BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK MAYOR & COUNCIL ORGANIZATION MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016 – 7:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK:

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

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

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

<u>AGENDA</u>

* Denotes Consent Agenda Posted Items. Ordinarily consent agenda items, pursuant to Ordinance No. 918, are not read nor debated unless there is a request by a member of Council or the public. Furthermore, unless requested by a member of Council for a separate vote, all consent agenda items, as per Council's Rules of Order, Section 3, shall be considered in the form of one motion.

- 1. Oath of Office and Allegiance administered to Mayor-elect Gayle Brill Mittler by Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan.
- 2. Oath of Office and Allegiance administered to Councilperson-elect Jim Walsh by Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler.
- 3. Oath of Office and Allegiance administered to Councilperson-elect Susan Welkovits by Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan.
- 4. Call to Order and Open Public Meetings Statement.
- 5. Pledge of Allegiance.
- 6. Invocation Rabbi Malomet.
- 7. Roll Call.
- 8. Clerk reports certification of election and qualification of Mayor-elect Brill Mittler and Councilpersons-elect Walsh and Welkovits.
- 9. Mayor introduces newly sworn Council Members.
- 10. 1-16-01Resolution to adopt Rules of Order for 2016.MOTION adopt reject.ROLL CALL VOTE
- 11. 1-16-02Resolution to adopt Mission Statement for the Borough of Highland Park.MOTION adopt reject.ROLL CALL VOTE
- 12. a. Mayor calls for nominations for President of Council for 2016.
 - b. Councilperson George nominates Councilperson Welkovits.
 MOTION that nominations be closed and 2016 Council President elected by acclamation.
- 13. 1-16-03 Resolution to establish 2016 Standing Committees. MOTION adopt reject. ROLL CALL VOTE
- 14. Annual Council Reports.
- 15. Mayor's Annual State of the Borough Address. **MOTION** to spread message upon minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: - MOTION to adopt the following starred (*) items. ROLL CALL VOTE

- 16. *1-16-04 Resolution to reconstitute Recreation Advisory Committee.
- 17. *1-16-05 Resolution to reconstitute Shade Tree Advisory Committee.
- 18. *1-16-06 Resolution to reconstitute Community Food Pantry Committee.
- 19. *1-16-07 Resolution to reconstitute Employee Safety Committee.
- 20. *1-16-08 Resolution to reconstitute Public Information Commission.
- 21. *1-16-09 Resolution to adopt schedule of meeting dates.
- 22. *1-16-10 Resolution to establish garbage collection schedule.
- 23. *1-16-11 Resolution to designate bank depository for the Bail and Magistrate's Accounts.
- 24. *1-16-12 Resolution to designate bank depository for County Election Account.
- 25. *1-16-13 Resolution to adopt policy re: personnel discussions in closed session.
- 26. *1-16-14 Resolution to designate Official Newspaper(s).
- 27. *1-16-15 Resolution to adopt certain rules, policies, and/or procedures for 2016.
 - a) Establish policy for financial reimbursement for challenged populations.
 - b) Adopt policy for furnishing public information.
 - c) Adopt policy for use of Borough owned facilities.
 - d) Adopt policy for Pre-Meeting Notification for Persons with Disabilities.
 - e) Adopt Façade Improvement Program Policy.
 - f) Approve Facility Use Alcohol Permit requirement.
 - g) Adopt Policy for Maintenance of Trees in Borough Right-of-Way by Residents.
 - h) Authorization to permit Mayor, Borough Administrator or Engineer to sign permits and applications with NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection.
- 28. *1-16-16 Resolution to establish rules, policies and procedures concerning administrative and organization matters.
 - (1) Require Department Heads to attend certain Budget Meetings.
 - (2) Require Department Heads and professionals to attend Organization Meeting.
 - (3) Adopt policy for grant seeking and acceptance.
 - (4) Adopt policy re: expenditure of municipal funds.
 - (5) Adopt personnel policy manual and handbook.
 - (6) Adopt policy for police weapons.
 - (7) Adopt Co-Sponsorship Policy.
 - (8) Adopt Exposure Control Plan.
 - (9) Adopt policy re:interlocal services/cooperative activities with other municipalities.
 - (10) Authorize modified work schedule for Borough Hall and Senior/Youth Center.
 - (11) Authorize summer schedule for Borough Hall and Senior/Youth Center.
- 29. *1-16-17 Resolution to designate certain positions.
 - 1. Designate Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Kovach.
 - 2. Designate Alt. Insurance Commissioners Joan Hullings & Shayne SantaLucia.
 - 3. Designate Safety Officer Donald Newton.
 - 4. Designate Assessment Search Officer Joan Hullings.
 - 5. Designate Affirmative Action PACO Leann Cosley Richardson.
 - 6. Designate Tax Search Officer Kathleen Kovach.
 - 7. Designate Recycling Coordinator & Clean Communities Coordinator Francis Troy.

- 30. *1-16-18 Resolution to adopt rules and procedures governing financial, tax and contractual matters.
 - (1) Designate bank depositories.
 - (2) and (3) Designate signatories on bank accounts.
 - (4) Designate depositories for investments.
 - (5) Establish interest rate for delinquent taxes.
 - (6) Establish petty cash funds.
 - (7) Authorize Administrator to approve purchases up to \$5,000.
 - (8) Authorize cash drawers for Tax Collection, Violations Bureau, Police Department and Clerk's Office.
 - (9) Authorize Administrator to pursue shared service ventures with Board of Education.
 - (10) Authorize Tax Collector to conduct a December tax sale for all taxes and municipal charges unpaid as of November 11, 2016.
 - (11) Adopt Cash Management Plan for 2016.
 - (12) Authorize Assessor to file counterclaims in certain tax appeals.
 - (16) Authorize Assessor to file tax appeals.
 - (16) Authorize Tax Collector to process certain tax and water/sewer refunds and delinquencies.
 - (16) Authorize approval of certain professional services.
 - (16) Exempt Borough properties from Water & Sewer Charges.
 - (17) Authorize Municipal Court to accept credit card payment of Court fines.
 - (18) Authorize Community Services Department to refund fees deposited in Recreation Trust fund subject to approval of Borough Administrator.
 - (19) Designate 50% of fines collected for parking violations to Highland Park Commission for Universal Access.
 - (20) Authorize 2% processing fee be assessed for use of credit cards for water & sewer and tax payments.
 - (21) Authorize Finance Director to process off-duty overpayments.
 - (22)Authorize Finance Department to process certain payments without signatures.
- 31. *1-16-19 Resolution to establish certain fees.
 - (1) Establish document duplication fees.
 - (2) Establish Police Service fees.
 - (3) Establish Community Service Department Activities fees.
 - (4) Authorize administrative fee for certain refunds.
 - (5) Authorize fee for returned checks.
 - (6) Establish fee for Natural Resource Inventory, Master Plan & Land Use Ordinance.
 - (7) Establish Community Service Fee for non-resident Senior Participants.
 - (8) Authorize fees for Tax Dept. Services.
 - (9) Establish fee for bid specification preparation and distribution.
 - (10)Establish fee for Earth Day Activities.
- 32. *1-16-20 Annual Salary Resolution.
- 33. *1-16-21 Resolution re: Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board Attorneys.
- 34. *1-16-22 Resolution to reconstitute the Mayor's Teen Advisory Committee.

MOTION to adopt the following starred (*) items. **ROLL CALL VOTE**

- 35. Mayor re-establishes Mayor's Wellness Campaign Committee.
- 36. A. Mayor appoints the following to serve as Professionals for 2016.

Borough Attorney Tax Appeal Attorney Labor Attorney Borough Auditor Borough Prosecutor Bond Counsel Public Defender Borough Engineer Special COAH Attorney Special Planner **MOTION** to confirm. Edwin Schmierer, Esq. Martin Allen, Esq. Arthur Thibault, Esq. Andrew Hodulik Patrick Bradshaw Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer Francesco Taddeo David J. Samuel Jeffrey Surenian Phillip Caton **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mayor appoints the following to serve as a Professional for 2016 for a 60 day term:

Borough Planner **MOTION** to confirm.

B. Mayor appoints the following:

Court Administrator Deputy Court Administrator Deputy Borough Clerk ADA Coordinator Library Bd. of Trustees, Council Rep. **MOTION** to confirm above appointments.

37. Mayor appoints the following:

Planning Board Mayor's Designee Library Bd. of Trustees, Mayor Alt.

38. Mayor appoints the following:

Board of Adjustment

Board of Health

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Library Board of Trustees

CDBG Advisory Committee

Emergency Management Council

Commission for Universal Access

Community Food Pantry Committee

Allen Schectel ROLL CALL VOTE

Tracey Horan Linda Simons Jennifer Santiago Lt. Gary Panichella Joshua Fine **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Padraic Millet Helen Rovner **NO CONFIRMATION REQUIRED**

Wayne Watkis Dana Korbman Wolfram Hoefer Stan Fessant, Alt. #1 Alexander Kemeny, Alt. #3

David Weissman Kenneth Sachs

Carl Wilson

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Jon Erickson Edward Prince Shelia Highsmith Sheryl Magaziner Rebecca Hersh Gwen Cerasoli Deborah Morgan

Joseph Olarra Thomas Hammill Linda Hoefele Kathleen Kovach Donald Rish Scott Brescher

Ed Rockoff Kim Kershaw Debbie Hehir Timothy Stark, Alt. #1 Jan Verstraete, Alt. #2

Janice Ballou Monica Day Andrea Greenberg-Horowitz Susan Powell Laurel Kornfeld Lynne Platt Carlie Andrews Susan MacKinnon Deborah Convery Bruce Bush Evelyn Sedehi Nancy Lord Alex Warner Miriam Lefkowitz, Alt. Kathi Lombardi, Alt.

Council on Aging	Florence Hoffman Loleta Mitchell Rhoda Goldstein Ann Glatt Celia Diamond
Recreation Advisory Committee	Greg Trevor Micky Landis Jerri Aversa Bob Butters Debbie Hehir Kenneth Haskins Kathie Pace Donald Gatling Jay Weinberg Stephen Mittler
Shade Tree Advisory Committee	Carol Avelsgaard Aileen Coffey Roseann Cala Karen Swaine Belinda Beetham Harvey Klee Mary Denver Mike Ross Roseanne Baruh Mary Ann Allard
Employee Safety Committee	Leann Cosley-Richardson Stephen Rizco Donald Rish Ed Corson Renee George Jay Littman Brian O'Mara Kim Perkins Shayne SantaLucia
Municipal Alliance	Lara Arp, Priv.Cit. Lisa Berman, Priv. Cit. Irene Marx, Priv. Cit.

Ethics Board

MOTION TO CONFIRM

 B. Mayor appoints the following: Mayor's Wellness Campaign Committee

Sustainable Highland Park

ROLL CALL VOTE

Jeffrey Zajac Linda Tondow

Maria Austin, Priv. Cit. Kim Perkins, Local/Civic Rev. Seth Kaper-Dale, Relig. Rep. Ptl. Jose Curbelo, Police Designee

Dr. Cliff Lacy David Siegman Justin Footerman Ptl. Gaetano Palumbo Donald Corr Michele Kornblum

Josephine "Teri" Jover Irene Chan Marx Allan Williams Tina Weishaus Andy Benesch Hagit Mano Randy Solomon Wendy Rosen Halley Conrad Sara Leibau Alex Casey **Planning Board**

Community Emergency Response Team

Scott Brescher

Joanna Joseph Elissa Kaplan Pamala Plastock Brian Douches Roberto Munoz Shari Larsen Paul Scharf Susan Winter David Larsen Bruce Nadler Ann-Sheryl White Nancy Wolf

Daniel Larkins

Environmental Commission

NO CONFIRMATION NECESSARY

- 39. 1-16-23 Resolution to appoint Council Rep. to Planning Board Philip George. **MOTION** adopt/reject. **ROLL CALL VOTE**
- 40. 1-16-24 Resolution designating Council Representative to Middlesex County CDBG Committee – Jon Erickson. MOTION adopt/reject ROLL CALL VOTE
- 41. 1-16-25 Resolution to adopt 2016 Municipal and Water & Sewer Temporary Budgets. **MOTION** adopt/reject. **ROLL CALL VOTE**
- 42. Public Discussion (15 minutes).

MOTION to adjourn.