

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

MINUTES

1. Mayor Brill Mittler called the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.
2. PRESENT: Mayor; Council (except Councilpersons Foster-Dublin and Welkovits); Borough Attorney; Borough Administrator; Borough Clerk.

NOTE: Upcoming Meeting schedule:

April 9, 2019	Standing Committee Meetings; Special Meeting if needed. Buck Woods Meeting 7:00 PM.
April 16, 2019	Agenda Meeting 6:30 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM; Conference Meeting to follow.

3. Public Discussion (15 minutes) – none.
4. Memorial or Commendatory Resolutions or Presentations scheduled as indicated:
 - a.
5. Ordinances on 1st Reading – no ordinances scheduled for introduction for 4/16/19:
 - a.
 - b.
6. Ordinances on 2nd Reading – no public hearings scheduled for 4/16/19:
 - a. Financial Agreement Ordinance.
 - b.
7. Resolutions for Next Meeting - scheduled for 4/16/19:
 - a. Bills List (4/16/19).
 - b. Promotions.
 - c. Mentor Hiring.
 - d.
8. Appointments – none.
9. Borough Attorney's Report – none.
10. Borough Administrator's Report – none.
11. Standing Committee Status Reports – none.
12. Discussion Items.
 - a. Borough Paying for Advertising in the Highland Park Planet – Councilman Fine would like to see the Borough advertise ordinances, etc. in the Highland Park Planet. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the Borough has a new media plan and this was part of that plan. Borough Administrator Jover noted that \$2,500 in additional funding is available for such publications. Councilman Fine noted that the information will not only be published in the Highland Park Planet, but shared on the Facebook Page. Councilman George noted that statutorily, the Borough has to select an official newspaper in which they advertise all their ordinances, etc. Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler noted that she has spoken to the Editor and she has assured them that they will publish their paper at least 3 times per week. Right now, they are having problems

- with their website. Borough Clerk Hullings noted that having to do advertisements in two different newspapers is a duplication of effort.
- b. Marijuana Legalization and Implications for Highland Park – Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the Borough does not know what is going to happen with this legislation. It is time for the Borough to start talking about how they will handle this so that they are ready to go. Need to have discussion about this topic when Councilpersons Foster-Dublin and Welkovits are present. There is a biological testing company that is interested in doing marijuana testing in the area. We need to decide if we want to have that here. Have to make a decision as a Governing Body about the message it sends. Councilman George noted that he will circulate some information about this. Councilman Fine suggested possibly having an open forum with advocates for and against this issue. The Human Relations Commission could host it. Mayor Brill Mittler wants the Council's thoughts about this issue at the next meeting.
 - c. Budget Process Timeline – Borough Administrator Jover noted that the public hearing on the budget will take place on May 7th. The budget will probably not be adopted at that meeting.
 - d. MSHP Budget – Tabled from discussion.

13. Goals – Not discussed.

14. Executive Session – none.

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 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk