how it affects children and families and she thanked them for all of their hard work. We are investing in the children and if their families get torn apart it makes it more of a burden for social services. She feels it strongly that this is an inclusive resolution. Highland Park is very much on the side of community policing and she sees that through the awards that they have won and it is appreciated.

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, reiterated his claim that 800,000 criminal immigrants were deported.

Tina Weishaus, 143 North 5th Avenue, commented that she concurred with the majority of the people in thanking the Mayor and Council for their hard work on the immigration resolution. With so much public input, she asked that they put off the vote on this resolution. She supports it and wants them to vote yes. They should sharpen some of the wording and she asked about the fair and welcoming phrase. Councilman Hersh noted that the task force didn't think it accurately affected the policy. The policy is for inclusion and immigrant interaction with the Police Department. Councilman Hersh further noted that they spent a lot of time on the title. The title is attracting far more attention. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that when they vote on a resolution, they can always amend it, but it is important to get it on the record. Ms. Weishaus noted that she is in favor of the resolution, but wanted to know the process for incorporating comments. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they vote on the resolution as is and the task force meets again and decides on making amendments and presents it to the Mayor and Council.

Anna Haley Lock, 135 North 5th Avenue, commented that she is strongly in favor of the idea of the immigration resolution, but feels it needs more teeth and a mission and what the point of it is. The original thought was that this was going to be called sanctuary and this is a fair distance away from the intent. The original focus was to protect immigrants and refugees. She would support a separate document that is anti-oppression and inclusive around marginalized communities. Cannot accomplish both in a meaty way in this document.

Anna Perez, 344 Becker Street, commented that she supports the resolution but is in favor of voting on this resolution with a strong commitment to address points raised tonight and to make those amendments as they feel is useful.

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Dan Stern Cardinale, 221 Harper Street, thanked the Mayor and Council for their work and encouraged them to vote in support of the resolution. This is a pressing issue now because of President Trump. This resolution is a positive policy and a step in the right direction, but they should not be satisfied with it and work to sharpen it as we go forward.

James Deboer, 60 Woodbridge Avenue, commented that he works in New Brunswick for Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Metuchen and in that capacity works with immigrants. On April 20th, ICE came to New Brunswick early in the morning looking for someone, but took 8 other individuals into custody who did not have proper immigration status. He noted that he spoke to the families of some of those detained and they don't know how they will support themselves since the main breadwinner of the family has been detained. Some of these individuals have been here for more than 10 years and have no criminal record. Seeing communities and families torn apart by what is going on. Between January and mid-March, Immigration and Customs enforcement arrested 21,362 immigrants, and of those 5,441 had no criminal records. It is important to pass this resolution and stand with the immigrant community and say that the Borough of Highland Park does not consider people to be criminals and that they will walk with people and welcome people and include people. He is encouraged to see many of the specifics in the resolution and the continuation of the Police Department's policy of not participating above the minimum requirements of a judicial warrant.

Rosalyn Sherman, Franklin Township Councilwoman, commented that she supported, commended and thanked the Mayor and Council and everyone for the intelligent types of comments that were made and she will take it back and use it in her own township as they struggle and move forwards with this issue.

No one else appearing to be heard, the Mayor closed the public discussion.

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

No. 5-17-141

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Main Street Highland Park Budget for the year 2017;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in the Home News Tribune, Asbury Park, NJ, in the issue of May 5, 2017.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Highland Park does hereby approve the following as the Main Street Highland Park Budget for the year 2017:

Income

Government Grants	52,000.00
Special Assessment (BID)	157,000.00
Sponsorships	<u>72,800.00</u>
Total Income	\$281,800.00

Expense

Administration and General	\$ 172,050.00
Program Expense	<u>109,750.00</u>
Total Expense	\$281,800.00

Budget Surplus/(Deficit) \$ 0.00

Notice is hereby given that the Main Street Highland Park Budget and Resolution was approved by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, on May 17, 2017.

A hearing on the Main Street Highland Park/Business Improvement District Budget will be held at Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, Highland Park on **June 13, 2017 at 7:00 o'clock PM** at which time and place objections to said Budget and Resolution for the year 2017 may be presented.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$216,000.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, for consideration of passage on final reading by title and that affidavits of publication thereto are on file. She also reported that the ordinance had been posted and made available for public inspection as required by law.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled ordinance was taken up on final reading by title.

Mayor Brill Mittler declared the public hearing on the ordinance open to all officials and persons present and called upon all those wishing to speak for or against the ordinance to do so.

No one appearing to be heard and no objections having been received in writing, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 17-1937, was duly adopted on final reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.
Opposed: None.
Abstain: None
Absent: None.

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The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 5-17-142

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, "CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$216,000.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, passed on final reading at this meeting, be delivered to the Mayor for her approval, and if approved by her, that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the same by title in "The Home News Tribune", of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no newspaper published in this municipality, in the manner prescribed by law and that said Clerk shall annex to and publish with said Ordinance a Notice in substantially the following form –

The ordinance published herewith has been finally passed and the ten (10) day period of limitation within which suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance may be commenced has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ON-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENCES OCCUPIED BY HANDICAPPED PERSONS AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", had been introduced in writing by the Public Safety Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above was duly adopted on first reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 5-17-143

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ON-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENCES OCCUPIED BY HANDICAPPED PERSONS AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said a Notice of Pending Ordinance and Summary of said Ordinance be published once at least one (1) week prior to the time fixed for further consideration of said Ordinance for final passage in the "Home News Tribune", of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no newspaper published daily in this municipality, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage as aforesaid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said Ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, forthwith and that the Borough Clerk have available in her office for the members of the general public of Highland Park copies of said Ordinance for those members of the general public who may request the same.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF EACH OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above was duly adopted on first reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 5-17-144

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF EACH OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said a Notice of Pending Ordinance and Summary of said Ordinance be published once at least one (1) week prior to the time fixed for further consideration of said Ordinance for final passage in the "Home News Tribune", of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no newspaper

published daily in this municipality, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage as aforesaid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said Ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, forthwith and that the Borough Clerk have available in her office for the members of the general public of Highland Park copies of said Ordinance for those members of the general public who may request the same.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010” CHAPTER 303, BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE III REQUIRING CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES, ARTICLE IV REGULATING VACANT STOREFRONTS, AND ARTICLE V AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF HAZARDOUS STRUCTURES, had been introduced in writing by the Economic Development and Planning Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Kim, the ordinance entitled as above was duly adopted on first reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Kim, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 5-17-145

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010” CHAPTER 303, BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE III REQUIRING CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES, ARTICLE IV REGULATING VACANT STOREFRONTS, AND ARTICLE V AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF HAZARDOUS STRUCTURES has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said a Notice of Pending Ordinance and Summary of said Ordinance be published once at least one (1) week prior to the time fixed for further consideration of said Ordinance for final passage in the “Home News Tribune”, of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no newspaper published daily in this municipality, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage as aforesaid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said Ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, forthwith and that the Borough Clerk have available in her office for the members of the general public of Highland Park copies of said Ordinance for those members of the general public who may request the same.

Mayor Frank appointed Josephine “Teri” Jover to serve as the Borough Administrator effective May 2, 2017.

The above appointment was confirmed on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: None.

Mayor Brill Mittler noted that Teri came to work at 8:00 AM this morning and was pulled right into a meeting and has been on the go all day. She looks forward to working with her.

A motion was made by Councilman Fine to adopt all resolutions on the consent agenda, except Resolution No. 5-17-160, Resolution Upholding Respect and Protection for Historically Discriminated Populations and Promoting Community Inclusivity for All Highland Park Residents. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin. Mayor Brill Mittler explained that a resolution is a living document and she sees no reason not to vote on the resolution and continue to work on it. She asked Councilman Fine to withdraw his motion and to vote on it and have Councilman Hersh and his task force continue working on the resolution. Councilman Fine noted that he did not wish to withdraw his motion. He supports the resolution, but feels it needs more work based on comments and should be voted on at the next meeting. Councilman Hersh noted that he feels the Council needs to be decisive and take action tonight. It is the role of the municipal government to establish policies that prevent any kind of intrusion on the rights of any resident. This resolution is specifically related to the immigrant and refugee community in Highland Park and looking at their needs. New Jersey is among the top 6 states in the country with the highest undocumented immigration population. This can't be done by making a powerful admonition of the Trump Administration. There are other ways to do it and he has been doing it and a lot of others have been doing it also. The Council's role is to establish institutional policy that prevents these things from happening no matter who is in charge. The Borough has been having this conversation for almost 2 years with the establishment of the Municipal ID program. The municipal committee that will be designed to carry out these policies will consider everything that was stated today. The motion was defeated by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, Kim.

Opposed: Councilpersons George, Hersh, Welkovits, Mayor Brill Mittler.

Absent: None.

Abstained: None.

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The following comments were made prior to the Councilmembers casting their votes:

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin voted to table the resolution until the next meeting in two weeks so that they can include some of the comments made tonight. As an immigrant herself, she knows how important this document is for all residents. She came here as an immigrant and wants to see everything done that will protect the rights of immigrants and the marginalized community.

Councilman George commented that there is a time to act and there is a time to talk. In his profession, which is representing over 100 towns and boards, there comes a time when both the citizens and the Council deserve action. As Councilman Hersh said, it has been discussed a number of times and he thanked him for getting this published for one of the first times in advance of the meeting. Usually this resolution is not available until the agenda comes out and they need to come to Borough Hall to see it. It is time to act. It may not be perfect but it runs the risk of backsliding to nowhere. Those who do not learn from history, repeat it.

Councilman Hersh echoed what Councilman George said.

Councilwoman Kim commented that her and her fiancé's families are all immigrants. They live in Highland Park because it is a diverse multi-cultural community and as of right now she believes they need to go back to the drawing board after hearing the comments.

Councilwoman Welkovits commented that her parents were refugees. She is for the content of the resolution and understands that there are areas where we can improve. She has yet to see this body drop the ball. She believes that with the task force and the non-profit that will continue to support the immigrant community, she thinks this resolution should be adopted. The task force can continue work on the resolution and report back to the Governing Body.

Mayor Brill Mittler commented that this is the first time she has gotten a chance to vote. This is democracy. She knows how hard the task force has worked on this. She has spent many hours with Councilman Hersh going through some of the task force's recommendations. She knows that this is not the kind of body that is going to drop something. Unfortunately, we tend to stick with things much longer than most other municipalities. She knows her Council people very well and knows the community well and knows that they are not going to let this become what you are afraid of it becoming.

Resolution Nos. 5-17-146 through 5-17-175 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Hersh, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, George, Hersh (except #42), Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

Abstained: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-146

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Borough Finance Director that since the adoption of a resolution on January 3, 2017 showing the names of the officers and employees of the Borough of Highland Park whose salaries are on an annual basis, there have been the following changes, to wit:

JOSEPHINE "TERI" JOVER, Borough Administrator, at an annual salary of \$85,000.00 effective May 2, 2017.

DANIEL BIANCHINI, Redevelopment Agency Clerk, \$500.00 per meeting, effective May 1, 2017.

JENNIFER SANTIAGO, Redevelopment Agency Clerk, \$500.00 per meeting, effective May 1, 2017.

DAVID LUXENBERG, Day Camp Director, at an annual salary of \$8,500.00, effective May 2, 2017.

DAVID LUXENBERG, Teen Camp Director, at an annual salary of \$2,000.00, effective May 2, 2017.

DAVID LUXENBERG, Pre-Camp Set Up, at an annual salary of \$1,000.00, effective May 2, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Borough Finance Director that since the adoption of a resolution on January 3, 2017 showing the names of the officers and employees of the Borough of Highland Park whose salaries are on an hourly basis, there have been the following changes, to wit:

DANIEL BIANCHINI, Finance Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$31.04, effective January 1, 2017 through February 14, 2017.

BARBARA PISCITELLI, Part-time Public Safety Dispatcher, at an hourly rate of \$20.74, effective May 2, 2017.

JUSTIN SIMS, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$8.44, effective May 2, 2017.

SAM MURPHY, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$8.44, effective May 2, 2017.

MADELINE HEHIR, Summer Camp Administrative Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$12.00, effective May 2, 2017.

CARYN KAPLAN, Summer Camp Administrative Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$12.00, effective May 2, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director be and is hereby directed to make the necessary changes in the payroll records of the Finance Department in accordance with the changes established by this resolution.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-147

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2017 the Mayor and Council appointed Josephine "Teri" Jover, to serve as the Borough Administrator; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute an Employment Agreement with the said Josephine "Teri" Jover, which will set forth the terms and conditions of employment for said appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest, on behalf of

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the Borough of Highland Park, an Employment Agreement with Josephine “Teri” Jover to serve as Borough Administrator, which agreement shall be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney and attached to the original of this resolution.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 5-17-148

WHEREAS, there is a need at times for Contractors to hire Off-Duty Police Officers for traffic control; and

WHEREAS, Off-Duty Police Officers were needed for work done by Fox & Foxx Development at 419 Donaldson Street; and

WHEREAS, Fox & Foxx Development overpaid for off-duty services and is thereby due a refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to process refund of \$427.42 to Fox & Foxx Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Department forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-149

WHEREAS, American Properties at Highland Park, LLC, received approval from the Borough of Highland Park Planning Board on May 14, 2016 for the construction of a 110-unit residential development on Cleveland Avenue known as Heritage at Highland Park on property designated as Block 170, Lots 5 and 6 Highland Park Tax Map; and

WHEREAS, said land use approvals were memorialized by resolutions adopted by said Board on May 12, 2016 and January 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, American Properties at Highland Park, LLC wishes to enter into a Developer's Agreement with the Borough of Highland Park to ensure compliance with all of the terms and conditions of their development approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough of Highland Park Council as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk to the Borough of Highland Park are hereby authorized and directed to enter into the Heritage at Highland Park Developer's Agreement. Said Agreement is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected during regular office hours.
2. A certified true copy of this Resolution shall be furnished upon its adoption to American Properties at Highland Park, LLC, 517 Route 1 South, Suite 1200, Iselin, New Jersey 08830, as well as to the following: Borough of Highland Park Planning Board Secretary, Borough of Highland Park Code Official and the Borough of Highland Park Engineer.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 5-17-150

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Highland Park of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign the contract agreement with Garden State Fireworks for the Fireworks Display to be held on Sunday, July 2, 2017 with a rain date of Monday, July 3, 2017.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted, as above:

No. 5-17-151

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of an engineer to provide engineering services in connection with the Stormwater Management Regulations, in accordance with letter proposal from David Samuel, CME Associates, dated April 4, 2017, attached to the original of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates, Parlin, N.J., is a firm of licensed engineers of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in providing these services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation of said consulting engineer; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose in Account Number No. 7-01-20-165-233 in an amount not to exceed \$2,410.00 without further resolution of Council, as reflected by the Certification of Funds by the Assistant CFO, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with David Samuel, CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, NJ 08859, a copy of which is attached to the original of this original, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-152

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that approval is hereby given to Main Street Highland Park to hold its Annual Street Fair activities on May 7, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that permission is hereby granted to the Highland Park Police Department to make application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for a permit to close a portion of Raritan Avenue (Route #27) between 2nd and 5th Avenues on May 7, 2017, between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Main Street Highland Park will work in close cooperation with the Highland Park Police Department to insure minimum inconvenience to Borough residents; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby waives the Transient Merchant permit fees and other Borough fees for vendors who register to participate in the Street Fair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Main Street Highland Park; Stephen Rizco, Chief of Police; Police Traffic Safety Bureau; Highland Park First Aid Squad Capt.; H. James Polos, Emergency Management Coordinator; Donald Rish, Dept. of Public Works Supt.; Lt. Gary Panichella.

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-153

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that approval is hereby given to Main Street Highland Park to hold their Arts Festival activities on September 24, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that permission is hereby granted to the Highland Park Police Department to make application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for a permit to close a portion of Raritan Avenue (Route #27) between 2nd and 5th Avenues on September 24, 2017 between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Main Street Highland Park will work in close cooperation with the Highland Park Police Department to insure minimum inconvenience to Borough residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Main Street Highland Park; Stephen Rizco, Chief of Police; Police Dept. Traffic Safety Bureau; Highland Park First Aid Squad Capt.; James Polos, Emergency Management Coordinator; Donald Rish, Dept. of Public Works Supt.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-154

WHEREAS, the Transfiguration of the Lord Church has made application to the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park for a license to hold, operate and conduct a 50/50 Off-Premises Raffle in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law (NSJA 5:8-50 to 76), on October 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has made or caused to be made an investigation of the qualifications of said applicant and the merits of said application and have determined that said applicant is qualified to hold, operate and conduct Raffles in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law and the findings set forth in the attached Form 5A of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a license to the Transfiguration of the Lord Church for the holding, operation and conduct of a raffle on the above date upon payment of a legal fee therefor, subject to the provisions of the Raffles Licensing Law and the rules, regulations and amendments thereto promulgated by said Control Commission.

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-155

WHEREAS, Rutgers University has developed the Rutgers University Regional Bicycle Share Program which has been initiated as a 350-unit smart regional 24-hour bicycle share system which anyone can use by paying an hourly, daily, monthly or annual fee to access this service; and

WHEREAS, this program will serve the Rutgers University community, New Brunswick, Highland Park, Piscataway and the Edison and New Brunswick Train Stations, and will complement the current bicycling planning efforts and demand for improved bicycle infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program provides GPS units on every bicycle that will generate data regarding user's chosen routes, gathers support for future bicycle infrastructure projects, allows for bicycles to lock to existing bicycle racks and provides flexibility for bicycle share hubs to be virtually relocated and adjusted using a web interface; and

WHEREAS, Rutgers University will be responsible for implementing the program; administering and managing the contract with any outside vendors; funding and overseeing operations for the regional system, including bicycle and bike share system maintenance; and

WHEREAS, New Brunswick, Highland Park and Piscataway will be responsible for siting and installing bike racks provided by Rutgers University as needed at identified bike share hub locations as well as removing snow from bike racks and ensuring bike racks are in proper working order at identified bike share hub locations within their municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Rutgers University Regional Bicycle Share Program helps reduce traffic congestion, improves connectivity, helps solve the first and last mile linkage challenges to transit, provides an affordable low cost transportation alternative for local and regional mobility, increases access to jobs, advances sustainability, and promotes environmental community benefits and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Rutgers University Regional Bicycle Share Program has been approved for funding of \$ 1.1 million by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) under the Regional Transportation Alternatives Program Grant administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation in partnership with NJTPA; and

WHEREAS, these benefits support the goals of the Borough of Highland Park;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Highland Park does hereby endorse and agree to support the Rutgers University Regional Bicycle Share Program as described herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Rutgers University Department of Transportation Services; the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority; the New Jersey Department of Transportation Bureau of Local Aid District 3; the Mayors of the City of New Brunswick, Borough of Highland Park, and Township of Piscataway; and the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Middlesex County Office of Planning.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-156

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has a need to purchase wireless access points; and

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WHEREAS, quotes for said purchase were requested and only two quotes were received from the following, to wit:

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
CDW-G	\$5,795.36
SHI	\$5,877.60

WHEREAS, the IT Coordinator has recommended the purchase of said Wireless Access Points, from CDW-G at the above quoted price; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in Account No. 7-01-20-140-231 as reflected by the certification of funds available by the Assistant CFO, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the IT Coordinator is hereby authorized and directed to purchase said wireless access points for a total not to exceed \$5,795.36; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the It Coordinator and the Finance Department forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 5-17-157

WHEREAS, there is a need to turn over found cash to the Municipal Treasurer as per the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office policy; and

WHEREAS, if property is unclaimed after 6 months, the finder can claim the cash; and

WHEREAS, the finder, Victoria Yamazaki, 112 South 2nd Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, 08904 is due \$165.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to process refund of \$165.00 to Victoria Yamazaki.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Police Department and Finance Department forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Recreation and Arts Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-158

WHEREAS, the Senior/Youth Recreation center has a need for the purchase and installation of window treatments for their building; and

WHEREAS, quotes for said purchase were requested and only one quote was received from the following, to wit:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Artys Window Treatments	\$6,250.00

WHEREAS, the Senior Program Coordinator has recommended the purchase and installation of said window treatments, at the above quoted price; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in Account No. 7-01-28-370-231 as reflected by the certification of funds available by the Assistant CFO, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Senior Program Coordinator is hereby authorized and directed to purchase and oversee the installation of said window treatments for a total not to exceed \$6,250.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Senior Program Coordinator and the Finance Department forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-159

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park desires to apply for and obtain a 2017 NJ Community Stewardship Incentive Program Grant from the Division of Parks and Forestry of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$30,000.00, which application has been prepared by the Borough’s Shade Tree Advisory Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the application for the 2017 NJ Community Stewardship Incentive Program Grant on behalf of the Borough to the Division of Parks and Forestry of the New Jersey Forest Service in the Department of Environmental Protection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Shade Tree Advisory Committee and Finance Department forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:
No. 5-17-160

1. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Highland Park Borough Council (Council) celebrate and recognize this multicultural community whose residents and their ancestors hail from all over the world. Many residents, or their ancestors, are immigrants who came here to escape religious or political persecution at home.
2. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council and community embrace the idea that America is a place of opportunity where individuals may live free of oppression or discrimination.
3. WHEREAS, through our legislative actions and through our municipal services and operations, the Mayor and Council are committed to its part in making the American Dream a reality available to all residents.
4. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council will continue to work to advance Highland Park’s reputation as a place known to be welcoming to law-abiding, hard-working families and individuals seeking refuge, regardless of immigration status, status as a veteran, national origin, race, ethnicity, language proficiency, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, housing status, financial status, marital status, or status as a victim of domestic violence, except where otherwise required by state or federal law or regulation or directive or court order.
5. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council and the Highland Park Police Department are committed to protecting and serving all residents by enforcing the law to ensure the safety and security of our community. The mutual trust that exists between our police and the community is a hallmark of our safe community and our police must depend on the cooperation of residents, regardless of immigration status, who may be victims of or witnesses to crimes. Working hand in hand with the

Borough's diverse communities is essential to preventing and solve crimes and to maintain public order, safety, and security of the town.

6. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize the creation of the Borough's Municipal ID program, available to all Borough residents aged 14 and up and recognized by all city agencies and departments, with strong privacy and data security protections. Municipal IDs provide government-issued photo ID to all residents and help the most vulnerable communities, including individuals returning from incarceration, immigrants, transgender individuals, the homeless and the disabled and elderly—populations that face barriers to Borough services because they often cannot access government-issued ID.
7. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize the United States Supreme Court decision, *Plyler v. Doe*, which holds that states cannot constitutionally deny students a free public education because of their immigration status.
8. WHEREAS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have each issued and implemented policies concerning enforcement actions at or focused on sensitive locations and that ICE and CBP policies characterize places of worship, such as churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples as “sensitive locations,” where enforcement actions should generally be avoided, and that such actions may only take place when (a) prior approval is obtained from an appropriate judicial official, or (b) there are exigent circumstances necessitating immediate action without judicial approval.
9. WHEREAS, ICE and CBP policies are meant to ensure that ICE and CBP officers and agents exercise sound judgment when enforcing federal law at or focused on sensitive locations, to enhance the public understanding and trust, and to ensure that people seeking to participate in activities or utilize services provided at any sensitive location are free to do so, without fear or hesitation.
10. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have identified a clear need in Highland Park to foster the trust of and cooperation from the public, including members of vulnerable communities. To effectuate the Borough's goals, the Mayor and Council seek to clarify its role in protecting all Borough residents' privacy and rights.
11. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council are committed to Highland Park's existing policy that establishes strong privacy protections limiting the extent to which Borough employees are permitted to maintain and share confidential personal information of residents. This personal information includes but is not limited to personal contact information, information about national origin, race, ethnicity, language proficiency, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, status as a veteran, housing status, financial status, marital status, status as a victim of domestic violence, criminal history, release date from incarceration or confinement in a jail; except where otherwise required by state or federal law or court order.
12. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council will work diligently to ensure that all our residents are safe and protected and that we as a community will continue to work daily to preserve all Highland Parkers' rights to live a safe, decent, dignified life.
13. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council are committed to publicly opposing any government registry based on national origin, race, ethnicity, language proficiency, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, status as a veteran, housing status, financial status, marital status, status as a victim of domestic violence, criminal history, release date from incarceration or confinement in a jail; except where otherwise required by state or federal law or court order.
14. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Mayor and Council have established a task force on immigration and refugee issues. Moving forward, that task force will continue as a municipal advisory board on Immigration and Refugee Affairs. This advisory board will recommend policy related to Highland Park's cultural and ethnic diversity, the needs of our community's changing populations, and will work to build bridges to historically marginalized, underserved immigrant populations.
15. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Mayor and Council endorse the establishment of independent, privately-funded, non-government, nonprofit organizations to provide vital resources for immigrant and refugee communities in Highland Park, including citizenship services, English classes, and legal guidance.
16. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council encourage the adoption of clear and transparent protocols for the certification of “U visas” for undocumented immigrant community members who have been witnesses to or victims of a serious crime and have cooperated in the investigation of the crime.
17. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Highland Park, including its departments, employees, and officials shall not expend Borough funds or resources to enforce Federal Immigration Laws unless mandated to do so by State or Federal statutes, applicable regulations, and Directives of the New Jersey Attorney General and the Middlesex County Prosecutor.
18. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough of Highland Park will not enter into any contracts, agreements or arrangements, including “287(g) agreements” or Intergovernmental Service Agreements with the federal government that deputize local law enforcement officers to act as immigration agents or contract for use of local facilities to house immigrants pending deportation proceedings.
19. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council shall not adopt any resolution, ordinance or policy that is found to be in conflict with any obligation imposed by State or Federal statutes, applicable regulations, and Directives of the New Jersey Attorney General and the Middlesex County Prosecutor.
20. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council will use the above criteria to characterize Highland Park's municipal functions as tolerant, accepting, and respectful of all law-abiding residents.
21. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Highland Park will continue to promote and work toward building a truly inclusive community so all residents can live in a safe, dignified environment while having access to the American Dream.

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The following resolution, introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-161

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park desire to establish an Immigration and Refugee Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the task force will be to identify and address policy issues facing new and emerging immigrant communities in Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the task force will advise Council and make policy recommendations in line with the Borough's inclusive communities resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that the Immigration and Refugee Task Force is hereby established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Immigration and Refugee Task Force will consist of the following:

1. Six (6) Regular Members, to be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council, for terms to expire December 31, 2017.

The following resolution, introduced by the Administration Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-162

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Constance Ludden (License No. T831) is hereby appointed to the position of Tax Collector, effective January 1, 2018 and expiring January 1, 2021.

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-163

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Planner to provide planning services in connection with the investigation of the Borough Square Development, in accordance with letter proposal from Jim Constantine, Looney Ricks Kiss, dated April 5, 2017, attached to the original of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Looney Ricks Kiss, Philadelphia, P.A., is a firm of licensed planners of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in providing these services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation of said consulting engineer; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 6-20-20-100-219, in an amount not to exceed \$5,400.00, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Assistant CFO, shown below; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with Jim Constantine, PP, Looney Ricks Kiss, Public Ledger Building, Suite 756, 150 S. Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 191065, a copy of which is attached to the original of this original, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-164

WHEREAS, The New Jersey DEP DriveGreen Initiative and Public Service Electric and Gas have announced the availability of grants to install Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Highland Park has determined that installation of Vehicle Charging Stations in the Borough of Highland Park supports and furthers the long term goals of sustainability and reduction of carbon footprints in the Borough of Highland Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Sustainable Highland Park is authorized to submit grant applications to the New Jersey DEP DriveGreen initiative and Public Service Gas and Electric.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-165

WHEREAS, The Highland Park Shade Tree Advisory Committee has determined that planting of trees on and about the Highland Park High School grounds supports its initiative to rebuild, reinforce and expand the tree inventory in Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Shade Tree Advisory Committee has developed a planting and landscaping plan together with the Highland Park Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, a grant is available to purchase and plant trees in order to further the rebuilding, reinforcing and expansion of tree planting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland Park Shade Tree Advisory Committee is authorized to apply for a grant for the purchase and planting of 100 trees for planting at the Highland Park High School as part of the cooperative planting and landscaping project.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-166

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Shade Tree Advisory Committee has approved a tree replacement and planting program for 2017; and

WHEREAS, Highland Park Department of Public Works and the Shade Tree Advisory Committee solicited proposals for the supplying of trees for the 2017 tree replacement and planting program which are below the threshold for public competitive bids; and

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WHEREAS, New Jersey Tree Foundation has submitted the lowest complying proposal; now therefore be it resolved that New Jersey Tree Foundation is selected to supply trees for the 2017 tree replacement and planting program for a cost not to exceed \$17,156.00

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose in an amount not to exceed \$17,156.00 are available in Account No. T-12-56-806-100, as reflected by the certification of funds by Assistant Finance Director Gabriel Paul below;

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 5-17-167

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park would like to reduce the traffic lanes along Route 27 in Highland Park Borough, Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Police Department recommends reducing the number of lanes on Route 27, from four lanes in each direction, to two lanes in each direction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park concurs with the findings of the investigation and the recommendations by the Highland Park Police Department;

Zone 2: 35 MPH between Eighth Avenue and the Highland Park-Edison Township Line (approximate mileposts 17.58 to 18.04)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park does hereby request that a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) be promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the reduction of lanes on Route 27 from four lanes to two lanes as follows:

- Between North Eighth Avenue and the Highland Park-Edison Township Line (approximate mileposts 17.58 to 18.04)

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-168

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following shall be and is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Highland Park Housing Authority for a term to expire as indicated:

Regis Methven

September 1, 2019

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-169

WHEREAS, there exists a need to retain a professional municipal consultant to serve as the Borough's Certified Municipal Finance Officer ("CMFO"); and

WHEREAS, the firm of Hodulik & Morrison, PA, Certified Public Accountant have submitted a proposal to the Borough to serve as the Borough's CMFO; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)* authorizes the Borough to award a contract to Hodulik & Morrison, PA as a Professional Services Agreement without public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, the Borough of Highland Park and the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Council hereby direct the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a contract with Hodulik & Morrison, PA to procure the services of CMFO for the Borough of Highland Park effective May 1, 2017. The Professional Services Agreement authorized by this Resolution is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected during regular office hours.
2. This agreement is being awarded without competitive bidding as a permitted professional services agreement as authorized by *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)*.
3. Notification of this contract award shall be published in The Home News Tribune as required by law.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-170

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has partnered with The Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers, The State University, to design, build and install temporary outdoor art sculptures in locations throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to enter into an agreement with Middlesex County to place the temporary outdoor art sculptures on Middlesex County property within Highland Park known as the Fayette Street Garage Block 187, Lots 2&3; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, that it does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Middlesex Company to utilize its property for the outdoor sculpture project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Middlesex County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall publish notice of this award of contract.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-171

WHEREAS, the University is interested in a cooperative program with the Borough of Highland Park and the County enabling the temporary placement of large outdoor sculpture pieces in and about property known as Johnson Park and the Eugene Young Environmental Center; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, that it does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with The Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers, The State University for the temporary installation of Sculpture pieces in Johnson Park, A County Park located in the Borough of Highland Park and the Eugene Young Environmental Center of Highland Park.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall send a certified copy of this Resolution to The Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers, The State University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall publish notice of this award of contract.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-172

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Educational Foundation (HPEF) has made application to the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park for a license to hold, operate and conduct a Casino Night Raffle in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law (NSJA 5:8-50 to 76), on June 3, 2017 with a rain-date of June 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has made or caused to be made an investigation of the qualifications of said applicant and the merits of said application and have determined that said applicant is qualified to hold, operate and conduct Raffles in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law and the findings set forth in the attached Form 5A of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a license to the Highland Park Educational Foundation (HPEF) for the holding, operation and conduct of a raffle on the above date upon payment of a legal fee therefore, subject to the provisions of the Raffles Licensing Law and the rules, regulations and amendments thereto promulgated by said Control Commission.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-173

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person to Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1207-33-010-009, heretofore issued to ARTA, LLC t/a The Italian Bistro, for premises located at 441 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park does hereby approve, effective May 2, 2017, the Person to Person transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License located at 441 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park, NJ, from ARTA, LLC t/a The Italian Bistro to CNS DLS, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Borough Council does hereby direct the Borough Clerk to endorse the License Certificate as follows: "This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to CNS DLS, LLC for premises located at 441 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, effective May 2, 2017."

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-174

WHEREAS, advertisement was made for receipt of bids on April 27, 2017 for a Teen Center; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Tri-Form Construction Inc.	\$611,350.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough chooses to reject the bid due to the amount being substantially over budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the bid received for the above described Teen Center on April 27, 2017 shall be and hereby is rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough Council further authorizes Bruce Koch of CME Associates, to prepare the bid documents and re-bid in connection with the Highland Park Teen Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the above referenced bidder together with the return of bid security provided with bid.

BE IT FURTHER RESEOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby directed to readvertise for receipt of bids for a Teen Center, on a date and time to be determined by the Borough Clerk.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-175

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that all claims presented prior to this meeting as shown on a detailed list prepared by the Borough Treasurer, and which have been submitted and approved in accordance with Highland Park Ordinance No. 1004, shall be and the same are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall include in the minutes of this meeting a statement as to all such claims approved as shown in a Bills List Journal in accordance with said Ordinance.

The bills approved for payment at this meeting, Bills List 5/2/17 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 36.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Sarah Kelly to serve as the Alternate #2 Member of the Board of Health for a term to expire January 1, 2018.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Jordan Steiner to serve as a Regular Member of the Immigration & Refugee Task Force for a term to expire December 31, 2017.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Nancy Wolf to serve as a Regular Member of the Emergency Management Council for a term to expire December 31, 2017.

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Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Phyllis Goldstein to serve as a Regular Member of the Shared Services Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2017.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Rebecca Hersh and James Nichols to serve as Regular Members of the Rehabilitation & Redevelopment Screening Committee for terms to expire December 31, 2017.

The above appointments were confirmed on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Fine and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: None.

Mayor Brill Mittler opened the meeting for public discussion and called upon all those wishing to speak to identify themselves.

Brian Lee, Somerset, thanked the Council for passing this resolution that they worked very hard on. He wishes some things would be different about it, but it is important that they establish something first. He has seen Councilman Hersh at a bunch of different events so he knows how hard he worked on this with all the feedback he gets. He trusts him and the task force to continue working on this as necessary.

Abby Stern Cardinale, 221 Harper Street, commented that she appreciated seeing democracy in action. She is sorry that a lot of people left as this is not the only important issue for the community. She and her husband will continue to come to meetings.

Sung Chen, Parker Road, commented that he is disappointed with this result, but he respects it. He asked why so many people who are not residents of the town spoke at the meeting. If there is a consequence of this resolution they won't pay for that. If result is good, everyone will be happy. If there is a negative result, can it be reviewed and amended or can a time be set for review or revocation. Mayor Brill Mittler advised that she will have Councilman Hersh speak to the task force about the review process.

Liz Estes, 311 No. 4th Avenue, commented that she heard information tonight that she has never heard before. She was present at the Reformed Church for a meeting with Rev. Kaper-Dale and there were people there that lost their spouses during a raid in New Brunswick. What she heard tonight from Rev. Kaper-Dale was that the New Brunswick Police Department knew about the raid in advance. She asked and begged to do investigation into what happened in New Brunswick so that the Borough can find out what to do to prepare here in Highland Park. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that when they heard about the raid she reached out to Freeholder Narra and she is looking into the matter. When there is more information she will let her know.

No one else appearing to be heard, the Mayor closed public discussion.

The following resolution was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Kim, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: None.

No. 5-17-176

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from the closed session at close of tonight's open session.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
(Acquisition)
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when these matters are resolved or as soon thereafter as it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Kim, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk