

BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION
JULY 8, 2013

Present:

Council President	Robert Artis
Councilman	Richard Esquiche
Councilman	Samir Hayek
Councilwoman	Felicia Ortiz
Councilwoman	Cristina Peralta
Councilman	Adnan Zakaria

Absent:

Mayor	Mohamed T. Khairullah
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Also Present:

Municipal Attorney	Denis Murphy
Municipal Clerk	Stephanie Evans

The meeting was called to order by Council President Artis at 7:02P.M.

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

Read by Municipal Clerk, Stephanie Evans

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Prospect Park conducted Work Session on July 8, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 106 Brown Avenue, Prospect Park, New Jersey at 6:30PM as noticed in the Annual Schedule of Meetings approved at the Re-Organization Meeting of the Mayor 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.

Motion To Excuse The Absence of Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Al Santino, member of Northeast Community Transformation- explained that they are a coalition of faith based, non-profit services, that has been in existence for about 4 years serving Haledon, North Haledon, and Prospect Park. They sponsor English as A Second Language classes, help with immigration cases. They have an attorney that consults and conducts work sessions. They have worked out an agreement with the Board of Education for middle school children to have tutoring starting this September, there will be about 10 students. Here to serve community. Mr. Santino turned the presentation over to.

Sonya Estrada, member of Northeast Community Transformation – She wanted to express that this program is for the community, not just representing one church, but the entire community.

Mr. Santino went on to say that this organization would be willing to attend any meeting or events to help. We usually put out fliers and postings through the borough.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ENGINEER’S REPORT –

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – No report at present.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – No report at present.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – No report at present.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT – No report at present.

CONSTRUCTION/HOUSING DEPARTMENT REPORTS – No report at present.

RECREATION REPORT – No report at present.

TREASURER’S REPORT – No report at present.

MUNICIPAL CLERK’S AGENDA:

PROCLAMATIONS – None

APPOINTMENTS – Summer Camp Counselor

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE –

Fastech’s request for a Bond Ordinance regarding various road improvements,
And Hofstra Park project improvements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

June 10, 2013	Work Session
June 13, 2013	Special Meeting
June 24, 2013	Regular Meeting

RESOLUTIONS –

Resolution Appointing Summer Camp Counselor

GENERAL DISCUSSION – Amend Pending Ordinance 2013-05 to show correct retroactive date of September 1, 2013. Second and Final Reading will be at the September 23, 2013 Regular Meeting.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LEGAL UPDATES – DENIS MURPHY, MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY – No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ARTIS – No report.

COUNCILMAN ESQUICHE – No report.

COUNCILMAN HAYEK – No report.

COUNCILWOMAN ORTIZ – No report.

COUNCILWOMAN PERALTA – The Summer Camp has 30 children registered. The Spray Park is open from 12 noon to 5pm for the public every day. Prospect Park will have the Lighting of the Crescent tonight at 7:45 pm

COUNCILMAN ZAKARIA – No Report.

PUBLIC HEARING

(Privilege of the floor)

Motion to Open the Public Hearing

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Al Demarest, 368 North 9th Street – There is a free lunch program being offered by the school for students under the age of 18 at the school for the month of July.

Councilwoman Peralta wanted to remind everyone that there was a community shredding day this Saturday, July 13 from 9AM tp 1PM.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing

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

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion To Adjourn @7:25PM

Motion by Councilman Esquiche, seconded by councilman Zakaria to Approve

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Robert Artis
Council President

Stephanie Evans, RMC
Municipal Clerk