# MAY 21, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING

#### CALL TO ORDER

Special Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council held on May 21, 2018 was called to order by Mayor Kennedy O'Brien at 6:00 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 (arrived at 6:02PM), Grillo,

Kilpatrick, Lembo, Melendez, Novak

Absent: None

Others Present: Mayor Kennedy O'Brien

Business Admin. Frankel Municipal Clerk Farbaniec Attorney Michael DuPont

Mayor turned the meeting over to the Borough Attorney.

At this time the Borough Attorney announced that there is a need to go into Closed Session and 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 20 minutes to discuss the following matters:

# **COAH Litigation Matters**

- 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/Victoria Kilpatrick, Council President

## APPROVED:

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor

Councilwoman Kilpatrick made a motion to go into Closed Session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Buchanan, Grillo, Kilpatrick, Lembo, Melendez, Novak, all ayes. Carried.

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#### • RECONVENE - 7:46 PM

Councilwoman Novak made a motion to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Kilpatrick.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Buchanan, Grillo, Kilpatrick, Lembo, Melendez, Novak, all Ayes and present

## PUBLIC PORTION

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

Those appearing were:

Janice Benedetto, 1 Thomas Avenue

Asked if there was anything that the council could share following the executive session.

Mr. DuPont said that there was nothing they could report following the executive session. And that no action will be taken at this time.

Ms. Benedetto asked what significance the June 28 date has with regards to the courts. Mr. DuPont said that is the deadline the courts have given for any and all resolutions to occur or a decision will be entered.

Ms. Benedetto asked when the MCUA meeting will be.

Mr. Frankel informed the public that it is tentatively scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM here in Council Chambers but we are still waiting for the MCUA to confirm. Discussion followed regarding placing a complaint number for the MCUA being placed on the water bills. Mr. Frankel explained that the water bills are in the process from going for the post card to a letter size paper copy in a sealed envelope. He said that there is not a scheduled time yet for that information can be put on the water bill. Possible in future mailings.

- Jim Robinson, 11 Borelle Square, Parlin Questioned and confirmed that there will be no action taken on items 5 A, B or C Mr. DuPont said that was correct.

- Thomas Bisiada, 17 Greenhill Court, Parlin.

Commented on the appointment of Senator Joe Cryland as the Director of the MCUA. He stated that he felt that he was not qualified to run such an operation.

Mr. Bisiada also commented on the overcrowding in our schools and will continue to grow with the proposed housing. There will need to be more facilities, teachers and taxes to pay for education. He also spoke about the traffic on town now and what will follow.

- Ken Olchaskey, 108 North Edward St.

Felt the MCUA will be policing their own complaints.

He said that he was disappointed that an operations person from the MCUA did not attend the meeting when they sent their engineer. He went on to talk about how people are appointed to the MCUA and who appoints them. He said that there is a sewer rate increase ordinance that was introduced and asked what the increase the MCUA would be for the Sewer Charge. He asked that prior to that date that the proper people have the current data on what our increase is from the MCUA on the sewer charges.

- Janice Benedetto, 1 Thomas Avenue, Melrose

Spoke about what she expected to get out of the Town Hall MCUA Meeting, who would be putting together the list of questions and who would be asking them.

Response and comments made by Mayor O'Brien about the ongoing standing complaint which is odor and would like to see the agenda for that meeting primarily about that topic.

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Ms. Benedetto said that discussion should be out there on how Sayreville would benefit from being the Host Community and who would be asking the questions to the MCUA. She gave examples of questions.

- Jim Robinson, 11 Borelle Sq.

He stated that back when he was on the Planning Board and the MCUA was being built and came before the Planning Board certain recommendations were made of them such as the scrubbers. He said that odors are not the problem there that is emissions, he said that odors are a symptom of the emissions. He also felt there should be a health care professional asking questions because of these emissions.

- Ken Olchaskey, 108 North Edward Street.

He said that years ago land based sludge management was new and how the scrubbers are now over twenty years old and are being replaced and that he hopes that MCUA comes prepared to answer the resident and council questions. He also agreed with having a representative from the County Health Dept. attend the meeting, share the concerns of the emissions and this needs to be an ongoing dialog with them not just a onetime meeting.

There being no further appearances, Councilwoman Novak moved to close the Public Portion. Motion was seconded by Council President Kilpatrick.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

# ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Novak made **a motion to adjourn** this meeting. Seconded by Council President Kilpatrick.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes. Carried.

Time: 8:23 P.M.

SIGNED:

Theresa A. Farbaniec, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved: