

SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 30, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Thursday, July 30, 2015 and was called to order at 6:06 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Mayor Brill Mittler; Councilpersons Erickson, Fine (6:27 PM), Foster-Dublin, George, Potts, Welkovits; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Clerk Hullings; Special Counsel Surenian; Special Planner Caton; Borough Engineer Koch; Borough Planner Schectel.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin, Administrator Kovach.

It should be noted that the members of the Highland Park Planning Board were also in attendance to conduct a joint Executive Session.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present:

No. 7-15-218

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are mindful of the right of the public to attend and witness meetings of governmental bodies at which public business is discussed, and to be involved in all phases of governmental action, and;

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act nonetheless recognizes the authority of a public body to exclude the public from meetings in certain enumerated instances in which disclosure of matters discussed could endanger public safety, property or other public interest, or invade individual privacy, and;

WHEREAS, as authorized by the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Mayor and Council have a need to meet in private session to discuss one matter affecting pending or anticipated litigation to which the public body may be party; matters within the attorney-client privilege;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council will meet in private session at 6:05PM to discuss the above mentioned items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public when no longer deemed confidential.

The Executive Session concluded at 6:40 PM.

The Highland Park Planning Board conducted their public hearing on the Highland Park Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. The Planning Board entertained a motion to recommend and adopt the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and send to the Governing Body of the Borough of Highland Park for endorsement.

The Highland Park Governing Body reconvened at 7:07 PM with all members previously in attendance still present.

Councilwoman Welkovits made a motion to endorse and adopt the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fine and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman Potts, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings  
Borough Clerk