

SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 17, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:57 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Mayor; Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits; Borough Administrator Jover; Borough Clerk Hullings.
Absent: Borough Attorney Schmierer.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

No. 7-18-195

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that due to the resignation of Councilman Matthew Hersh, Matthew Hale is hereby appointed to temporarily fill the vacancy on the Borough Council, effective immediately;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Matthew Hale shall serve on the Borough Council until such time as a candidate is elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term at the General Election to be held on November 6, 2018.

Newly appointed Councilman Hale was unable to be sworn in at this meeting as he had a prior commitment.

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

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

No. 7-18-196

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Resolution No. 1-18-03 adopted by the Borough Council on January 2, 2018, shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Standing Committees of said Council for the year 2018 shall be and are hereby established as follows:

RECREATION AND ARTS Councilpersons KIM, Foster-Dublin, George.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING Councilpersons WELKOVITS, George, Hale.

FINANCE Councilpersons FINE, Kim-Chohan, Foster-Dublin.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Councilpersons HALE, Fine, Kim-Chohan.

PUBLIC SAFETY Councilpersons FOSTER-DUBLIN, Welkovits, Fine.

PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC UTILITIES Councilpersons GEORGE, Hale, Welkovits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first Councilpersons listed above for each Committee

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 31 RIVER ROAD PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ., has been introduced in writing by the Council as a Whole for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, 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 Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.
Opposed: None.
Absent: Councilperson Hale.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 7-18-197

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 31 RIVER ROAD PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ. 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, August 14, 2018, at 7:45 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

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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.

Resolution No. 7-18-198 was tabled from consideration on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Kim-Chohan, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present.

Resolution Nos. 7-18-199 and 7-18-200, were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Hale.

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

No. 7-18-199

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Committee shall be and is hereby requested to approve the reprogramming of the following items under the Borough's Block Grant Application, to wit:

FROM:

Teen At Risk Program		<u>1,425.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,425.00

TO:

Teen Youth Programming/Outreach		<u>1,425.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,425.00

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

No. 7-18-200

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Borough Administrator Teri Jover is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for funding to do pedestrian enhancements and accessibility upgrades throughout the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest said applications as prepared by the Borough Administrator.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:

No. 7-18-201

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from the closed session at close of tonight's open session.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
(Personnel)
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when these matters are resolved or as soon thereafter as it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

There being no further business, on motion made Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk