

CALL TO ORDER

Special Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council held on May 3, 2017 was called to order by Mayor Kennedy O'Brien at 5:00 P.M. followed by a salute to the flag.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Municipal Clerk Farbaniec announced that this Special Meeting has been advertised and posted in accordance with Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 by advertising in the Home News Tribune, notifying the Star Ledger and the Sentinel Publishing Co., posting on the bulletin board and filing with the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: Councilpersons Buchanan (left the meeting at 6:08PM), Grillo, Lembo, Novak

Absent: Councilpersons Kilpatrick & Melendez

Others Present: Mayor O'Brien
Municipal Clerk Farbaniec
Business Admin. Frankel
Borough Attorney DuPont
Lawrence Sachs, Esq., COAH Counsel
John Leoncavallo, Municipal Planner
Special Master Betsie McKenzie

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At this time the Borough Attorney announced that there is a need to go into Closed Session.

- 30 minutes / COAH Litigation

Mr. DuPont read the following Resolution into record:

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Sayreville, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public portion of this meeting is hereby adjourned in order that the Governing Body may meet in a closed, private session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss the following matters:

COAH Litigation Matter

2. Following the conclusion of said closed session, the Governing body shall reconvene the open portion of this meeting to consider any other matters which may be properly brought before it at this time.

3. The nature and content of discussion which occurs during closed session shall be made public at the time the need for non-disclosure no longer exists.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded and this resolution shall take effect immediately.

/s/ Daniel Buchanan, Councilman

APPROVED:

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor

Council President Buchanan moved the Executive Session Resolution be adopted on Roll Call Vote. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Buchanan, Grillo, Lembo, Novak, All ayes.
Carried. Time: 5:03 PM

- **RECONVENE – 6:09 PM**

Councilwoman Novak made a motion to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Lembo.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

(Councilman Buchanan left at 6:08PM)

Roll Call for who is still present:

Councilpersons Grillo, Lembo, Melendez (arrived during the Closed Session), Novak.

- **PUBLIC PORTION**

At this time Mayor O'Brien opened the meeting to the public or any and all issues.

Those appearing were:

- James Robinson, 11 Borelle Square

Asked if the council has anything positive and hopeful to report tonight.

Borough Attorney DuPont said that all of his comments and recommendations have been heard by the Council and given to the Special Counsel. He cautioned the Mayor and Council on their response here tonight. He said that all discussions and solutions are being considered and would not characterize it as giving away the town, looking at all available options.

Jim Robinson said that he just wanted to know that we were moving in the right direction and not giving the town to builders.

He then asked if the Mayor had a chance to look at the pamphlet that that he had passed out on creative ways to meet the affordable housing goal.

Mayor said that he is relying on all his professionals.

Councilwoman Novak said that she relied on what information she was being presented at meetings and she said that she had learned so much during the course of these recent meetings and thanked Ms. McKenzie and Co. Grillo and Mr. Robinson for the information they have provided. She said that she wished she had this information much earlier. Said that they (the council) would work on this any which way possible.

- Mike D'Addio, Chairman SERA

He said that they presented a lot of ideas and that SERA could build on their property and the Housing Authority would run these projects and that would cover most of our COAH obligations and hoped that these were ideas that were considered.

Councilwoman Novak asked if the developer on the property still had a contract in effect to build on that property.

Mr. D'Addio said that the property that he was talking about is on River Road and they did have a developer involved and he had the option to build but as far as he knows that option has expired. He said that he would confirm this at the next SERA meeting.

- Jorge Gonzalez, Sayreville Housing Authority Chairman
Stated that the Sayreville Housing Authority is willing to help in any way.

-Ken Olchaskey, 108 North Edward St.
Said that at the last meeting he asked if Towne Lake had an affordable housing component in that development.

Mr. Frankel said that we don't have an answer yet. This was discussed this evening and still being looked into and will have an answer maybe by the next council meeting.

He made a statement for the record that the Housing Authority does not own any property in town. They manage the Gillette Manor Property with 100 units. They administer the Section 8 program with about 164 units, but they do not have any property in town.

Mayor made that correction that the matter went through SERA not the Housing Authority

Mayor asked of there were any further questions or comments. There being no further questions or comments. Councilwoman Novak made a motion to close the public portion. Seconded by Councilman Melendez.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Grillo, Lembo, Melendez, Novak, all Ayes. Carried.

Councilwoman Novak thanked everyone for their input.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Lembo made a **motion to adjourn** this meeting. Seconded by Council President Buchanan.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes. Carried.

Time: 6:24 P.M.

SIGNED:

Theresa A. Farbaniec, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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