

BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 24, 2013

Present:

Mayor	Mohamed T. Khairullah
Council President	Robert Artis
Councilman	Richard Esquiche
Councilman	Samir Hayek
Councilwoman	Felicia Ortiz
Councilwoman	Cristina Peralta
Councilman	Adnan Zakaria

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Municipal Attorney	Denis Murphy
Municipal Clerk	Stephanie Evans

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah at 5:08 PM.

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

Read by the Municipal Clerk, Stephanie Evans

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Prospect Park will be conducting their Regular Meeting on June 24, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 106 Brown Avenue, Prospect Park, New Jersey at 5:00PM, instead of 6:30PM as originally noticed in the Annual Schedule of Meetings approved at the Re-Organization Meeting of the Mayor and Council on January 5, 2013.

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 January 7, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REORGANIZATION MEETING JANUARY 5, 2013		
<u>WORK SESSIONS:</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS:</u>	<u>SPECIAL MEETINGS:</u>
JANUARY 14, 2013	JANUARY 28, 2013	
FEBRUARY 11, 2013	FEBRUARY 25, 2013	
MARCH 11, 2013	MARCH 25, 2013	MARCH 11, 2013
APRIL 8, 2013	APRIL 22, 2013	
	MAY 20, 2013	MAY 6, 2013

Motion To Approve Minutes

Motion by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Approve.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Esquiche 2/11, 4/22 Ortiz 5/6 Absent from specific meetings

ABSENT: None

APPOINTMENTS AND OATH OF OFFICES ADMINSTERED

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

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-108

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ISAAH CLAY AND JULISSA MILLER AS SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS:

Motion to Approve:

Motion by Councilman Hayek, seconded by Councilwoman Peralta to Approve.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

SPRAY PARK ATTENDANTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-109

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KELLY ANN CANO AND ROBERT ROMERO TO ASSIST AS ATTENDANTS AT SPRAY PARK

Motion To Approve:

Motion by Councilwoman Ortiz, seconded by Council President Artis to Approve.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The Oaths of Offices were administered by Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah.

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

CLASS II SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-110

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUHAMED ILIJAZI AS CLASS II SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER

Motion to Approve:

Motion by Council President Artis, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Approve.

ROLL CALL:

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

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah.

Mayor Khairullah congratulated all the appointees, but wanted all the Summer Camp Directors/Counselors and the Spray Park Attendants to be aware of what was expected of them working with the children. The Mayor and Councilmembers will be expecting the highest level of performance of everyone. They will be dealing with children it is expected that they use their discretion in a very wise manner. There is to be no cursing, bad behavior, any negative actions around the children. Represent yourself well as we can possibly hire you again next year.

Council President Artis wanted to add that some of the Council members did meet with Muhamed Illijazi prior to the appointment and felt he would represent the borough well.

ORDINANCE – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

**Motion For Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2013-04
(Special Emergency Appropriations – \$30,000 For Preparation Of Tax Map)
Motion by Councilman Esquiche, seconded by Councilwoman Peralta to Approve.**

ROLL CALL:

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

The Clerk will read Ordinance 2013-04 by Title:

**BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK
ORDINANCE 2013-04
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:4-54 FOR UPDATING THE BOROUGH OF PROSPECT
PARK’S TAX MAPS**

Motion To Open Public Hearing On Ordinance 2013-04

Motion by Council

Motion by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Approve.

ROLL CALL:

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

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Motion To Close Public Hearing On Ordinance 2013-04
Motion by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilman Zakaria**

ROLL CALL:

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

**Motion To Adopt Ordinance 2013-04 And Authorize Municipal Clerk To Advertise
Motion by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded Councilman Esquiche to Approve.**

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

**Motion to Read The Introduction Of Ordinance No. 2013-05
(Amend Salary Ordinance)**

Motion by Councilwoman Ortiz, seconded by Councilman Zakaria

ROLL CALL:

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

The Clerk Will Read Ordinance 2013-05 By Title:

**BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK
ORDINANCE 2013-05**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK FOR THE YEAR 2013**

**Motion To Adopt On First Reading And Authorize Municipal Clerk To Advertise For A
Public Hearing To Be Held On July 22, 2013.**

Motion by Councilman Zakaria, seconded by Councilwoman Ortiz to Approve.

ROLL CALL:

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

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS 2013-111 TO 2013-118

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-111

RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION AND FINANCING OF SAME (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-54)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-112

RESOLUTION DELAYING OF DRAINING THREE RESERVOIRS ON GARRET MOUNTAIN AND REPLACING WITH LARGE CONCRETE TANKS, UNTIL UPDATED RULES ARE RELEASED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-113

RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE BY BJ WILKERSON MEMORIAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR JUNE 26, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-114

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN FOR USE OF MEMORIAL POOL BY PROSPECT PARK RESIDENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-115

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECREATION FEES FOR BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY AUGUST 18, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-116

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL SETTLEMENT BASED ON AUDIT REPORT – CALENDAR YEAR 2008 FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-117

RESOLUTION APPROVING BILL LIST FOR JUNE, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-118

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR 2013 TAX OVERPAYMENT TO MORTGAGE COMPANY

Motion To Approve:

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-119

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL/CONTRACT: TO FURNISH, AND FABRICATE RAMP AND STAIR ADA COMPLIANT RAILINGS FOR HOFSTRA PARK RESTROOMS

Motion To Approve:

Motion by Council President Artis, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Approve.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-120

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTON 2013-084
AUTHORIZING AN INTRALOCAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF
PROSPECT PARK AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK FOR A
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

Motion To Approve:

Motion by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Approve.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL UPDATE – DENIS MURPHY, MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY – Nothing at present.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ARTIS (Public Safety) – Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 3 inspections, 1 re-inspection, 3 complaints – 2 investigated, 1 open burning issue. May’s Fire Report – brush 1, autos 2, drills 1, false alarms 2, emergencies 2, miscellaneous 1, hazmat 1, 40 hours of training, 40 Chief hours

COUNCILMAN ESQUICHE (Housing/Health & Welfare) – Construction permits issued 16 new, inspections made 12, total fees received \$2,042 YTD \$18,441, gas station on Haledon proceeding, demolition of old water tank complete. Housing inspections 8, complaints verified 19, total revenue \$638, YTD \$9,998, house sales 2, and random dumping of debris.

COUNCILMAN HAYEK (Communications/Ordinances) – No report would like the police officers to be added to the website.

COUNCILWOMAN ORTIZ (Finance/Insurance) – Next meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN PERALTA (Parks & Recreation/Building & Grounds) – Congratulations to all the new employees. Wanted to thank the borough employees for their support of the Grand Opening of the Spray Park. The Spray Park will be open every day now, since school will be closing. We could use volunteers at the Spray Park. She invited everyone to stop after work to see the Spray Park.

CONCILMAN ZAKARIA (Public Service) – DPW’s June report, busy cleaning up the park, mowing the grass, graffiti issues, and will fix storm basin on Fairview Ave and North 11th Street.

MAYOR MOHAMED T. KHAIRULLAH – Congratulated the new employees again, the Grand Opening of the Spray Park was outstanding. Thanked Diana Pleasant and the rest of the employees for everything, including Fastech. He would have liked to open last year but couldn’t due to situations and weather. He wished we had warmer weather all year long like Florida. Thanked the council

members that supported this recreation and everyone else. He is working with the Committee Chairs of Public Safety and Finance to start negotiations with the PBA for the upcoming contracts, one more meeting before leaving. He will be leaving July 3 at 6pm and returning on the 21st, Council President will be in charge while he is away.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Congratulated everyone on the Grand Opening of the Spray Park, and hoped everyone enjoyed themselves. The Brown Avenue project will take 2-3 weeks to update, and will start the first week of August. The bathroom project is completed; we are just waiting for the installation of the railings which will take 2 -3 weeks once the purchase order is issued.

PUBLIC HEARING

(Privilege of the floor)

Motion to Open the Public Hearing

Motion by Councilman Zakaria, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Approve

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

No Public Comments

Motion to Close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Council President Artis, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Approve.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURN MEETING @ 5:35PM

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Council President Artis, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Approve.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mohamed T, Kahirullah
Mayor

Stephanie Evans, RMC
Municipal Clerk