

SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 15, 2014

A Special Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 5:30 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Mayor; Councilpersons Erickson, Foster-Dublin, Millet, Potts, Welkovits; Borough Administrator Kovach; Borough Clerk Hullings.
Absent: Borough Attorney Schmierer.

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

No. 6-14-199A

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 personnel matter concerning the employment, appointment, evaluation, promotion or termination of a public officer or employee.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council will meet in private session at 5:30 P.M. on July 15, 2014, to discuss the above mentioned items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public when

The Council recessed to Executive Session at 5:31 PM and returned to Open Session at 7:29 PM on motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilman Millet, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilman Millet, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, Foster-Dublin, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

No. 7-14-221

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that due to the resignation of Councilwoman Gayle Brill Mittler, Philip George is hereby appointed to temporarily fill the vacancy on the Borough Council, effective immediately;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Philip George shall serve on the Borough Council until such time as a candidate is elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term at the General Election to be held on November 4, 2014.

The Oath of Office and Allegiance was administered to Philip George by Mayor Brill Mittler.

The Clerk announced that Philip George has been appointed as a Councilperson by the Borough Council on July 15, 2014 and has subscribed to the Oath of Office and Allegiance and is now qualified to assume his duly appointed position on Council.

Councilman George joined the Council on the dais.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilman Millet, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, George, Foster-Dublin, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

No. 7-14-221

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Resolution No. 1 -14-03 adopted by said Council on January 7, 2014, shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Standing Committees of said Council for the year 2014 shall be and are hereby established as follows:

RECREATION AND ARTS	Councilpersons POTTS, George, Foster-Dublin.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING	Councilpersons GEORGE, Millet, Welkovits.
FINANCE	Councilpersons ERICKSON, Welkovits, George.
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Councilpersons WELKOVITS, Erickson, Potts.
PUBLIC SAFETY	Councilpersons FOSTER-DUBLIN, Potts, Millet.
PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	Councilpersons MILLET, Foster-Dublin, Erickson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first Councilpersons listed above for each Committee shall serve as Chair of that Committee.”

There being no further business, on motion made Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilman Potts, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk