

REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held via Zoom, on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:02 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Mayor Brill Mittler; Councilpersons Canavera, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: Borough Administrator Jover.

Mayor Brill Mittler read proclamation for Eagle Scout Noam Goldwasser. Councilman Hale congratulated Noam and noted that he was Noam's Cub Scout leader prior to him becoming a Boy Scout. This is the first Cub Scout that was in his pack that has become an Eagle Scout and he is very proud of that. Noam is a quiet person and works very hard. He was a Senior Patrol Leader for his son. He deserves this recognition and honor along with his parents. He congratulated Noam and the Goldwasser family on this great accomplishment.

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

Councilwoman Canavera reported that the Public Library is getting new audio books.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that the attack on a woman in Highland Park is being investigated by the Prosecutor's Office. Governor Murphy signed legislation criminalizing a false 9-1-1 call based on race or protected class. Governor Murphy signed legislation-expanding access to driver's licenses. This is critical for the safety of New Jerseyans and a step toward building a stronger and fairer New Jersey for all. Allowing residents the residents to obtain driver's licenses regardless of their immigration status will decrease the number of uninsured drivers and increase safety on our roads. There are two ordinance on tonight's agenda that will have a public hearing, the fire department ordinance and the deer-feeding ordinance.

Councilwoman Kim-Chohan reported that the Board of Health has been receiving many emails about different scenarios in town that residents have seen regarding social distancing. She asked residents to social distance whenever possible when they are outside and wear a mask. She thanked the residents that have donated to the Food Pantry since the start of the pandemic. They have purchased Amazon gift cards to buy food in bulk because they have to pre-bag the food to make sure all the clients are receiving the same products. They are still not accepting food donations right now, but are accepting Amazon gift cards and items that are on their Amazon wish list. It has been hard for them to find the quantity of items in the stores and Amazon has been able to deliver the items to them. For Thanksgiving, at their last meeting, the Food Pantry will be providing vouchers to their clients for Stop & Shop instead of handing out turkeys. The Food Pantry purchased three canopies for distribution of food as the distribution is done outside. She commented about the Mayor's Equity Advisory Council and noted that members of the community would be appointed. She is happy to see that there are names on the list of those residents who applied to be on the Equity Commission that she interviewed and recommended to the Mayor. September is inter-generational month and Grandparent's Day is on September 13th.

Councilman Fine reported that Pandora Scooter stepped down as Chairperson of the Arts Commission due to her beginning a new job. John Marron will be taking over as Chairperson. He expressed this thanks to her for her four years of serving as Chairperson and for all of the programs she brought to the community.

Councilman Hale reported that the Governor has approved a plan for indoor dining at restaurants that will begin this Friday, September 4th. While this is a welcome sign, he pointed out that there will still be some restrictions. There are restrictions in terms of the number of people and the percentage of the space that can be used. The number of people in a party is limited to 8. The requirements are that people eat and drink while they are seated, not while they are up and standing. Facemasks will be required inside the premises, except while you are eating and drinking. This is a good step and an important step. As people head out to dine in restaurants, it is incumbent upon them to do their best to try to abide by the rules. They are working on signage for restaurants and working with the restaurant owners. He welcomed two new businesses to Highland Park. There is a business on the corner of North 4th Avenue and Raritan Avenue called Jersey Home Furnishings. Pappagallos opened where Aposto was. Residents need to continue to support the new and the existing businesses. He thanked Olivia Parker, who was a Summer Intern for the Mayor, who did a report on COVID-19 and its impact on local businesses. He echoed Councilwoman Kim-Chohan's comments about the Mayor's Equity Advisory Council. Some of the people he recommended would also be appointed. Lastly, he wished everyone good luck for the upcoming school year.

Councilman George reported that he wanted to address that it looks like all of Highland Park is being reconstructed in the streets and that it has been an inconvenience for residents. He met with the Superintendent of Public Works today to discuss the Borough's road projects, as well as the PSE&G project. The Borough has begun their road project for South Park Avenue, Cherry Street and South Adelaide Avenue. The Borough extended the South Adelaide Avenue project. The Contractors are in the process of doing underground repairs to sewers, removing trees, if necessary, and repairing curbs prior to paving. North Second Avenue was closed at Denison Street and Denison Street was closed at North 4th Avenue. PSE&G is trying to wrap up their project and are working on multiple sites. They will be scheduling a meeting in the next couple of weeks with Administration, PSE&G and the Police Department to discuss the completion of their project and to discuss repairs to the roads. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she and the Borough Administrator had a conference call with the head leadership of the PSE&G project to express

their concerns about the poor communication regarding the street closings. They acknowledged the shortcomings on their end as there was a change in personnel running the project. They are aware of the importance of communication moving forward and the good thing coming out of this is that the 100+ year old gas lines will now be up-to-date, safe and last another hundred years.

Borough Administrator Jover – No report.

Borough Attorney Schmierer - No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that the COVID-19 testing that occurred in Highland Park last week went very smoothly. There were 40-50 residents that were tested and results came in very quickly. She congratulated all the residents in Highland Park for getting the number of cases per week down to a reasonable number. Two weeks ago, Highland Park had six new confirmed cases, which was a very large number for the Borough. She was extremely concerned that we were heading in the wrong direction and she is happy to report that last week they were back to two new confirmed cases. The cases were evenly split between men and women and the average age is around 50 years old. She echoed the comments of some of the Council that we are far from coming out of this pandemic. We are doing better, but there is still a lot of concern. As the restaurants open, she asked residents to obey the regulations outlined in the Governor's Executive Order. When you are walking downtown, you are required to wear a mask because you have no way of knowing whom you will run into and how close you are going to be. We all must work to keep our families and our neighbors safe and healthy. She thanked Councilwoman Kim-Chohan for explaining at the last meeting the Mayor's Equity Advisory Council that will be voted on this evening. She had a chance to hear from residents and from the Council some of the concerns expressed at the last meeting. The resolution that is being introduced tonight includes some of those concerns. Though the Advisory Council is moving under the executive branch, it is not losing any of the ability to make change in Highland Park. Their hope is that by moving it under her, they will be able to move quicker on many of the things they want to see happen. This group will be able to develop programs that will have a positive impact on the entire municipality. If there are things that we need to introduce as policy changes, we will be able to take that to the Council and have them vote on that just as if they were under another Council umbrella. She is asking Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, liaison to Public Safety, to join her at these meetings because many of the things that will be discussed will relate to the Police Department and other areas of public safety. She will be able to keep the Public Safety Committee up to speed on anything that the Advisory Council is working on. She asked the Borough Attorney to amend the resolution to include the fact that this body would be subject to the OPMA regulations. There was some reference made to the composition of this Advisory Council and she asked that membership be increased from seven members to ten members and those members will be appointed tonight. She asked that the resolution be amended to include the bylaws that were put together by the original Equity Commission so that they have a starting point as soon they start meeting.

Mayor Brill Mittler opened the meeting for public discussion and called upon all those wishing to speak to identify themselves. The total time for this session is 21 minutes; three minutes maximum per speaker. Comments are limited to items on the agenda. If you want to speak on an item that is not listed, there will be an opportunity to do so later in the meeting.

Jessica Hundson, 304 Montgomery Street, commented that she wanted to ask a couple of clarifying questions about the Mayor's Equity Council. She thanked the residents who raised concerns at the last meeting about this Council and she appreciates that the Mayor was responsive to those concerns and she can see the changes in the resolution. She wanted to follow up on the Open Public Meetings Act and the fact that this group would be subject to those rules. During Equity Commission meetings, members of the public were able to attend and ask questions or offer suggestions during a designated time, which she thinks is an important part of a commission. She assumes that this will also be the case under the new advisory council in an effort to be transparent and responsive to the public. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that all of the meetings will be noticed and residents will be able to attend. Ms. Hundson asked how the Advisory Council meetings would be promoted to the public and where the agenda and notes would be posted. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she asked her Assistant to attend all the meetings so that he can take the minutes until the group assigns a Secretary. Those minutes, just as any other committee minutes will be readily available and they can set up a separate location on the website where they can be posted for easy access. The agendas would also be posted on the website. Ms. Hundson commented that she noticed that Governor Murphy signed legislation that would amend the current law to include false incrimination and filing false police reports as a form of bias intimidation.

Elena Gerstmann, 127 North 6th Avenue, commented on what Ms. Hundson mentioned about the new law by Governor Murphy. She asked how the Dispatchers and Police Officers would be trained on this. Mayor Brill Mittler asked that this topic be held until the second public discussion session. Chief Abrams is on the zoom meeting and can address her question. Ms. Gerstmann commented that she appreciates the changes made from the last meeting to the resolution for the Advisory Council. She fears some of the wording in the resolution will get lost but the title will not get lost. It was stated at the last meeting that council are not required to follow the sunshine law. She suggested naming it a committee instead of a council. Borough Attorney Schmierer noted that the Council would not have to change it, but it depends on how they run it. The Borough has committed and it is in the resolution that it will be run as an open meeting. Ms. Gerstmann asked if there is a reason why they would not want to change it from a committee to a council. Borough Attorney Schmierer noted that under the Borough's form of government, the various committees and commissions are appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of Council and therefore, work for the Council. The change here is to move this body into the executive branch in order to help implement things, streamline things and move things along quicker. The council would be working for and with the Mayor.

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

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK" BY REMOVING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 39, 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 to the public, as required by law.

Public Safety Director Pat Renaldi explained that there are two minor changes to the ordinance that need to be made prior to adoption relating to officer qualifications (MIS & MIL).

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

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.

Michael Gershen, 68 Woodbridge Avenue, commented that all his opinions are his own personal views. He is not a spokesperson for the Borough of Highland Park, the Highland Park Fire Department, the Highland Park Volunteer Fire Department or any subsidiaries of these organizations. He is a proud volunteer of the Highland Park Fire Department for seven years, having attended over 1,500 fire calls and reaching the level of 2nd Assistant Chief. Two weeks ago, the proposed ordinance to rewrite Chapter 39 was published as part of the agenda. The ordinance was never seen nor reviewed by members of the Highland Park Fire Department. Multiple members requested a copy from the Acting Chief, but none was delivered. He emailed the Acting Chief explaining the need for transparency and the overwhelming anxiety of fellow members that felt they were being "left in the dark". The response was "as to the ordinance, no one is keeping anyone in the dark. By now, you should know what you need to become a firefighter and what is expected of you in doing the job of a firefighter, which is what is being addressed in the ordinance. Nothing over the top, he will see what he can do". Still, no one was given a copy by the Borough or asked for their opinion over the entire period the ordinance was being formulated before the first reading. If you read the proposed ordinance, it is a complete rewrite of the department and has little to do with "what one needs to become a firefighter". The proposed changes seem to reflect a fire department that is structured very differently than the Highland Park Fire Department. He sent over 250 issues and concerns with the proposed ordinance to Mayor and Council. This includes omission of the allowance of legal and permanent residence in being a firefighter. Currently, we are inclusive to our legal residents. The omission would discriminate these populations, including the removal of one of our top responders. Many statements that do not make sense contradict other statements within the ordinance. These are responsibilities that do not coincide with the Highland Park Fire Department. Antiquated language that is no longer used, including the term of fireman, which many firefighters have become offended by and is not inclusive. A second social media policy and harassment policy that conflicts with the policies issued by the Business Administrator and Human Resources. Some of the comments he has heard from fellow firefighters after reading this ordinance are: we are not even an afterthought in the town's view; it is clear that no one who knows the inner workings of the Highland Park Fire Department was involved in the creation of the ordinance. The Highland Park Fire Department consists of an on-duty paid firefighter and a team of volunteer firefighters and fire officers. We work as a team to keep the town safe. We like to be team members, not antagonists. He is often asked what the fire department needs. They need a lot. Everything that they need starts with having a proper leadership team and good communication. However, it seems that they have many stumbling blocks placed in front of them, and therefore, the fire department is quickly withering away. Speaking for himself and not as a representative of the Volunteer Fire Department, he is saddened at the lack of communication and collaboration between the authors of the proposed ordinance and the volunteer members.

Andrew Zappo, 131 Johnson Street, commented that Mordechai seemed like he had some interesting points and he wanted to yield his three minutes to him so that he can continue. He does not think it is fair that something regarding fire safety be cut off before he is allowed to say his piece.

Michael Gersh, 68 Woodbridge Avenue, continued his statement. He is asking for objective honesty. Does the Borough really want the volunteers? Not need, but want? He knows the Borough needs them, the question is, and does it want us? If the truthful answer is no, kindly thank us for our time and we will disband. Otherwise, let us work together for the betterment and safety of our town.

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

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilman George, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 20-2009, as amended, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: Councilperson Canavera.

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

No. 9-20-235

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK" BY REMOVING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 39, 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.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 165, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, OF THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010” TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF DEER, 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 to the public, as required by law.

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Canavera, 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 Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Canavera, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 20-2010, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Canavera, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan.

Opposed: 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 Canavera, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 9-20-236

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 165, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, OF THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010” TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF DEER, 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.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE RECONSTITUTING THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010”, 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 to the public, as required by law.

On motion made by Councilwoman Canavera, seconded by Councilwoman Kim-Chohan, 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 Kim-Chohan, seconded by Councilman George, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 20-2011, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Canavera, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Kim-Chohan, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 9-20-237

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE RECONSTITUTING THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010”, 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.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010” BY DELETING SECTIONS 100-102, had been introduced in writing by the Health and Human Services Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Canavera, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Canavera, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 9-20-238

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010” BY DELETING SECTIONS 100-102, 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, September 15, 2020, 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 following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Hale, seconded by Councilwoman Canavera, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Canavera, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

No. 9-20-239

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park is committed to implementing anti-bias programs and fostering cultural diversity including elimination of all forms of discrimination based upon race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender, sexual orientation/preference, and immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of said programming can be best implemented in an expeditious fashion by the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports the creation of the Mayor’s Equity Advisory Council (“Advisory Council”) which shall consist of ten (10) members, two (2) of which will be members of the Highland Park Human Relations Commission all of which to be appointed by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Council shall provide advice to the Mayor which will assist the Mayor and other members of the Borough of Highland Administration in identifying steps which should be administratively implemented to address and eliminate bias issues, recommend training program for Borough employees including members of the Borough of Highland Park Police Department and undertake such other projects and tasks as may be assigned by the Mayor and be guided by the following responsibilities:

- Collect a detailed inventory of anti-bias training programs currently implemented by Highland Park for its employees.
- Collect and catalog bias complaints and incidents of bias crimes committed in Highland Park.
- Collect and catalog bias complaints against Highland Park employees.
- Research and identify mechanisms for improving public reporting of racial bias incidents occurring in Highland Park.
- Use the various data sources listed above to suggest methods of improvement.
- Provide a quarterly report on bias in Highland Park to the Human Relations Commissions, the Mayor and the Highland Park Council.

WHEREAS, to insure transparency related to the advice and recommendations to be made by the Advisory Council to the Mayor, said Advisory Council shall be subject to the requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Council to the Mayor will be guided by the purposes and duties previously exercised by the Borough’s Equity Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that said Council endorse the establishment of the Mayor’s Equity Advisory Council.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve as Regular Members of the Mayor’s Equity Advisory Council for terms to expire December 31, 2020:

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| Natalie Levine | Franklin Moreno |
| Pastor Antoinette Moss | Jeffrey Vardaro |
| Norma Vargas, HRC Rep. | Carolyn Timmons |
| Steven Allard, NAACP Rep. | Kermit Moss, Jr. |
| John Wenz, HRC Rep. | Kevin Dougherty |

The above appointments were confirmed on motion made by Councilwoman Kim-Chohan, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Canavera.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: Councilperson George.

On motion made by Councilman Hale, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, Resolution No. 9-20-244 was separated from the Consent Agenda.

Resolution Nos. 9-20-240 through 9-20-250, except Resolution No. 9-20-244, were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilman Hale, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Canavera, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.

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

No. 9-20-240

WHEREAS, applications for renewal licenses issued in the Borough of Highland Park under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) have been made by the hereinafter applicants, and

WHEREAS, said applications have been examined and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park have made the following findings of fact with respect to each of the applicants:

1. Said applications are complete in all respects.
2. The applicants and the premises are qualified to be licensed in accordance with Title 33, all regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and local ordinances as amended and supplemented pertinent to and consistent with Title 33.
3. The applicants have disclosed, and the issuing authority has ascertained and reviewed, the source of any additional financing obtained in the previous license term for use in the licensed business.
4. The Mayor and Council are of the opinion that said applications should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following renewal licenses issued under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) to sell alcoholic beverages upon the premises set forth opposite their names under the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act aforesaid, the amendments and supplements thereof, and the ordinances, rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, State of New Jersey, shall be and are hereby approved, to wit:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

- Pad-Thai, Inc. d/b/a Pad Thai, 217 Raritan Ave. – 1207-33-005-004
- Wilhelm & Young, Inc. d/b/a Park Pub, 180-182 Woodbridge Ave. - 1207-33-011-002
- Kiadan Inc., 13B North 4th Ave., Pino’s Wine Cellar - 1207-33-010-011
- Kiadan Inc., d/b/a Pino’s Fruit Basket Shoppe, 13A North 4th Ave. – 1207-44-006-010
- Highland Park Wine & Liquor LLC, 97 Woodbridge Ave., WITH BROAD PACKAGE PRIVILEGE-1207-32-003-007

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

- Rite Aid of New Jersey, Inc., d/b/a Rite Aid 2561, 332 Raritan Avenue – 1207-44-001-005
- New Athens Corner, 28 Woodbridge Avenue – 1207-44-007-005

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the aforesaid licensees the license aforesaid, which licenses shall be effective October 1, 2020 and shall expire June 30, 2021.

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

No. 9-20-241

WHEREAS, application for renewal licenses issued in the Borough of Highland Park under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) have been made by the hereinafter applicant, and

WHEREAS, said applications have been examined and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park have made the following findings of fact with respect to each of the applicants:

1. Said application is complete in all respects, including submission of the club member list.
2. The officers and directors of the club are qualified according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental ABC laws and regulations.
3. The club maintains all records required by N.J.A.C. 13:2-8.8. (special events open to non-club members) and N.J.A.C. 13:2-8.12 (true books of account for receipts and disbursements).
4. The Mayor and Council are of the opinion that said application should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following renewal licenses issued under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) to sell alcoholic beverages upon the premises set forth opposite their names under the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act aforesaid, the amendments and supplements thereof, and the ordinances, rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, State of New Jersey, shall be and are hereby approved, to wit:

CLUB LICENSES

- The White Mountains Cretans Fraternity, 1152-1154 Raritan Avenue - 1207-31-012-002

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the aforesaid licensees the license aforesaid, which licenses shall be effective October 1, 2020, and shall expire June 30, 2021.

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

No. 9-20-242

WHEREAS, applications for renewal licenses issued in the Borough of Highland Park under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) have been made by the hereinafter applicants, and

WHEREAS, said applications have been examined and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park have made the following findings of fact with respect to each of the applicants:

1. Said applications are complete in all respects.

2. The applicants and the premises are qualified to be licensed in accordance with Title 33, all regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and local ordinances as amended and supplemented pertinent to and consistent with Title 33.
3. The applicants have disclosed, and the issuing authority has ascertained and reviewed, the source of any additional financing obtained in the previous license term for use in the licensed business.
4. The Mayor and Council are of the opinion that said applications should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following renewal licenses issued under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) to sell alcoholic beverages upon the premises set forth opposite their names under the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act aforesaid, the amendments and supplements thereof, and the ordinances, rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, State of New Jersey, shall be and are hereby approved, to wit:

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

Eisigian LLC, d/b/a The Blue Horse Restaurant, 247 Raritan Ave. - 1207-33-004-008 (Inactive)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the aforesaid licensees the license aforesaid, which licenses shall be effective October 1, 2020 and shall expire June 30, 2021.

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

No. 9-20-243

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee desires to fulfill resident requests for street trees; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee solicited quotes from five different licensed tree contractors and three responded; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee reviewed the quotes with the Borough's Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee would like to purchase said trees from Amato's Nursery & Landscaping utilizing funds from the Tree Replacement Fund; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose in Account Number No. T-12-56-806-100, in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00, as reflected by the Certification of Funds by the Finance Department, shown below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Shade Tree Advisory Committee is hereby authorized to purchase said trees from New Jersey Tree Foundation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and the Administrator's Office forthwith.

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

No. 9-20-245

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the ADA established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if we remain committed to continue our efforts to fully implement the ADA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Highland Park mark July 26, 2020, the 30th anniversary of the ADA, as a day to recognize the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance in the Borough of Highland Park.

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

No. 9-20-246

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/or an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2005, the Borough Council adopted an ordinance (the "2005 Ordinance") designating certain property along the central downtown corridor of Raritan Avenue as an "area in need of redevelopment", which area includes the property commonly known as Block 13, Lots 6 & 9, Block 22, Lots 4, 6.01, 32.01 & 33.01 and Block 173, Lots 43, 46, 47, 48 & 49 on the tax map of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2005, the Borough Council adopted an ordinance adopting the "Highland Park Downtown Redevelopment Plan" dated September 13, 2005 and prepared by Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC for the property commonly known as Block 13, Lots 6 & 9 on the tax map of the Borough ("Tract B"); and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2016, the Borough Council adopted an ordinance (the "2016 Ordinance") designating the entire Borough an "area in need of rehabilitation", which area includes the property commonly known as Block 158, Lots 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 42, 47, 50 & 51, Block 162, Lots 36, 37 & 38 and Block 173, Lot 20 on the tax map of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2020, the Borough Council adopted an ordinance (the "2020 Ordinance") designating the property commonly known as Block 174, Lots 41, 42, 44 & 45 on the tax map of the Borough as an "area in need of redevelopment with the power of eminent domain"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-4, the Borough has been designated the “redevelopment entity” (as such term is defined at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3) for the properties described herein to exercise the powers contained in the Redevelopment Law to facilitate the redevelopment of the Borough’s downtown core; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of a redevelopment plan (the “Redevelopment Plan”) for the properties of the downtown core commonly known as: (1) Block 173, Lots 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 & and a portion of Lot 20 on the tax map of the Borough (“Tract A”); (2) Block 22, Lots 4, 6.01, 32.01 & 33.01 on the tax map of the Borough (“Tract C”); and (3) Block 158, Lots 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 42, 50, 51 & a portion of Lot 47 and Block 162, Lots 36, 37 & 38 on the tax map of the Borough (“Tract D”), all of which have been designated as a portion of either an area in need of rehabilitation and/or an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to either the 2005 Ordinance, the 2016 Ordinance, or the 2020 Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is also in need of certain amendments to the existing Highland Park Downtown Redevelopment Plan for Tract B specifically; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has a need for professional planning services for the preparation of the Redevelopment Plan for Tracts A, C and D (the “Phase One Professional Planning Services”), the preparation of amendments to the existing Highland Park Downtown Redevelopment Plan for Tract B specifically (the “Phase Two Professional Services”), and for the coordination and facilitation of stakeholder meetings to build public support for the Redevelopment Plan and the amendments to the existing Highland Park Downtown Redevelopment Plan (the “Phase Three Professional Planning Services”, and, together with the Phase One and Phase Two Professional Planning Services, the “Professional Planning Services”) to advance the Borough’s Economic Revitalization and Redevelopment Strategy for the downtown core; and

WHEREAS, Looney Ricks Kiss (“LRK”) provided the Borough with a proposal dated August 28, 2020 attached hereto as *Exhibit A* (the “Proposal”) setting forth the manner and costs of performing the Professional Planning Services, a copy of which is on file with the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to enter into an agreement with LRK for a term to expire either within one (1) year after the effective date of such agreement, or upon the completion of the Professional Planning Services, whichever is earlier, and for a contract amount not to exceed Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) for the Phase One Professional Planning Services, Eighty Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) for the Phase Two Professional Planning Services, and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the Phase Three Professional Planning Services, to be paid in accordance with the hourly rates set forth in the Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Borough hereby certifies that it has funds available to compensate LRK for the Professional Planning Services; and

WHEREAS, said services are of a professional nature as to come within the purview of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, as being a contract for rendition of professional services that do not require competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, notice of the award of this contract shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully repeated herein.

Section 2. The Borough Council hereby authorizes a professional services contract with LRK for a term to expire either within one (1) year after the effective date of such agreement, or upon the completion of the Professional Planning Services, whichever is earlier, and for a contract amount not to exceed Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) for the Phase One Professional Planning Services, Eighty Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) for the Phase Two Professional Planning Services, and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the Phase Three Professional Planning Services, to be paid in accordance with the hourly rates set forth in the Proposal, all subject to the terms and conditions of the Borough’s form professional services agreement. Reimbursable expenses, while not anticipated, are authorized up to and not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract in the form of the Proposal attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, with such changes, omissions or amendments as the Mayor deems appropriate in consultation with the Borough’s counsel and professionals.

Section 4. The Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, upon execution of the Proposal in accordance with Section 3 hereof, to attest to the signature of the Mayor upon such document and is hereby further authorized and directed to affix the corporate seal of the Borough upon such document.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 9-20-247

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has concluded negotiations with the Highland Park Department of Public Works Association (HPDPWA), on a Collective Bargaining Agreement for Calendar Years 2019 thru 2021;

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Council hereby approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough and the HPDPWA, which is attached hereto;
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest Collective Bargaining Agreement with HPDPWA, said Agreement in a form having been approved by the Borough Labor Attorney;
3. The Borough Finance Department is authorized and directed to make payment of retroactive pay adjustments to members of the HPDPWA, upon receipt and approval of a signed Collective Bargaining Agreement, and adoption of the appropriate salary ordinance amendments, if necessary.

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

No. 9-20-248

WHEREAS, there is a need for inspection of sanitary sewers prior to the commencement of road projects in the Borough of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, three (3) quotes were solicited as follows:

North American Pipeline Services	\$10,800.00
Oswald Enterprise	\$11,000.00
National Water Main	\$18,450.00

and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works and Public Utilities has recommended that said services be obtained from North American Pipeline, Freehold, NJ based on their quote for same; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 0-05-55-500-423 in the amount of \$10,800.00 as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Superintendent of Public Works and Public Utilities is hereby authorized and directed to accept the quote for sanitary sewer inspections from North American Pipeline Services, 210 Bennett Road, Freehold, NJ 07728, at a total cost of \$10,800.00

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

No. 9-20-249

WHEREAS, ROBERT WEST, Mechanic, was terminated from the Borough of Highland Park effective July 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Agreement between Borough of Highland Park and P.B.A. Local No. 64, Bob West is entitled to unused accrued time payments in the amount as calculated below.

2020 Accrual Balance	Hours	Per Hour	Total
VACATION	116.00	36.16	\$4,194.56
PERSONAL	12.00	36.16	\$433.92
TOTAL			\$4,628.48

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the unused accrued time payment in an amount not to exceed \$4,628.48 be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

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

No. 9-20-250

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 9/1/2020 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 40.

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted, as amended, on motion made by Councilman Hale, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Canavera, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

No. 9-20-244

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2340 would provide mortgage payment relief, consumer reporting protection, and eviction protection for resident property owners, tenants, and other consumers, economically impacted during time of coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 4226 would address mortgage forbearance for certain residential homeowners and protections for certain tenants and landlords during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 4034 would authorize Governor Murphy to permit mortgage forbearance and rent payment responsibility reduction for residential property owners and tenants during emergency circumstances, and address consumer reporting concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to urge State lawmakers to support Senate Bill S2340 and Assembly Bills A4226/A4034, "The People's Bill", which would provide eviction protection to tenants and mortgage forbearance for homeowners as pandemic-related economic hardship continues in New Jersey.

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

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park hereby urge its elected representatives in the New Jersey Assembly to adopt Senate Bill S2340 and Assembly Bills A4226/A4034, "The People's Bill."

2. A certified true copy of this Resolution upon its adoption shall be furnished to 18th District Legislators Senator Patrick Diegnan, Assembly Member Nancy J. Pinkin and Assemblyman Robert Karabinchak, and Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin.

3. A certified true copy of this Resolution upon its adoption shall also be furnished to the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

Mayor Brill Mittler opened the meeting for public discussion and called upon all those wishing to speak to identify themselves. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes and the discussion to end at 9:00 PM.

Elena Gerstmann, 127 North 6th Avenue, asked about the false 9-1-1 calls based on race or protected class that Governor Murphy signed into law this week. She asked how the Highland Park Police Department be training Dispatchers and Police Officers on this new legislation and how will this be implemented? Councilman Foster-Dublin noted that due to the fact that the bill was only passed this week, they need some time for implementation. The Police Officers and Dispatchers have been asking residents some very direct questions when they receive these types of calls. The Attorney General will probably be coming out with some guidelines. She is eager for this to happen. Ms. Gerstmann asked if they would have the ability to track and see if the law has created change. Chief Abrams noted that they have already seen a decrease in the types of calls for suspicious persons after the last community forum. This law will give them the ability to follow up with the callers to determine exactly what was going on. Their computer system that tracks calls will allow them to keep this data and monitor.

Abby Stern Cardinale, Harper Street, commented about procedures and the fact that since they have gone to zoom meetings, they are not having agenda meetings. She asked if they are having agenda meetings and how it is being made available to the public. If you are not, she wanted to know how they are communicating in lieu of what they were doing previously. She thinks procedurally they might want to take a look at when someone is replying that you stop the timer, because often it seems like the person who is commenting is running out of time when they are getting a response. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they have eliminate the agenda meeting and they are not having other meetings to replace it. The agenda is sent to each of the Council Members on the Friday prior to the meeting. Questions about any items on the agenda are asked when the items come up at a regular meeting. Councilwoman Kim-Chohan noted that the Council Members are holding their standing committee meetings and those are also open to the public. Ms. Stern Cardinale asked that the Council take a look at their procedures and consider stopping the time when a member of the public is getting a response to their question. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she would discuss the matter with the Council President.

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

Work Session:

Land Use Ordinance Amendment – Home Based Business – Councilman Hale commented that one of the things they have been hearing a lot about since COVID-19 and everybody home is that a lot of people are running out of space to have school at home, and offices at home. In response to that, we have suggested some amendments to the existing land use ordinance about what is permissible within a garage. Right now, the code is quite restrictive and says that garages are primarily for cars. The changes that they are bringing forward are ones that will make it clear that it is okay to have a home office in your garage. They are not amending it in a way that people can run a business, with clients coming to their garage on a routine basis. There is no extension for plumbing. The goal of this is to allow people more flexibility due to the changes of COVID-19 and it expands the ability to use your garage for a home gym or workout center. Borough Planner Constantine commented that they did a little bit of housekeeping on accessory uses and home occupation in the ordinance. Ordinance to be introduced at the September 15th meeting.

Ordinance Amending Sections of the Code to Update Language that Refers to Persons with Disabilities and Accessible Parking – Councilman Kim-Chohan explained that it was the request from the Commission for Universal Access to remove the word handicapped in our code. Borough Clerk Hullings noted that she pulled all the relevant sections of the code that needed to be amended and sent to the Borough Attorney’s office for review and preparation. The Mayor and Borough Administrator felt that this item should be listed on the work session agenda to make sure that your committee was on board with this. Councilwoman Canavera commented that the wording in the ordinances were out-of-date and the reason they use “person with a disability” is that we are putting the person first. This was important to the Commission for Universal Access to have the ordinances up-to-date with the proper terminology. The Borough Clerk did a great job in locating the areas of the ordinance that needed to be changed. Councilman Hale noted that this was a big undertaking for the Clerk to hunt through the code and he thanked her for her hard work. The ordinance to be introduced at the September 15th meeting.

Goals

Councilwoman Canavera reported that she would be taking a class on municipal government.

Councilman Hale reported that one of his goals was that there would be something on the corner of North 4th Avenue and Raritan Avenue and there is a business moving in there called Jersey Home Furnishings.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that the street setback and lining project is ongoing and should be completed soon.

Councilwoman Kim-Chohan reported that she discussed indigenous people day and that is with Councilman Fine and the Historical Commission. Once it is reviewed, it will go to the Human Relations Commission and then to the full Council.

Councilman Fine – No report.

Councilman George reported that he met his goal before Matt met his goal because they got the water company online before July 1st. They have been conducting monthly meetings with Middlesex Water Company on the implementation. They are starting to look at the Water Quality Assessment Act that is required. Lastly, he hopes to have the SOP ready for a future sidewalk program.

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There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Hale, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk