

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL CONFERENCE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019

MINUTES

1. Mayor Brill Mittler called the meeting to order at 9:44 p.m.
2. PRESENT: Mayor; Council (except Councilperson Welkovits); Borough Attorney; Borough Administrator; Deputy Clerk.

NOTE: Upcoming Meeting schedule:

July 11, 2019	Public Works & Public Utilities Committee Mtg. 8:30 AM. Recreation & Arts Committee Meeting 8:30 AM.
July 12, 2019	Public Safety Committee Meeting 9:00 AM.
July 16, 2019	Standing Committee Meetings; Special Meeting if needed.
August 6, 2019	Agenda Meeting 6:30 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM; Conference Meeting to follow.

3. Public Discussion (15 minutes) – none.
4. Memorial or Commendatory Resolutions or Presentations scheduled as indicated:
 - a.
5. Ordinances on 1st Reading – no ordinances scheduled for introduction for 8/6/19:
 - a.
 - b.
6. Ordinances on 2nd Reading – no public hearings scheduled for 8/6/19:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
7. Resolutions for Next Meeting - scheduled for 8/6/19:
 - a. Bills List (8/6/19).
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
8. Appointments – none.
9. Borough Attorney's Report – none.
10. Borough Administrator's Report – none.
11. Standing Committee Status Reports – none.
12. Discussion Items.
 - a. Block Parties – Mayor Brill Mittler noted that complaints were received about block parties held by Pino's. Complaints were about noise and the blocking off of South 4th Avenue. Discussion about limiting the number of back to back events being held.

- b. Garden State Homes – Letter of Support – Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she was approached by Pastor Seth Kaper-Dale about writing a letter of support from the Borough to support helping boys who age out of foster care. Discussion about the benefits of providing such a letter of support. Council came to consensus to support the issuance of the letter of support.
- c. HP Reaction to Bias/Hate – Discussion about the BDS movement and resolution. Councilman Hale does not like the proposed resolution. Will bring the matter to the Human Relations Commission for discussion at their July 31st meeting at 7:00 p.m. Will provide feedback from the Commission to the Governing Body. There has been an increase of anti-Semitism and anti-African discrimination in the middle school. Issue in schools needs to be addressed at another level. Ms. Stern Cardinale voiced her concerns about the BDS resolution.
- d. League Resolutions – Mayor Brill Mittler asked the Council if they have any resolutions that could be submitted to the League of Municipalities prior to the November convention.
- e. Rules of Order Regarding Meeting End Times – Borough Administrator Jover explained that the Rules of Order for the Governing Body state that Council Meetings must end by 9:00 p.m. or a motion must be made to extend past that time. Also, Conference Meetings must end by 10:00 p.m. or a motion must be made to extend the meeting. Need to adhere to these times as the Council needs to get business done. The Borough Administrator will work with the Borough Clerk to suggest meeting times before the next Council Meeting. The Rules of Order will be re-circulated to all members of the Governing Body. The Administration Committee will meet to discuss the current Rules of Order.

On motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting was extended to 10:20 p.m.

- f. Council Goals Review/Committee Work – Mayor Brill Mittler will have the Borough Clerk’s Office re-circulate the 2019 Council Goals for everyone to review and report on at a future meeting.
- g. EMS Update – Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that the Highland Park First Aid would like to respond to calls 24/7. Guidelines/rules need to be put in place that they must follow. The Public Safety Committee and the Borough Administrator to work with RWJUH for suggested guidelines. Once guidelines have been established, set timeframe for a review of their performance.
- h. F/T Firefighter Position – Item not discussed.
- i. Community Solar & Community Energy Choice – Borough Administrator Jover – Item not discussed.

13. Goals – Not discussed.

14. Executive Session – none.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Santiago
Deputy Clerk