

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
VIA TELEPHONE
MARCH 24, 2020 – 6:30 PM

The Borough is using the telephone meeting format in an effort to mitigate the chance of exposure to COVID-19, as a part of the Borough's ongoing effort to slow the rate of transmission and avoid overwhelming our treatment centers.

The public is invited to attend and participate by way of a call-in number and password:

Call-in number: 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 793 378 612

To help keep the meeting as organized as possible, members of the public that may want to speak during the public portions of the meeting are encouraged to please register their name and address with the Borough Clerk at jhullings@hpboro.com or call 732-819-3782 with your information.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK:

The Mission of the Highland Park Borough Council is to establish a government based upon the principles of good government: ethics, efficiency and the effective provision of services.

The Borough Council is committed to creating a thriving community, which is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially.

The Borough Council is further committed to creating a community which values its unique and diverse populations and encourages direct public participation in the governing process.

AGENDA

* Denotes Consent Agenda Posted Items. Ordinarily, consent agenda items, pursuant to Ordinance No. 920, are not read nor debated unless there is a request by a member of Council or the public. Furthermore, unless requested by a member of Council for a separate vote, all consent agenda items, as per Council's Rules of Order, Article IV, shall be considered in the form of one **MOTION**.

1. Call to Order and Open Public Meetings Statement.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance.
 3. Roll Call.
 4. MOTION to approve minutes of the Regular and Conference Meetings October 29, 2019, as distributed.
 5. Council Reports.
 6. Borough Administrator's Report.
 7. Borough Attorney's Report.
 8. Mayor's Report.
- Public Discussion.
(21 minutes total; 3 minutes each speaker limited to items on this Agenda, including Work Session).
9. 3-20-110 Resolution to Approve Emergency Temporary Appropriations.
MOTION adopt/reject. ROLL CALL VOTE

10. Clerk reports advertising 433 Cleveland Avenue Redevelopment Plan, for consideration of passage on final reading by title.
a. 3-20-111 Resolution to adopt/reject and advertise ordinance on final reading by title.
MOTION adopt/reject **ROLL CALL VOTE**

CONSENT AGENDA - **MOTION** to adopt the following starred (*) items:

- ROLL CALL VOTE**
11. *3-20-112 Resolution to Refund Overpayment of Taxes – Block 99, Lot 2.
12. *3-20-113 Resolution Authorizing the Application for the Library Construction Grant Pursuant to the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act.
13. *3-20-114 Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with Township of Edison for Animal Control and Sheltering Services.
14. *3-20-115 Resolution Authorizing Approval of Wrecker License.
15. *3-20-116 Resolution Authorizing Approval Raffle License for Transfiguration of the Lord LLC – On-Premise 50/50 for Cash.
16. *3-20-117 Resolution to File Tax Appeal Regarding Block 173, Lot 54.
17. *3-20-118 Resolution to Reject all Proposals Received for an Operation and Management Services Contract for the Municipal Water and Sewer Systems and to Authorize the Re-Issuance of the Request for Proposals.
18. *3-20-119 Resolution to Amend Annual Salary Resolution.
19. *3-20-120 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Fireworks Display.
20. *3-20-121 Resolution Authorizing Execution of HDSRF Grant Funding for Classic Cleaners.
21. *3-20-122 Resolution to Approve Professional Services Agreement with LRK for Conceptual Redevelopment Planning Services for Certain Downtown Tracts.
22. *3-20-123 Resolution to Approve Bills List.
MOTION adopt/reject **ROLL CALL VOTE**

23. Public Comments.
(3 minutes per speaker on any items; subject to 9PM conclusion prior to Work Session)

24. Recess (5 minutes).

25. Work Session Items: No formal action to be taken.

- a.
b.

26. Goals.

27. **MOTION** to adjourn.

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 7, 2020

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 3-20-110

RESOLUTION: Finance Committee

WHEREAS, a need has arisen to provide adequate funds for certain budget items pending adoption of the Local Municipal Budget for 2020 and NJSA 40A:4-20 provides for the making of emergency appropriations in such cases; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2020 pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, PL 1951), as amended, including this resolution, total \$11,603,099.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Highland Park (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with NJSA 40A:4-20;

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for the budgetary appropriations herein:

DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS		
BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries & Wages	20-100-1	89,871.00
Other Expenses	20-100-2	11,875.00
MAYOR & COUNCIL		
Salaries & Wages	20-110-1	16,518.00
Other Expenses	20-110-2	5,994.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK		
Salaries & Wages	20-120-1	78,910.00
Other Expenses	20-120-2	13,188.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries & Wages	20-130-1	19,600.00
Other Expenses	20-130-2	67,350.00
ANNUAL AUDIT		
Other Expenses	20-135-2	13,500.00
TAX COLLECTION		
Salaries & Wages	20-145-1	37,806.00
Other Expenses	20-145-2	8,200.00
TAX ASSESSMENT		
Salaries & Wages	20-150-1	27,956.00
Other Expenses	20-150-2	6,875.00
LEGAL SERVICES		
Other Expenses	20-155-2	175,000.00
ENGINEERING & PLANNING		
Other Expenses	20-165-2	10,000.00
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Salaries & Wages		3,570.00
Other Expenses	20-170-2	52,500.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
Other Expenses	20-140-2	54,750.00
CENTRAL SERVICES		
Other Expenses	20-316-2	42,250.00
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION		
PLANNING BOARD		
Salaries & Wages		3,570.00
Other Expenses	21-180-2	25,075.00

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT		
Salaries & Wages	21-185-1	10,357.00
Other Expenses	21-185-2	6,075.00
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION		
Other Expenses	21-195-2	525.00
INSURANCE		
GENERAL LIABILITY/WORKERS COMPENSATION		
Other Expenses	23-211-2	206,660.00
EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH		
Other Expenses	23-220-2	645,029.00
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS		
POLICE		
Salaries & Wages	25-240-1	1,759,173.00
Other Expenses	25-240-2	105,968.00
POLICE DISPATCH/911		
Salaries & Wages	25-250-1	119,361.00
Other Expenses	25-250-2	2,250.00
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Salaries & Wages	25-252-1	10,000.00
Other Expenses	25-252-2	13,250.00
FIRST AID CONTRIBUTION		
Other Expenses	25-260-2	7,500.00
FIRE		
Salaries & Wages	25-265-1	117,325.00
Other Expenses	25-265-2	36,465.00
LOSAP		
Other Expenses	25-265-2	8,250.00
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR		
Other Expenses	25-275-2	17,500.00
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS		
STREETS & ROADS		
Salaries & Wages	26-290-1	569,798.00
Other Expenses	26-290-2	60,350.00
APARTMENT COLLECTION		
Other Expenses	26-305-2	112,500.00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS		
Salaries & Wages	26-310-1	22,496.00
Other Expenses	26-310-2	85,500.00
MOTOR POOL		
Salaries & Wages	26-315-1	38,359.00
Other Expenses	26-315-2	69,500.00
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS		
BOARD OF HEALTH		
Other Expenses	27-330-2	525.00
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION		
Other Expenses	27-335-2	275.00
COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE AFFAIRS		
Other Expenses	27-336-2	263.00
SAFE WALKING & CYCLING COMMITTEE		
Other Expenses	27-337-2	1,313.00
SUSTAINABLE HIGHLAND PARK		
Other Expenses	27-338-2	1,150.00

HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
Other Expenses	27-339-2	263.00
PARKS & RECREATION FUNCTIONS		
COMMUNITY SERVICES - RECREATION		
Salaries & Wages	28-370-1	35,460.00
Other Expenses	28-370-2	8,250.00
COMMUNITY SERVICES - AGING		
Salaries & Wages	28-371-1	101,978.00
Other Expenses	28-371-2	14,603.00
ARTS COMMISSION		
Other Expenses	28-374-2	525.00
SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE		
Other Expenses	28-375-2	302.00
TEEN CENTER		
Salaries & Wages	28-373-1	34,959.00
Other Expenses	28-373-2	
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS		
Other Expenses	30-420-2	5,000.00
UTILITY EXPENSES & BULK PURCHASING		
ELECTRICITY		
Other Expenses	31-430-2	55,000.00
STREET LIGHTING		
Other Expenses	31-435-2	85,000.00
TELEPHONE		
Other Expenses	31-440-2	26,000.00
FUEL OIL/GASOLINE/NATURAL GAS		
Other Expenses	31-460-2	50,000.00
SANITARY LANDFILL		
Other Expenses	32-465-2	159,548.00
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE		
Salaries & Wages	22-195-1	171,336.00
Other Expenses	22-195-2	6,675.00
UNCLASSIFIED		
CABLE TELEVISION		
Other Expenses	30-411-2	5,000.00
ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE		
Salaries & Wages	30-415-1	40,000.00
COMMUNICATIONS		
Salaries & Wages	20-105-1	52,833.00
Other Expenses	20-105-2	11,591.00
MUNICIPAL COURT FUNCTIONS		
MUNICIPAL COURT		
Salaries & Wages	43-490-1	90,012.00
Other Expenses	43-490-2	6,325.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER		
Other Expenses	43-495-2	3,000.00
LIBRARY		
Salaries & Wages	29-390-1	328,256.00
Other Expenses	29-390-2	176,143.00
INTERLOCAL MUNICIPAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS		
COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES		
Other Expenses	42-401-2	22,664.00
M.C.I.A. RECYCLING		
Other Expenses	42-402-2	5,384.00

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES		
Other Expenses	27-340-2	7,800.00
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS		
NJDEP Radon Awareness	41-724-2	
Art & History Grant		3,750.00
Township Match		938.00
Rivers Reforestation Grant		2,335.00
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES		
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM		
Other Expenses	36-472-2	164,630.00
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE		
Other Expenses	23-225	15,000.00
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
Other Expenses	36-471-2	489,601.00
POLICE AND FIREMAN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
Other Expenses	36-475-2	837,812.00
DCRP		
Other Expenses	36-476-2	5,775.00
	SUBTOTAL	7,815,823.00
DEBT SERVICE		
BOND PRINCIPAL		
Other Expenses	45-920-2	625,000.00
INTEREST ON BONDS		
Other Expenses	45-930-2	242,369.00
M.C.I.A. LEASE/LOAN		
Other Expenses	45-950-2	291,704.00
DBIZ LOAN		
Other Expenses	45-925-2	-
	SUBTOTAL	1,159,073.00

GRAND TOTAL	8,974,896.00
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2020 TEMPORARY WATER AND SEWER BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	2020 TEMP
OPERATING	
Salaries & Wages	120,444.00
Other Expenses	1,239,409.00
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	740,900.00
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES	
Public Employee Retirement System	-
Social Security System	-
DEFERRED CHARGES	
Over expenditure Budget Appropriation	-
SUBTOTAL	2,100,753.00

DEBT SERVICE		
Payment of Bond Principal		460,000.00
Interest on Bonds		67,450.00
	SUBTOTAL	527,450.00
GRAND TOTAL		2,628,203.00

2. Said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2020 budget under the various captions listed herein.

3. A certified copy of this Resolution will be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2020

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

I, Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 24th day of March, 2020.

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Fine				
Foster-Dublin				
George				
Hale				
Kim-Chohan				
Welkovits				

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
No. 3-20-111

RESOLUTION: Council as a Whole

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 433 CLEVELAND AVENUE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ., passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for his approval, and if approved by him, 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 Neptune, 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.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2020

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

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RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

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Foster-Dublin				
George				
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Kim-Chohan				
Welkovits				

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
ORDINANCE NO. 20-

**ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF
MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE
ADOPTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 433
CLEVELAND AVENUE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL
REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A.
40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park, a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "**Borough**") is authorized pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.* (the "**Redevelopment Law**") to determine whether certain parcels of land within the Borough constitute an area in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 16-1921, adopted on December 20, 2016, the Borough Council declared the entire Borough, including the property commonly known as 433 Cleveland Avenue and identified as Block 153, Lots 15, 17, 18 and 19, Block 154, Lots 6.01, 10 and 11 and Block 191, Lots 6.01 and 6.02 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough (the "**Property**") an 'area in need of rehabilitation'; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law the Borough Council caused a redevelopment plan, to be prepared for the Property, entitled the "433 Cleveland Avenue Redevelopment Plan" (the "**Redevelopment Plan**"), attached hereto as *Exhibit A*; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council, referred the Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board for its review and recommendation pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e)*; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, at a duly noticed and constituted public meeting, has reviewed the Redevelopment Plan;

WHEREAS, following such review the Planning Board has rendered its report and recommendations to the Borough Council and by resolution recommended the adoption of the Redevelopment Plan pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e)*; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby finds that the Redevelopment Plan helps to achieve the Borough's Master Plan Goals And Objectives and it that it is appropriate for the Redevelopment Plan to be adopted for the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council now desires to adopt the Redevelopment Plan and to direct that the applicable provisions of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance and Map be amended and superseded to reflect the provisions of the Redevelopment Plan, as and to the extent set forth therein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The recommendations of the Planning Board are hereby accepted, and the Redevelopment Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted pursuant to the terms of the Redevelopment Law.

Section 3. The zoning district map and the zoning ordinance of the Borough are hereby amended to incorporate and reflect the Redevelopment Plan, and, to the extent provided in the Redevelopment Plan, are superseded thereby.

Section 4. If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

Section 5. A copy of this Ordinance and the Redevelopment Plan shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Borough Clerk during regular business hours.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with all applicable laws.

Introduced and passed on first reading: February 4, 2020

ADOPTED: March 3, 2020
ATTEST:

APPROVED: March 3, 2020

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

Gayle Brill Mittler, Mayor

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BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 3-20-112

RESOLUTION TO REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT – TAX APPEALS

RESOLUTION: Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to remit the amount as indicated, the same being the amount of overpayment of taxes, including accrued interest, if applicable, for the year 2019 based on successful tax appeal to the Middlesex County Board of Taxation in 2019; and

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOTS</u>	<u>CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>REFUND</u>
99	2	Benjamin & Jessica Schellack	\$1,110.78
		Interest Accrued	\$ 21.14
		TOTAL	\$1,131.92

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Finance Director and Tax Collector forthwith.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2020

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, BOROUGH CLERK

I, Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 24th day of March, 2020.

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Fine				
Foster-Dublin				
George				
Hale				
Kim-Chohan				
Welkovits				

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 3-20-113

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FOR THE
RENOVATION OF THE HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY PURSUANT
TO THE NEW JERSEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT

RESOLUTION: Council as a Whole

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017, New Jersey voters approved the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act (the "Bond Act") which authorizes the issuance of \$125 million in State General Obligation Bonds ("Bonds") to provide grants for the construction, reconstruction, development, extension, improvement and furnishing of public libraries in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Bond Act is to improve New Jersey's public library facilities in order to ensure the well-being and success of New Jersey residents and for public libraries to best serve the residents of their communities now and into the future, modern, efficient, and technologically-current buildings with flexible space are necessary; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2020, the first solicitation for grant applications was issued with \$87.5 million in available funding and grant applications will be accepted on or after March 9, 2020 up until April 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Act requires that proceeds from the Bonds can fund no more than fifty percent (50%) of the costs of the Project and the remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be supported by the appropriate local governing entity in the area served by the public library; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has determined that the Highland Park Public Library is in need of renovations to continue to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park have determined that it is in the best interest of its residents and the community to prepare and submit a grant application in the amount of \$944,929.00 in accordance with the Bond Act to fund a portion of the costs of renovations of the Highland Park Public Library on a matching basis; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park have also determined that in the event that the Borough of Highland Park and the Highland Park Public Library are awarded the Grant, the Borough and Library shall take the necessary action to authorize sufficient matching funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park desire to authorize the preparation and submission of application for a grant for the project entitled New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act.

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

- 1) The preparation and submission of a grant application in the amount of \$944,929.00 to the State of New Jersey pursuant to the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act on behalf of the Borough of Highland Park is hereby authorized.

- 2) The Mayor, Borough Administrator and/or Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the grant application, and any other supporting documents, including but not limited to Exhibits B (Resolution II) and C (Certification Statements) of the grant application.
- 3) The Mayor, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk and other Borough Officials and its employees and contractors are hereby authorized to take all action necessary for the completion and submission of the grant application and to effectuate this Resolution.
- 4) In the event that the Borough of Highland Park and the Highland Park Public Library receive the grant for the renovation of the Highland Park Public Library, the Borough and Library shall take the necessary action to authorize sufficient matching funds for the completion of the project.
- 5) This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2020

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

I, Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 24th day of March, 2020.

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Fine				
Foster-Dublin				
George				
Hale				
Kim-Chohan				
Welkovits				

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 3-20-114

RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT
WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON

RESOLUTION: Health and Human Services Committee

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:8-1 et seq. authorizes municipal local units to enter into contracts with one another for the purpose of providing shared services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park is desirous of procuring Animal Control Shelter Services for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 inclusive, to comply with the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison is desirous of supplying and undertaking the duties of Animal Control Shelter Services and fulfilling the obligations thereof as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park represents that the funds to meet the costs of this contract are included in the current budget of appropriations, or in the alternative, that there has been and there will continue to be an Ordinance authorizing the appropriation sufficient to meet the costs of carrying out the provisions of the contract.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached shared service agreement with the Township of Highland Park for the purpose of providing Animal Control Services to said Borough.
2. The Borough Clerk is directed to forward and execute shared service agreement to the Edison Township Clerk, at 100 Municipal Boulevard, Edison, New Jersey 08817, with the instructions to return a fully signed copy of the Borough for its records.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2020

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, BOROUGH CLERK

I, Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 24th day of March, 2020.

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
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Kim-Chohan				
Welkovits				

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
No. 3-20-115

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE WRECKER LICENSE

RESOLUTION: Public Safety Committee

WHEREAS, Dependable Motor Car Company has filed with the Clerk of this Borough for a Wrecker/Towing License to operate heavy duty wreckers in this Borough under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such license; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has investigated said applicants and has reported favorably upon said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Council hereby determines that said applicants are qualified and that public necessity and convenience would be served by the issuance of such License.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue Heavy Duty Wrecker/Towing Licenses to the aforesaid applicant.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2020

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

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Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

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Kim-Chohan				
Welkovits				

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 3-20-116

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ON-PREMISE 50/50 FOR CASH
RAFFLE LICENSE TRANFIGURATION OF THE LORD INC.

RESOLUTION: Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Transfiguration of the Lord, Inc. has made application to the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park for a license to hold, operate and conduct an On-Premise 50/50 for Cash Raffle in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law (NSJA 5:8-50 to 76), on June 13, 2020; 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, Inc., 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.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2020

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, BOROUGH CLERK

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Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Fine				
Foster-Dublin				
George				
Hale				
Kim-Chohan				
Welkovits				

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 3-20-117

RESOLUTION TO FILE TAX APPEAL REGARDING BLOCK 173, LOT 54

RESOLUTION: Finance Committee

WHEREAS, 47 Raritan, LLC owns real property identified as Block 173, Lot 54 in the Borough of Highland Park, commonly known as 47 Raritan Avenue (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Tax Assessor reviewed the property tax assessment for the Property and has determined that it is not accurate; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Borough Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Borough to authorize the Borough Tax Attorney to file an appeal of the 2020 property tax assessment of the Property to seek an increased assessment to reflect the true value of the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, in the County of Middlesex, and the State of New Jersey that the Borough Tax Attorney, Sandra Belli, Esq., of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., is hereby authorized to file a tax appeal of the 2020 property tax assessment of the Property for an increased assessment to reflect the true value of the Property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2020

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, BOROUGH CLERK

I, Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 24th day of March, 2020.

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
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BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 3-20-118

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED ON FEBRUARY 28, 2020 FOR AN OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS AND AUTHORIZING THE RE-ISSUANCE OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RESOLUTION: Public Works and Public Utilities Committee

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2020 the Council (the "Borough Council") of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey (the "Borough") adopted Resolution R-10-19-311 authorizing the use of the competitive contracting provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq.* ("LPCL") to seek proposals for an operation and management contract for the Borough's water and sewer systems (the "Systems"); and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020 the Borough issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") through the competitive contracting process of the LPCL, to solicit proposals from qualified and experienced firms or entities to enter into an operating and management agreement (the "Contract") with the Borough for a ten (10) year term for the provision of the operation and management services associated with Systems, as more particularly described in the RFP (the "Services"). The Borough advertised the issuance of the RFP; the Borough issued three (3) addenda to the RFP which were emailed to all recipients of the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Borough formed an evaluation committee (the "Committee") to review and evaluate the proposals submitted in response to the RFP (the "Proposals") in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the RFP includes provisions for the Borough Council to i) reject all Proposals or ii) to reject incomplete or non-responsive Proposals; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2020 the Borough received Proposals from Suez Water Environmental Services, Inc. ("Suez") and Utility Service Affiliates, Inc. (a Middlesex Water Company Affiliate) ("USA") in response to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were reviewed by the Committee and McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Special Counsel to the Borough, (the "Special Counsel") for compliance with the RFP; and

WHEREAS, after extensive review of the Proposals, the Committee concluded that the Proposals were not economically feasible; and

WHEREAS, the competitive contracting provisions of the LPCL do not provide for negotiation of a proposal once submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends rejecting all of the Proposals and the immediate re-issuance of the RFP with revisions to the Contract regarding the financing by the Borough of a portion of the Services; and

WHEREAS, in light of the Committee's findings and recommendations as to the cost proposal included in the Proposals, the Borough desires to reject the Proposals submitted by Suez and USA; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to re-solicit Proposals for the Services as authorized under and in accordance with the competitive contracting provisions of the LPCL.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. The above referenced Recitals are incorporated by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The Proposals submitted by Suez and USA are hereby rejected and the RFP is to be re-advertised in accordance with the LPCL.
3. The Borough is hereby authorized to re-issue the RFP for the Services, in such form as Special Counsel may approve, to comply with all requirements of the competitive contracting provisions of the LPCL.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2020

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, BOROUGH CLERK

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BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
No. 3-20-119

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO ANNUAL SALARY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: Finance Committee

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 7, 2020 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:

MARY ANN AUTUNNALE, Tax Clerk Typist, at annual salary of \$37,970.00 effective March 23, 2020.

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.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2020

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

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BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 3-20-120

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF
AGREEMENT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY

RESOLUTION: Public Safety Committee

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 Thursday, July 2, 2020 with a rain date of Sunday, July 5, 2020.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2020

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, BOROUGH CLERK

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BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
No. 3-20-121

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF HDSRF
GRANT FUNDING FOR CLASSIC CLEANERS

RESOLUTION: Economic Development and Planning Committee

WHEREAS, Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. applied for grant funding to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for site investigation and remedial investigation of the property at Classic Cleaners, 125 Raritan Avenue, Block 173, Lots 43, 46, and 49 on behalf of the Borough of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the Borough's application and determined that the proposal to conduct supplemental Site Investigation is technically eligible for funding under the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF); AND

WHEREAS, the DEP has approved costs from the HDSRF in the amount of \$20,036.58, which does not include the Authority application fee of \$500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the grant for the above mentioned project be accepted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Highland Park and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2020

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

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BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 3-20-122

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE RESOLUTION – BOROUGH PLANNER
CONCEPTUAL REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING SERVICES FOR CERTAIN DOWNTOWN TRACTS

RESOLUTION: Economic Development and Planning Committee

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Planner to provide redevelopment planning services in connection with advancing redevelopment in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks assistance with testing design options for structured parking and identifying the development densities necessary to support it; 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, LRK, Inc., 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 will be available in a Capital Fund Account No. C-04-55-814-001 in an amount not to exceed \$16,250.00, as reflected by the Certification of Funds by the Chief Financial Officer, 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 LRK, Inc., Public Ledger Building, Suite 756, 150 S. Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 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.

ADOPTED: March 24, 2020

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

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