

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 16, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held via Zoom, on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:00 PM. Annual Notice of this meeting was provided to The Home News Tribune, the Star Ledger and the Highland Park Planet on January 6, 2021. In addition, notice of this meeting via zoom was faxed to The Home News Tribune and emailed to The Star Ledger and the Highland Park Planet on February 12, 2021 and was posted on the Borough website at www.hpboro.com and on the bulletin board at Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ on February 12, 2021 and has remained continuously posted as required by law.

Present: Mayor Brill Mittler; Councilpersons Canavera, Foster, George, Hale, Hersh, Kim-Chohan; Borough Attorney Davy; Borough Administrator Jover; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: None.

On motion made by Councilwoman Canavera, seconded by Councilman George, the minutes of the Regular/Work Session Meetings held February 2, 2021, were approved, as distributed, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

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

Councilman George reported that we are all still recovering from the record snowstorm of January 31-February 2. At one point, we had almost 2 feet of snow on the ground and that was followed by two lesser storms. There have been many complaints, thank-you's and suggestions regarding the Borough's efforts to clear up the roads in the Borough. We are not the only municipality in North Jersey or across the nation still dealing with the aftermath of the storm, but we are working on continuing our cleanup and improving our protocols for heavy storms which we have not had to endure for a long time. During the storm, the Mayor, Administrator and I were in contact through the day and night with DPW and the Police Department. DPW crews reported in on Sunday at 2pm and began salting and all employees were in from 6pm to midnight. All 8-plow trucks were deployed throughout the storm and employees were working on borough sidewalks and parking lots as well. On Monday, DPW worked 24 hours straight, with all equipment deployed. On Tuesday, DPW worked midnight to 2 in the afternoon with all equipment deployed. We all know that the snow was very heavy and deep and this was a significant problem – there is nowhere for it to go. However, the Borough continued cleanup while we also had to return to essential services as well. We had one plow break down which was repaired at DPW, along with a salt spreader, which was also repaired at DPW along with a plow, which broke and was repaired at DPW. We replaced a snow blower, which quit working with a new one without waiting. One thing new, we deployed our pay loaders and backhoes with their front-end buckets to actually move snow when and where we could and I have asked that we make that a regular part of plowing protocols. I have already requested specifications to purchase a second Kubota ATV with bucket as well as plow attachments. I reached out to the Department of Community Affairs today to see if there are training sessions for methods for snow removal so we may be able to send some of our DPW employees to learn new skills. You may have noticed that DPW crews were out this past Monday, a holiday, clearing curb access at the corners. The storm left crosswalk access a problem due to the depth of the snow, and how far it extended into the road. I toured town on Saturday and Sunday and made a list of crosswalks, which had not been cleared, and while the responsibility of who should clear crosswalks is another question for a calmer time, we just could not let the issue go any longer and wait for melting. DPW employees gave up their holiday to come in and work and even some volunteers were out clearing crosswalks over the weekend as we concentrated at first on the commercial district and the roads feeding into the downtown and schools. The Public Works Committee, the Mayor, Administrator, and Public Works Superintendent are working on new or updated protocols which may make snow removal in these heavy storms easier, quicker and make roads and sidewalks more passable quicker. It will take some work, it will take some money as well, but we have already been discussing additional equipment and staffing at DPW. We have also dusted off ideas, which I put forward years ago, such as remote parking access, alternate side parking and moving parked cars street by street to allow quicker and fuller plowing in the days following a storm. Some may work, some may not, but we will be moving forward. We also have better Internet based technology than before, and I think that we can implement disseminating storm-related information as well as resident reporting of problems, but if these weather incidents are to become more common, we will need to be prepared and we will be going over all suggestions as we try as always to do better. The Shade Tree Advisory Committee has prepared a revised RFP for tree planting this year and presented it at their Zoom meeting last week. They are concerned with replacement of trees, which do not survive the initial year as well as selection of stock and have incorporated changes, which should place that burden on the contractor. The Environmental Commission has been discussing changes, updates to our ordinances to make Highland Park more EV friendly, and has recommended that Public Works review our ordinances with this goal in mind. They are also asking that we revisit the difficult task of placing EV charge stations on Route 27, which requires us to deal directly with NJDOT.

Councilwoman Canavera apologized to the residents for the cleanup. She also thanked Mike Wieczorkiewicz at DPW and Scott and Annette in Code Enforcement for their quick response to her calls. February is also American Heart Month. This is a time for us to reevaluate our heart health habits. Ways to do this is to know your number such as blood pressure and cholesterol levels and to try to be more active. The Human Relations Commission is meeting tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. The zoom link is on the Borough website. The Board of Health asked residents to please remember to wear masks at all times when in public. They are looking for community input on events the community would like to see to promote inclusion for all residents. She gave a huge thank you to the residents. She posted on Facebook about the shelves at the pantry being very low. So many people stepped up and ordered from their Amazon wish list. It is such a pleasure to live and serve in a community that is so caring. We are truly a village looking

out for one another. If anyone needs help with food, there are a few programs available. The Community Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the Saturday following the Thursday of every month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Donations can be made using their Amazon wish list. HP Gives a Hoot holds a food pantry every Tuesday at the Zone 6 Teen Center from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Donations can be made by mailing a check to Borough Hall with a memo that it is for HP Gives a Hoot. Between these two programs, they are serving over 300 families. All school age children can get free lunch Monday through Friday at the High School cafeteria from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Mental Health Commission has a Facebook page called the Highland Park Mental Health Commission. They are in the process of making a flyer with resources for mental health services. They are also looking for members. If you are interested, please email tcanavera@hpboro.com and she will pass your information on to the Chairperson. Anyone with a mental health crisis should reach out for help to the Middlesex County crisis hotlines – Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care HOTLINE: (855) 515-5700 or Raritan Bay Medical Center HOTLINE: (732) 442-3794.

Councilman Hersh reported that while Council President George spoke about the snow removal, he wanted to thank the countless residents who reached out to him and other members of the Council with concerns about snow removal. They are all residents here and take the concerns very seriously. They were shoveling out and sharing the same experiences. His car was stuck twice on his street. It is an issue and he looks forward to working with Council President George and Councilwoman Canavera on proposals. If one person cannot move down the sidewalks, if one person cannot get to a medical emergency, if one person cannot get to the grocery store because snow is a contributing factor to their level of access, then it has to be addressed. People who are disproportionately affected by snow emergencies, people with mobility challenges who cannot get around, who do not have access to transportation or transit, who do not have a car or who do not have neighbors or family members who can help them, that is the priority and that is the lens through which the borough has to operate. We have a united front on the Council that understands that and in the name of equity; basic municipal functions need to provide for the people that need it most. The people that need access to these public services the most are the ones that we have to serve first. He thinks that is a really healthy and important lens through which to operate. The Highland Park Recreation Department is hiring for spring programming positions and Sunday afternoon availability is necessary. Applicants can apply online at www.hpboro.com. For additional information, you can email hprecreation@hpboro.com. The deadline to apply is March 8th. They are also seeking qualified applicants for part-time and seasonal positions for the spring youth recreational program season that includes flag football, baseball, softball and soccer. These positions have an hourly rate of \$12.00. Seasonal recreation employee's work in different capacities included, but not limited to, referees, umpires, and scorekeepers, to work with our various youth recreational programs. Youth baseball registration is now open for grades kindergarten through 7th grade. Practices and clinics will start in March and the regular season will start April 11th. The games will be played mainly Sunday through Thursday, with practices taking place once a week. Equipment needed is a baseball mitt, cleats and protective eyewear for children who wear glasses, and they will sometimes be asked to wear chest guards. Parent coaches/volunteers are needed for all teams. If interested please email hprecreation@hpboro.com for more information. All protocol from the New Jersey Guidance for Youth Sports Activities will be followed. This includes daily health checks, hand sanitization and mask wearing. You can register at www.highlandparkrec.com. The Highland Park Arts Commission is looking for a diverse group of eight to ten writers, any age, any race, ethnicity or cultural background to participate in the second year of Race Matters, a spoken word jam. Eight to ten writers will participate in this eight-week workshop once a week on Zoom to explore and create spoken word pieces about their experiences with race. Award-winning, national spoken word touring artist, Pandora Scooter, who is also the former Chairperson of our Arts Commission, runs it. These workshops will be geared toward both the technique of writing spoken word and performing spoken word. Writers of any experience level are welcome. Times/days of the workshop will be determined once the participants are chosen. To apply, please send an email with your reason for being interested to pandorascooter.com, do that by February 24th at noon because we really want to get this program up, and running. With the public schools easing back into in-person education, he did propose a few ideas that he thinks the borough could be exploring to complement that effort and to maintain covered levels within our community. The Department on Aging is providing local covered resources and working with some talented volunteers who are helping people get access to vaccinations. He gave a shout out to Abby Stern Cardinale and Rebecca Hersh for moving our vaccination advocacy from an ad hoc effort to a more formal one that we can promote and perhaps get more volunteers as well as a vaccination education campaign. We have to be mindful that there are communities in town who are more difficult to reach or who have questions or hesitations about vaccines. He had a nice conversation with Councilwoman Canavera about this and he looks forward to working across this with the Mental Health Commission, the Human Relations Commission and the Mayor and Council on highly showcasing what we are already doing and then being out front and making sure that people know the a to z about vaccination and also how to conduct themselves in public, including wear masks outdoors.

Councilwoman Kim-Chohan reported that the Community Development Block Grant Committee would be holding their public hearing on applications on February 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Meeting will be noticed. She understands the many residents' concerns and frustrations regarding the lack of snow removal from our recent storm. She read the storm could truly be a "once in a generation" type event with more than 70% of the United States snow-covered and Texans lives turned upside down this winter. She trusts Council President George, his committee has taken your concerns seriously, and working on improvements to ensure this will never happen again. Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lenten season for our Christian community. She wished everyone a blessed holy day.

Councilman Hale reported that it is often said that the first step to recovery is admitting you have a problem. Therefore, in that spirit, as a Councilmember for Highland Park, he is sorry. He is sorry for not doing a better job before, during and after the recent snowstorm. We have done better in the past and he knows that we can do better in the future. He is sorry that we did not do better this time. Let me be clear, this storm, its size, its length, its timing and the post storm cold weather made it a tough one. There is no doubt about that. In addition, we have not had a storm like that in a very long time. Those are not excuses, but they are facts. The people at DPW plowing, tractoring, kubotaing, shoveling and even pick axing all worked and did their best to get a handle on the storm. If you needed a scotch and a heating pad after

doing your sidewalk and digging out your car imagine doing that 20 times a day for a week. Again, tem working hard is not an excuse, just a fact. The most important fact is that despite the nature of the storm and all the hard work that went into dealing with it; we did not get on top of it. We need to do better. He is sorry that they did not. There are obviously a number of places that we need to improve. He knows that the DPW and the Borough Administrator, as well as Councilman George and his Public Works Committee, are already examining and working on many of these. He thinks and hopes we can improve in these specific areas. We need to do an equipment audit. What do we currently have to get rid of snow and what do we need? It seems like the smaller tractors (known as kubotas) were particularly useful and helpful in the snow and may have uses outside of snow removal. Having more of these machines with the capacity to get into smaller spaces might be worth looking into, perhaps, in partnership with Main Street Highland Park who might be able to use them for plowing the avenue. We need to explore temporary remote parking options. I had a number of Highland Park old timers tell me that back in the day, people used to be able to park their cars in Donaldson or at the schools for 24 hours or so. If we had a centralized or a number of centralized places to park cars during a storm, plowing streets might be easier and a lot more effective. We should explore those options again. We need some curb cut clarity. We need a better plan for curb cuts, crosswalks and intersections. He thinks we have a plan and he thinks it is supposed to be a partnership between the Borough and residents on the corners. He is not very clear who is supposed to do what in this partnership and he knows that it did not work this time. We need to better develop and explain where the responsibilities and obligations lie and we need to figure out what to do when this partnership does not work as it was supposed to. We need to explore staffing needs and options. He thinks the key in terms of staffing is not more bodies all the time, but more bodies when we need them. Every town in New Jersey needs more people in a snowstorm that they have. We need to figure out what short-term staffing options are available and how do we make sure that Highland Park has access to those when every town in New Jersey wants and needs the same thing. There are GIS and mapping systems that allow residents to put PIN's in places that need attention. That attention could be a place that needs plowing (that could also be a bad pothole). A notification system like this is a lot better than our current system, which is either calling or yelling at whoever picks up the phone at DPW and posting it with outrage on Facebook. Not all streets are equal. We need to make sure Police and Fire have access in and out. We need to make sure senior facilities in town are accessible. We need to make sure that there are pathways to get to Raritan. We have a priority system and we need to do a better job at explaining it. In a storm like this, not every street is going to be plowed at the same time, so let us explain those priorities. He would also like them to look into a mechanism for providing the public with more frequent updates about the situation. What streets have been plowed? What streets have not been plowed? What problems the crews are encountering? Why is this intersection particularly problematic? What we do not know? What we hope will happen next? We have to explain what is going on, because if we do not, rumors fly and anger rises. He is not an expert on snow removal. He is not an expert at any aspect of public works. As a Highland Park resident, he knows we have done better in the past and can do better in the future. As a Highland Park Councilmember, he is sorry that we did not do better this time. He is hopeful that these humble suggestions help us do better next time.

Councilwoman Foster reported that the Police Department Community forums for 2021 are scheduled for March 18th, June 17th, September 30th and December 16th. The Teen Center is open for students for WIFI use, for food distribution and for many zoom events. During the period specified for the snowstorm, there were eight total tickets issued to parked vehicles. The CAD notes do not specify that it was for No Parking When Road is Snow Covered. There were 23 total calls for service related to parking vehicles, the majority of which were cleared with assistance given and no cause for action. There were five total calls for service related to sidewalks not being shoveled or being shoveled insufficiently. The public generated all of those calls. There were no tickets written because of these calls, being remediated through various means, including contacting the property owner to address the situation, determining that the sidewalks were clear, determining that no sidewalk was present at a location, and one incident that was reported before the statutory time required to shovel. For Black History Month, the 13th is an American documentary film by Director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States".

Borough Administrator Jover reported that she wants residents to know that they are working on a plan and are rebriefing from what happened and taking in all the feedback that they have received from residents, our own experiences and feedback from the Mayor and Council. They are revising their protocols and addressing the different areas of Borough Government that are impacted. Public Works has to clear the roadways and borough properties, but Code Enforcement and the Police Department are involved and these units work really well together. We are looking at our protocols across all of those areas for improvements. There are two ordinances on the agenda tonight that reflect the projects associated with two State Aid funding buckets. One is from the year 2020 and one is from 2021. They are trying to coordinate with PSE&G about the roads that they will be repaving. The list is as follows: So. 6th Avenue from Magnolia Street to Benner Street, So. 9th Avenue from Eden Avenue to Graham Street, No. 9th Avenue from Raritan Avenue to Abbott Street, Benner Street from So. 7th Avenue to So. 9th Avenue, and Barnard Street from Woodbridge Avenue to Central Avenue; and No. 10th Avenue from Abbott Street to Raritan Avenue, So. 10th Avenue from Raritan Avenue to Woodbridge Avenue, Lexington Avenue from Raritan Avenue to Municipal Border, Alcazar Avenue from Central Avenue to Cherry Street, and Aurora Street from So. 9th Avenue to So. 11th Avenue. They are also looking to add Cliff Court because we experienced some significant drainage issues over there. They are also looking to do a stretch of Lincoln Avenue where PSE&G was only able to do half of the road. While primary funding is from the County, the Borough is making a contribution to have Woodbridge Avenue done from 10th Avenue to Fox Road. Improvements will hopefully happen this year if all goes well. They will also be taking care of some of the grading and other issues on the side streets. As part of that project, the area will be brought up to ADA standards, including the crosswalk at the Irving School. Coming up in 2022, they will be looking at No. 10th Avenue (Abbott Street to Raritan Avenue); So. 10th Avenue (Raritan Avenue to Woodbridge Avenue); Lexington Avenue (Raritan Avenue to Municipal Border); Alcazar Avenue (Central Avenue to Cherry Street); Aurora Street (So. 9th Avenue to So. 11th Avenue)*; and So. 1st Avenue (Raritan Ave to Valentine Street)*. The streets with an asterisk are those streets where PSE&G will be doing work next and they will coordinate with them based on the amount of road that is disturbed. Following a storm, potholes are going to be emerging and

she encouraged anybody who notices one to utilize the report a concern function. The Public Works crew does note them when they are out on their regular duties.

Councilwoman Foster noted that the Chief corrected her, the Police Department did issue tickets for those people who did not remove the snow from their sidewalks, and they did do some towing. Chief Abrams noted that the Police Department issued eight parking tickets and they handled 23 calls for cars that needed to be moved. They received five calls for unclear sidewalks, those sidewalk complaints were handled by making contact with the business owners, and the sidewalks were then cleared.

Councilwoman Kim-Chohan commented about the signage that says no parking when road is snow covered. She asked the Chief to explain exactly what the rule is for those signs. Chief Abrams explained that if the snowplows are out plowing that constitutes as a snow emergency and then all the snow emergency parking rules take effect. When that happens, they do nixle message and notifications on social media and the website. The Police Officers on patrol will use their PA system or tap their horns or sirens and announce that the snow removal is happening and that the emergency parking rules are in effect and that residents need to move their cars. The Borough Code lists all the streets that have the snow emergency parking rules. They did have a couple of issues with some of the snow emergency signs being missing and that issue was addressed with the Department of Public Works.

Borough Attorney Davy reported that Governor Murphy signed legislation regarding outdoor dining on February 5th making it available across the State. The municipalities give authority for the expansion of dining outdoors, but the business owners are also allowed to ask the Alcoholic Beverage Commission to permit them to expand their beverage license to the outdoor dining area also. Mayor Brill Mittler questioned whether resident could take the liquor they get from one of the restaurants to the town table area or does it have to be consumed in front the restaurant or adjacent to the restaurant. Borough Attorney Davy to research that question and provide an update.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that on behalf of the Borough, she wanted to extend the Borough's warmest thanks to the Reformed Church of Highland Park in collaborating with the Borough on the coldest days of the year. Due to COVID-19 considerations, we are extra cautious about the use of our buildings, staff, and volunteers at this time. Yet, dire human needs remain constant, even during a pandemic. This partnership has allowed us to provide the Borough's Code Blue overnight on especially cold nights. Any Highland Parker needing shelter on a cold night may call the Highland Park Police Department at 732-572-3800 for more information. She invited Pastor Seth Kaper-Dale to say a few words.

Pastor Kaper-Dale noted that last year, the Borough worked to take the lead and host Code Blue in the Senior/Youth Center. As well as it went, it was also tricky partly because of the politics of new laws with code blue that changed the temperature at which code blue was to be implemented. While our town complied, many other surrounding towns did not. We had a small borough handling the homelessness needs for major neighboring towns. We did a good job and he was proud of the work, but this year with Covid, we had to be more careful. He is thankful for the Borough Administrator and the Social Worker for working with them to come up with a plan and there is an apartment over the Main Street Highland Park building that was not being used. One of our colleagues, who works for Interfaith Rise and who came here as a refugee not two years ago, Paul Reubentori, agreed to move into that house and to manage code blue. Since November 17th, for 52 nights, he has had guests; 75 different guests/28 individuals who have been there 75 nights. 75 people got a good night's sleep on the coldest nights of the year. We have been available about 65 nights and that is approximately how many nights code blue was called but only on 52 nights did we have takers and the numbers have ranged from one to four people a night. Because of code blue being connected to the Reformed Church's Affordable Housing Corporation, through Paul's insight with folks, he has been able to see if there are some folks who are ready for permanent supportive housing. Two individuals, who spent multiple nights in the code blue house, have now been placed in permanent supportive housing within our housing corporation so they are not repeat customers anymore. Our numbers would be higher, but we do not want them higher, we want the numbers of permanent housing higher.

Paul Reubentori commented that it has been a hard time during this time for code blue because you do not know who is coming. He has to take their temperature when they come and explain the rules for the house. You find some people that take it serious and others that do not. He is trying to minimize whatever he can and serve them the way he can. He thanked the Reformed Church because they have been helping with meals and coffee

Mayor Brill Mittler continued her report by recognizing the efforts of the staff at the Highland Park Community Center who took on the herculean task of assisting our seniors in procuring Covid-19 vaccines over the past few weeks. The Staff, Kim, Andrea, Nicole, Kimberly and Janet, fielded over 120 phone calls in two weeks and gave our seniors informed advice on state hotlines, resources and websites. We are hearing now that our seniors are getting call backs from the State and beginning to schedule appointments. One community member helped our staff make this all possible. Abby Stern Cardinale recognized the overwhelming need of many of our residents for help in procuring these vaccination appointments. She provided an unbelievable level of support, street smarts, and just plain hustle. She has single-handedly learned how to master a mystifying system. Our most enthusiastic thanks go to Abby, who, while caring for her and Daniel's two young daughters and fielding her full time job managed to schedule vaccination appointments for many of our seniors and others throughout the Borough who sought her out. Abby you are a wonder. Thank you. There has been some concern about my reporting on the Covid-19 new cases in Highland Park. However, I believe it is important for you all to know where we are and where we are going in terms of the community spread. Today, I am happy to say that thus far, the month of February seems to be heading in the right direction, meaning a lower level of transferred cases vs December and January. While December saw 161 new cases in Highland Park, and January had 187 new cases, February 1st to the 15th had 54 reported cases. That is considerably lower than December and January, but still trending higher than each month of 2020 March through November. That tells me we are doing better, but still have a long way to go. I am urging our businesses not to ignore the Governor's 35% indoor capacity executive order. I am urging residents and visitors to Highland Park to wear a mask when in public; in fact, the CDC now encourages double masking. Please remember to say 6' apart and wash your hands often. Park Partners 2021 is coming to you this year on Zoom. All residents are invited to participate in a Zoom session this Sunday, February 21st starting at 1:00 p.m., where we will hear from 13 people who have

submitted proposals for the Park Partners 2021 funding. Under the annual Park Partners Grant Program, the Borough invites applications, holds a public review and voting session, and then provides up to \$2,000 each to help execute five winning projects. You decide the winners. This year's proposals include the following submissions: (1) Ferns, Grasses and Fencing for Highland Park Native Plant Sanctuary; (2) We are Highland Park (outdoor exhibit of photos); (3) The Highland Park Outdoor Movie theater; (4) The Highland Park Arts Commission Memorial Bench Project; (5) Highland Park High School Rocket Propulsion Lab; (6) The Rac-On-Tour (Book Mobile); (7) Promoting STEM Diversity (HP High School Robotics Club Initiative); (8) Social-distancing circles painted on outdoor field with removable striping chalk; (9) Pelvic and Hip Strength Group Class; (10) Accessible Outdoor Dining; (11) Head of the Raritan Regatta 2021 (rowing competition); (12) Wellness and Inclusion for Class of 2022 (HP High School class initiative); and (13) Sponsor a Tutor/Raising Hands Tutoring. The Zoom session will include brief presentations from the author(s) of each proposal, ten voting by participants for their selection in each category. The winners of the Park Partners 2021 vote will be announced at the end of Sunday's zoom session. For the Zoom link, please see the Borough website. One unfortunate impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in our town has been a widening of the digital divide. While a large share of the public has access to online information and uses these channels comfortably, a segment of the population, particularly those of more limited means and seniors, report difficulty in obtaining information on local news and services. To address this glaring gap in communication, this year the Borough developed and began disseminating a limited-run, four page quarterly print newsletter with current news from the Mayor and Council, Highland Park Community Center, the Public Library, the Police Department, Main Street Highland Park, and DPW. Copies of the newsletter were placed in Borough Hall, the Community Center, senior housing buildings, and the library, at Dunkin Donuts, Quick Chek, Highland Park Pizza and other locations. She thanked the Communications Staff, Monica and Harry, for spearheading this initiative. One of the traditions she has instituted is to share stories of role models from our community during African American History Month. This week, she wanted to recognize Kenny Haskins. Few African American families have roots as long, deep and strong in Highland Park as does Kenny Haskins and his clan. His grandfather, Edward Haskins, was the first African American property owner in town, managing three properties on the South Side in the 1940's. His father Alex worked for the Highland Park Water Department and his mother Mary worked for ER Squibb. Both of them, and Kenny, served as members of the Highland Park Police Reserve, assisting the Highland Park Police Department at events, riding with them on Halloween and Mischief nights, and enforcing decorum in Municipal Court. His brother Ronald Haskins served as Highland Park's Chief of the Highland Park Police Department in the early 1990's. Kenny organized a variety of youth activities in town over the last few decades. Working as an event planner, he held dances, graduation gatherings, holiday parties and more. He also planned and held a number of basketball events to involve youth. Later, he funded his own entertainment company and held showcases at the Reformed Church of Highland Park, which allowed kids to perform publicly and build their confidence and skills. Additionally, he volunteered in town serving as a coach for the Highland Park recreation baseball and basketball teams, an umpire for the little league baseball team and a member of the Highland Park Recreation Commission. Later in his career, Kenny worked as a musician with the Proud Nubians, serving as rapper and singer with the group for six years in the 1990's. Afterwards, he formed Mile Long Entertainment, which recruited young people for opportunities in singing, rapping and musical performing. One of the group's star acts was the Mile Long Boyz, which featured volunteer and Supervisor of our Zone 6 Teen Center, Ashton Burrell as a rapper. Kenny is married to Maggie, an Administrative Assistant at Auto Injury Solutions. They have two sons, Terrik (32) and Alteer (29), who both also performed in the Mile Long Boyz group. In April of 2020, Kenny and his family moved to Somerset. He still maintains a strong connection and commitment to Highland Park, serving as a resource and support to young African American men in the Borough through Ashton's L.I.V.E. Mentorship Program. He has also played the role of Santa Claus in holiday parties at the Teen Center for the last two years. The Borough is pleased to recognize Kenny Haskins' and his family's long history and service to our town. We hope to see him around town often.

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.

Jeff Vardaro, Wayne Street, commented about the resolution in support of Senate Bill No. 2656/Assembly Bill No. 5301 and that the Council should vote unanimously in support of it.

Rebecca Cypess, 52 Brookdale Court, thanked the Equity Council and urged the Borough Council to support resolution in support of Senate Bill No. 2656/Assembly Bill No. 5301.

John Valeri, 106 South 6th Avenue, commented about the snow removal and asked how many Public Works Employees there were. He suggested that the Borough purchase a riding snow blower. Borough Administrator Jover and Council President George addressed his questions.

Lois Lebbing, North 2nd Avenue, commented the resolution in support of Senate Bill No. 2656/Assembly Bill No. 5301. She also commented about the snow removal problems and about handicapped access.

Eric Lipton, 123 South Adelaide Avenue, commented about the poor snow removal process and that he posted his concerns on Facebook. The Borough needs to hire enough workers and not give excuses amidst their apologies.

Ashley, South 2nd Avenue, thanked Councilman George for personally shoveling snow at crosswalks and asked about enforcement and accessibility. She noted that if there were a town volunteer group she would be willing to join and shovel in the future. Council President George advised that Borough will be looking at ordinance for clarification.

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

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SO. 6TH AVENUE, SO. 9TH AVENUE, NO. 9TH AVENUE, BENNER STREET AND BARNARD STREET, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$475,000.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Hersh, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:
No. 2-21-62

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SO. 6TH AVENUE, SO. 9TH AVENUE, NO. 9TH AVENUE, BENNER STREET AND BARNARD STREET, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$475,000.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF; 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 March 2, 2021, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 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 Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO NO. 10TH AVENUE, SO. 10TH AVENUE, LEXINGTON AVENUE, ALCAZAR AVENUE AND AURORA STREET, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$438,225.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, had been introduced in writing by the Finance 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, Foster, George, Hale, Hersh, Kim-Chohan.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 2-21-63

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO NO. 10TH AVENUE, SO. 10TH AVENUE, LEXINGTON AVENUE, ALCAZAR AVENUE AND AURORA STREET, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$438,225.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF; has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

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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.

Resolution Nos. 2-21-64 through 2-21-68 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Canavera, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 2-21-64

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 5, 2021 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:

Acting Captain of Police	Jose	Curbelo	\$149,009.00	4/17/2019 - 12/31/2019
Acting Captain of Police	Jose	Curbelo	\$154,545.00	1/01/2020 - 4/16/2020

Captain of Police	Jose	Curbelo	\$158,951.00	4/17/2020 – 12/31/2020
Captain of Police	Jose	Curbelo	\$162,184.00	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021
Lieutenant of Police	Thomas	Hammill	\$147,217.00	1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019
Lieutenant of Police	Thomas	Hammill	\$150,161.00	1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020
Lieutenant of Police	Thomas	Hammill	\$153,164.00	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021
Lieutenant of Police	John	Sachau	\$142,887.00	7/8/2019 – 12/31/2019
Lieutenant of Police	John	Sachau	\$145,745.00	1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020
Lieutenant of Police	John	Sachau	\$148,660.00	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021

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 5, 2021 showing the names of the officers and employees of the Borough of Highland Park whose salaries are on an hourly basis, there have been the following changes, to wit:

JOSE GONZALEZ, Master Laborer, at an hourly rate of \$35.07, effective January 1, 2021.

JEFFREY REAP, Driver, at an hourly rate of \$30.32, effective January 1, 2021.

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.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 2-21-65

WHEREAS, Kenneth J. Leo and GVK Taxi #5 (Venkateswara Reddy Chinthala) have filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for an Owners License to operate taxicabs in this Borough under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such licenses for the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and/or his designee has investigated said applicant and has reported favorably upon said applications;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue an Owner License to the aforesaid applicants.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 2-21-66

WHEREAS, Chimaeze Oliver Nwaro, Venkateswara Reddy Chinthala, and Kenneth Leo have filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for a License to operate taxicabs under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such Licenses for the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and/or his designee has investigated said applicant and has reported favorably upon said applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that said applicants are qualified and that public necessity and convenience would be served by the issuance of said Licenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue an Operator Licenses to the aforesaid applicants.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 2-21-67

WHEREAS, Guaranteed Motor Towing and George Logan Towing, Inc., have 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 licenses; and

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

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 Licenses.

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 applicants.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 2-21-68

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 2/16/2021 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 41.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

No. 2-21-69

WHEREAS, Section 3-20 of the "Code of the Borough of Highland Park" provides that the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park shall adopt Rules of Order to govern all Council proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park wish to amend the Rules of Order which were adopted by said Council on January 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Article XV of the Rules of Order adopted on January 5, 2021, Section 3 permits the Rules of Order to be amended by a two-thirds vote on a roll call, taken at two successive Regular or Adjourned meetings of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, a roll call vote will be taken on the proposed Amended Rules of Order at the Borough Council meeting on February 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, if, as a result of the roll call vote on the Amended Rules of Order on February 2, 2021, two-thirds of the Borough Council vote to adopt the Amended Rules of Order a final vote will be taken on the Amended Rules of Order at the Borough Council Regular meeting on February 16, 2021.

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

1. The Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park by a two-thirds vote on a roll call hereby agree to adopt Amended Rules of Order to govern the Borough Council proceedings during the calendar year 2021 or until said Rules are further amended by the Council.
2. The Council of the Borough of Highland Park pursuant to Article XV, Section 3 of the Rules of Order for the Highland Park Council shall vote again on the adoption of the Amended Rules of Order at its meeting on February 16, 2021 and if said Amended Rules of Order are again adopted by a two-thirds vote on a roll call, then the Rules of Order shall be deemed amended as of February 16, 2021.
3. The proposed Amended Rules of Order are on file with the Office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected during regular office hours.

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.

Michael Greenberg, 124 Montgomery Street, commented that he has a foot/ankle injury due to a patch of unplowed snow. The snowfall was no surprise and he encouraged the Governing Body to read the ADA law passed in 1990. In 2006 and 2009, amendments were passed to hold municipalities to the same standards as private businesses. The continued violations of the ADA laws by the Borough has made the lives of disabled citizens and the elderly a living nightmare.

Charlie Kratovil, New Brunswick, Central Jersey Organizer for Food and Water Watch, noted that they have done a lot of work with community choice aggregation programs and they were able to get successful programs launched in New Brunswick as well as Piscataway. In the past six months, Edison, East Brunswick, South Brunswick, Red Bank and Collingswood have passed their model ordinance for a 100 percent renewable energy aggregation program. He knows that the Council has been pursuing energy aggregation and he inquired if there has been any communication with Edison. He also asked for an update on the Borough's first bidding process. He asked if the Council President would be willing to meet with him. The Borough Administrator responded that they are waiting for the 120-day period to elapse to figure out next steps.

Lois Lebbing, North 2nd Avenue, commented about ADA laws and snow removal. She also mentioned that the no parking when road is snow covered signs are missing along North 2nd Avenue. She commented about the clearing of snow from fire hydrants and that they should be clearly marked so that they are not plowed in again. She also commented about deer hunting and that there is deer netting that can be used to prevent deer from eating your shrubs/plants. Mayor Brill Mittler advised that the Borough Administrator is going to be putting together a comprehensive deer plan.

John Valeri, 106 South 6th Avenue, commented about police accountability and wanted to look up records of past Police Officers because he was harassed when he was a teenager.

Diane Feldman, 409 North 4th Avenue, commented that the Commission for Universal Access discussed the situation with the curb cuts. The situation with the curb cuts in her mind is analogous to the situation with your own driveway. You are responsible for shoveling your own driveway to the curb, but if DPW comes and drops some snow at the end of your driveway, you are going to have to move that snow so that you can get your car in and out of your driveway. The curb cuts are the same way. You have to look at not just shoveling them, but look at the usability of the curb cuts. Many of the discussions have been about curb cuts in front of private residences or Borough properties. She has been looking at some of the main corners on Raritan Avenue and it took close to a week for Rite Aid to figure out how to shovel out the full curb cut. There is an issue with instructing the business district on what it means to shovel out a curb cut. It is not just homeowners; it is everybody that needs to know that. She asked who has the responsibility to clear the town table areas. Borough Administrator Jover noted that the issue is on her list to figure out the right protocol and where it fits in the list of priorities.

On motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Hale and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilmembers present, the meeting was extended past 9:00 p.m.

Jessica Hundson, 304 Montgomery Street, echoed the comments of support for the resolution in support of Senate Bill No. 2656. She believes it is important for the Mayor and Council to see the complaints as well as the public since right now, they only see the summary reports. She referenced data regarding differential treatment complaints and the fact that these complaints are not usually sustained.

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

Work Session:

Resolution in Support of Senate Bill No. 2656/Assembly Bill No. 5301 – Councilwoman Foster noted that the Mayor's Equity Advisory Council met and this is something that there is a push for. There are 26 states that have this on the books and that the records are open and people can have access to it and not have to file OPRA requests. They wanted to discuss this with the Borough Attorney's office to make sure that they are in compliance as we go forward. There are some frequent flyers in Highland Park and there is one person in particular that sought her out and Captain Curbelo. When this information becomes available, he wants to create as many incidents on the Captain's record. Chief Abrams noted that this is not an isolated incident and this individual is not the first person to threaten Police Officers with these kinds of things. Since the early warning system has come about, if there are three internal affairs complaints lodged against an Officer, it throws a red flag and the Prosecutor's Office is notified. This is one of the concerns for a bill like this and the Chief's Association and labor laws will have to consider those. Councilwoman Canavera asked if we could reach out to the writers of this bill about some wording for nuisance complaints. This particular individual has reached out to her and harassed her quite a few times so she knows he will be trouble for our Police Officers. Mayor Brill Mittler thinks it is important that we have a resolution in support of legislation that makes our Police Department more transparent, but not at the risk of these kinds of incidents. She asked the Borough Attorney if there is a way that they can address these kinds of situations in legal language that they could share with the writers of this legislation. Borough Attorney Davy noted that they could modify the resolution to include that concern and then reach out to the bill sponsors. They should modify the resolution to make clear their concerns. Councilman George noted that the Senate bill has some inconsistencies in it and the purpose of the bill is certainly laudatory. There are inconsistencies about disclosure of witness names, proceedings, transcripts, hearings and body worn cameras. It says that the names of any witnesses or their family should be redacted, but you cannot redact if from the hearing. If there is a hearing, a transcript or a body-worn camera, you cannot redact that information. There needs to be some clarification on how that works. He is concerned that when an office is subject to a fitness for duty exam it is not necessarily because they did anything wrong, but it is classified as a disciplinary action because it can lead to termination even though you are examining whether that officer's injuries or condition will render him fit for duty and that is not addressed. It says an officer's medical information is not a public government record. The Attorney General issued a set of guidelines to broaden release and he wanted to know if that aspect has resolved some of the questions in Senate Bill No. 2656. Borough Attorney Davy noted that some of what the Attorney General has done through rules, regulations and orders has been appealed in the Courts and it is pending. Some of what he has done would address this, but it is on hold right now. The point raised about fitness for duty exams might be something that they want to point out because that should be an exception. Any of the areas where they have concerns or questions, should be embedded in the resolution and followed up with a letter to the sponsors. Discussion about fitness for duty for Police Officers and what is covered under that topic. Councilwoman Foster asked Councilman George to highlight the section in the proposed resolution and send it to her so that she can contact Senators Gill, Weinberg and Turner. Councilman Hersh noted that the bill is relatively concise and focuses on many of these exceptions and redactions that could occur. He sees that it does protect complainant's family members or any witness or witness's family members. Aside from the chronic complaint filer, he does not really understand the other concerns and he would like to see them written out so that we can weigh in and take concerns to the bill sponsors. He would rather address them with the bill sponsors and with the groups that are advocating for this bill, like the Mayor's Equity Advisory Council. He would like a clean support of a bill where we can address concerns first rather than make exceptions on what we want to support. Councilman Hale spoke about police disciplinary records being subject to OPRA. The Clerk's Office and the Attorney's Office spend a lot of time and a lot of money responding to those requests along with normal OPRA requests. He wondered whether this is something the Clerk's Office would take for the Police Department or if they would handle their own OPRA requests. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the Police Department has their own Clerk's and that they would utilize the Borough's Attorney. Borough Attorney Davy noted that denials for OPRA complaints could file with the Government Records Council or file directly with the Superior Court. Councilman Hale asked if there was a mechanism in the bill that might address these nuisance complaints. Borough Attorney Davy noted that the tricky part would be who decides if it is a nuisance or what a repeat offender is and that is where you could wind up with people saying they denied me improperly. Councilman Hersh reminded everyone that we are talking about public safety and government transparency. Senator Weinberg is famous for sponsoring legislation that does create more transparency in government. It does not want to be mired down with whether or not this bill addresses nuisance complaints. It does not change his support of this bill. He thinks what they are trying to do is emphasize support for the essence of the bill. It does not mean that we are going to enact it locally until it is actually enacted into law. This is not a Highland Park bill, but a statewide bill. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they need to let the legislators know what they deal with on a daily basis. You do not want the legislature to pass something thinking we all agree 100% with something that has an impact on us and then has an impact on us that we cannot handle. Councilwoman Foster commented that the reason this was brought to the Council was to have this important discussion. Councilwoman Kim-Chohan commented that we are losing focus on the real purpose behind the bill which is to show the bad apples in the Police Department. The bill is not about who is going to pay for OPRA lawsuits. She wants to see the complaints filed against Police Officers from every black resident in Highland Park and surrounding towns. That is what the residents want to see and that is why we want to support the bill. Mayor Brill Mittler and Councilwoman Foster to regroup and talk about this before the next Equity Advisory Council Meeting.

2021 Budget Timeline – Borough Administrator Jover that it is a new year and they have to adopt a budget. They are not anticipating any kind of major deviations from the processes used in the past. She is in the process of finalizing the draft budget with the CFO and her intention is to line up meetings with each of the Council to review the sheets for the departments/boards/commissions in their buckets. They are being fairly conservative minded in light of COVID and some of the hits that our revenues make take in 2021. The timeline is internal review with her, the Department Heads and the Mayor that will conclude this month and the Council in their liaison roles and then we will be working towards the March 16th work session meeting to do our annual session on the budget where she would present the pie charts and slides that she has done in the past. Copies of the draft budget would be made available in advance of the meeting. We

need to introduce budget by April 6th to be compliant with the local finance regulations, with adoption at the May 4th meeting following the public hearing.

Committee/Commission Memberships – Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they have been learning the Council Members have not been reporting to the Clerk’s Office any changes on individual committees/commission such as resignations, new appointments, etc. She is asking on behalf of the Clerk’s Office that they meet with each of their Committee Chairs and provide the Clerk’s office with an up-to-date list of all committee members and any openings that are available. Individuals do not get onto a particular board/commission unless they are officially appointed. Borough Clerk Hullings added that if they know someone is inactive, if they have moved or passed away, that they notify her office. Her office relies on the Council Liaisons and the Committee Chairs to keep her apprised of any changes so that the records can be updated accordingly. The records can be easily fixed and updated when she is notified. She can resend out the emails to the Council Liaisons and the Board Chairs of the boards/commissions lists.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilwoman Canavera, seconded by Councilman Hale, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk