

BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 6, 2013

Present:

Mayor	Mohamed T. Khairullah
Council Present	Robert Artis
Councilman	Richard Esquiche
Councilman	Samir Hayek
Councilwoman	Cristina Peralta

Absent:

Councilwoman	Felicia Ortiz
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Also Present:

Municipal Attorney	David Blank
Municipal Clerk	Stephanie Evans

Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute led by Council President Artis, and followed by a Prayer led by Councilman Hayek.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Prospect Park conducted a Special Meeting on May 6, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 106 Brown Avenue, Prospect Park, New Jersey at 6:30PM to discuss and take action on the following: Appointments of Recycling/Solid Waste Coordinator, Clean Communities Coordinator, Recreation Director, and Part-Time Deputy Court Clerk. Any other action reasonably related thereto may also be taken. Formal action will be taken.

This meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was included in a notice sent to The Hawthorne Press, Herald News, and The Record on May 3, 2013, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. Copies of the above mentioned notice is available to the public and on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Proper notice having been given, the Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion by Councilman Zakaria, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to excuse the absence of Councilwoman Ortiz.

Roll Call:

AYES:	Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Ortiz

APPOINTMENTS AND OATH OF OFFICES ADMINSTERED

Mayor Khairullah requests the advice and consent of the Borough Council for the following Appointments:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-091 RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIANA PLEASANT AS RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE COORDINATOR, CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Motion by Councilman Zakaria, seconded by Councilwoman Peralta to Approve:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ortiz

The Oath of Office will be administered by Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah.

Mayor Khairullah requests the advice and consent of the Borough Council for the following Appointments:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-092 RESOLUTION APPOINTING HEIDY AMARAL TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME DEPUTY COURT CLERK

Motion by Councilman Hayek, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Approve:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ortiz

The Oath of Office will be administered by Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah.

PUBLIC HEARING

(Privilege of the floor)

Motion by Councilman Zakaria, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Open the Public Hearing

ROLL CALL

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ortiz

Mr. Karl Hoffmann, 125 North 17th Street – wanted to invite Mayor and Council to the American Legion Post 240’s Memorial Day Services. The Post will be advertising the event and it is open all residents

Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah informed Mr. Hoffmann that he would put it on the Borough’s website.

Mr. Nabil Rehim, 312 Haledon Ave. – Wanted to know if the gas station next to his house had all the proper paperwork for the construction that is going on. Mr. Rehim stated that the crew had dug up the ground and returned the same soil. Also there were 12 trees that were cut down, a bulldozer was used, which blocked the entire street, causing a traffic jam, and no police were there to help the situation. He felt that this property was allowed to do whatever they wanted to do at any time, with no regard for the surrounding neighbors.

Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah asked Mr. Rahim if he made any calls to complain.

Mr. Rahim responded by saying that he didn't want to get involved, that he didn't call anyone, he was away for 2 weeks, and he was told about everything by his neighbor.

Mayor Khairullah stated that he would have the Police and Building Department look into the matter. Also regarding any soil testing, this would be handled by the State, and they wouldn't pass it if it wasn't up to standards. He could only speak for the Borough.

Motion by Councilman Zakaria, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Close the Public Hearing

ROLL CALL

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ortiz

ADJOURN MEETING at 6:56 PM.

Motion by Council President Artis, seconded by Councilman Hayek to Adjourn.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ortiz

Mohamed T. Khairullah
Mayor

Stephanie Evans, RMC
Municipal Clerk