

Amended 8/26/2015 to remove items for discussion concerning Finance

AGENDA
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK/EXECUTIVE MEETING

August 26, 2015

7:00 PM

MAYOR BARSA

COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA
COUNCILMAN MARINO
COUNCILWOMAN ORECCHIO

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ASCOLESE
COUNCILMAN RAPAPORT
COUNCILMAN SCOTT

Call to order

Flag Salute

Statement of Compliance: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this Public Meeting through a legal notice published in The Record and Star Ledger.

Roll Call of the Council:

Mayor Barsa _____
Councilman Brizzolara _____ Council President Ascolese _____
Councilman Marino _____ Councilman Rapaport _____
Councilwoman Orecchio _____ Councilman Scott _____

Mayor Barsa points out the Fire Exits

Items for Discussion:

- Discussion regarding consolidation of Planning and Zoning Boards
- Review of plans and specifications for Livingston Street Phase III – Approval of Resolution 15:152 Accepting the Bids and Specification for Livingston Street Phase III and authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids
- Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant Applications – suggested projects
- Bergen County Community Development Grant Applications – suggested projects
- NJDOT 2016 State Aid Grant Applications – suggested projects
- Request for a Change Order for the Knickerbocker Netting Project to replace the fencing around the backstop
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General Public Comment:

Approval of Resolution 15:153 authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed Session to discuss contract proposals and the retirement of Sgt. Steven Henrici

Adjournment:

Borough of Norwood
Work Session
August 26, 2015

The Work/Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood was held on the above date.

Mayor Barsa called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Mayor Barsa stated:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this Public Meeting through a legal notice published in the Record and Star Ledger.

Present at Roll Call:

Mayor	James P. Barsa
Councilman	Tom Brizzolara
Councilman	Frank Marino
Council President	Joseph Ascolese
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Barry Scott

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Anthony Kurus
Chief of Police	Jeffrey Krapels
DPW Superintendent	Alan Schrader

Absent:

Councilwoman	Maryann Orecchio
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Mayor Barsa reported meeting with Senator Booker, Senator Weinberg, County Executive Tedesco, and the Mayors of the towns along the CSX line from Northvale to Teaneck regarding increased rail traffic and the transport of oil. The main objective of this meeting was to make the rails safer. Mayor Barsa advised he also mentioned the need to revisit "quiet zones" and Senator Booker agreed.

Items for Discussion:

Discussion regarding consolidation of Planning and Zoning Boards – Mayor Barsa advised that this topic would be addressed only by members of the Zoning Board. He explained that at one time there was a combined Planning/Zoning Board.

However, it was found to be a burden on the volunteer members who had to attend two meetings rather than one meeting per month with the addition of numerous hours spent in reviewing plans. Accordingly, in 2004 the Zoning Board of Adjustment was reinstated.

Councilman Ascolese advised that he was a member of the Planning Board for 12 years during which time it was both a separate and combined board. He voiced his opinion that a two-board system is more balanced since board members are not overtaxed and applications can be looked at more clearly.

Councilman Scott reported that he was in favor of two independent boards noting that the Zoning Board of Adjustment does not have any members of the governing body on it.

Councilman Rapaport reminded that the discussion of one board vs. two boards was precipitated by members of the Fire Department who were of the opinion that their many hours of certification was not respected by some members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the attorneys for some applicants. He advised that he had no problem with the two-board system so long as all board members attended the prescribed classes and were in receipt of certificates. He continued that should a member not obtain certification, he/she should resign.

Chairman Trapani, 23 Carter Street, voiced his surprise that the Mayor and Council were contemplating to dissolve the Zoning Board and this was an item on this evening's agenda. He continued with his understanding that the concerns over recent issues were addressed in a meeting scheduled by the Mayor with members of the Zoning Board and Fire Department in attendance. He continued that it is the responsibility of the Board to address applications in accordance with the Master Plan and not in relation to the way individuals feel about it.

Councilman Brizzolara reminded one of the issues was the manner in which some Board members and applicant attorneys treated members of the Fire Department and Councilman Marino concurred.

Chistofer Deschler, 222 Hudson Avenue, explained he has been a member of the Board for 8 to 10 years and commended Chairman Trapani for the manner in which he runs a meeting. He advised that all members attend classes and that they are governed by the land use law and not whether they like or dislike an application. He invited all to attend a meeting and not make judgement from hearsay.

Anthony Foschino, 287 Summit Street, Zoning Board member, voiced his opinion that the Board is diligent in its duties and does right by Norwood residents. It is his feeling that the Board is owed an apology.

No other member of the Board wishing to be heard, Mayor Barsa asked for and was given Council consensus to remain with the status quo.

Review of plans and specifications for Livingston Street Phase III – Approval of Resolution 15:152 Accepting the Bids and Specification for Livingston Street Phase III and authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids – Mayor Barsa explained that this phase was the northeast section from the Benaquista property to the Shell Station. Motion of approval was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mr. Ascolese and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. A resolution for acceptance and bidding will be prepared for the September 9, 2015 meeting.

Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant Applications – suggested projects – During discussion, the following suggestions were made: tennis courts, band stand, ice skating rink. The consensus of the Council was to make application for two tennis courts. Therefore, motion to adopt Resolution 15:154, Municipal Endorsing Resolution to make application to obtain a matching grant of \$223,283.20 for the installation of two tennis courts, was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Bergen County Community Development Grant Applications – suggested projects – It was the consensus of the Council to apply for \$5,000 for Senior activities and \$7,000 for a Senior Van driver. Resolutions will be prepared for the September 9, 2015 Public Meeting.

NJDOT 2016 State Aid Grant Applications – suggested projects – The following were suggested: an asphalt walkway from D’Ercole Court/McClellan Street to Broadway; sidewalks on Broadway to continue from the VFW; bike path along McClellan to the trails. It was the consensus of the Council that the continuation of sidewalks on Broadway is a priority.

Request for a Change Order for the Knickerbocker Netting Project to replace the fencing around the backstop – As requested, the contractor provided an estimate for the extra fence work in the amount of \$12,409.60. Since this is extra materials and would require a Change Order, motion to approve the addition was made by

Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Borough Engineer's Report – Mr. Kurus presented the attached report in Mr. Kaufman's absence (Attachment "A").

2015 Road Resurfacing Program/Riverside Cooperative: Mrs. McMackin explained that JA Alexander had language changes to the contract which were approved and made by the Borough Attorney. Although the Borough has not received the signed contract to date, the contractor has called for mark outs. Mrs. McMackin reported learning from the lead agency that all the towns are unhappy since all roads were to have been paved prior to the fall and will not be done until the fall. This will be discussed at the next Riverside Meeting.

Borough Attorney's Report – Mr. Fede advised that he had a matter to discuss in Closed Session.

Borough Administrator's Report – Mrs. McMackin reported as follows:

DPW Garage: application was made to United Water for installation of a meter. United Water then reported that a test of the compression system would have to be made. As soon as this is completed, the building is completed.

Norwood Day 2015: The Southern Rock Stars Band has been hired to perform on Norwood Day and will play two 90-minute sets. Local Restaurants, including Ragazzi and Blue Moon, will be setting up tables; a new ride vendor has been employed with one of the attractions being a bungee jump; the train, petting zoo, pony rides, fishing derby, face painting and tattoo artists will also be featured attractions. A letter was sent to all residents with the tax bills, and this year donations will be over \$20,000.00. Mr. Scott added that the Fire Department has agreed once again to be part of the event and give away free hot dogs and soda.

At this time, Mayor Barsa announced that the Cho Dae Church golf outing/luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

Mr. Marino noted that the Home for the Holiday Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2015.

Mr. Rapaport reported that the Hackensack University Medical Center's Helicopter (Air Med 1) landed on Kennedy Park Field the evening of August 11, 2015 as part of a training exercise for Closter, Harrington Park, Northvale and Norwood.

General Public Comment:

At this time, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was made by Mr. Brizzolara, seconded by Mr. Scott and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Jason Argenti, 380 Livingston Street, referred to the new parallel parking on Livingston Street and how it has posed an unsafe condition at the traffic signal at the Broadway intersection as now two lanes are converging into one. He suggested that a turning lane be designated for both east and west bound traffic. Mayor Barsa reminded that Livingston Street is a County road and that Chief Krapels made this request to the County but was denied. He suggested that another request be submitted since the County permitted a turning lane at the Paris Street intersection in Northvale.

No other member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Brizzolara and seconded by Mr. Rapaport. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Closed Session:

Motion to approve Resolution No. 15:153 authorizing the Council to proceed in closed Session to discuss contract proposals and the retirement of Sgt. Steven Henrici was made by Mr. Ascolese. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rapaport with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

Adjournment:

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 8:45 PM and asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Rapaport and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC
Administrator/Clerk



ATTACHMENT "A"

BOROUGH OF NORWOOD

ENGINEERS REPORT

August 26, 2015

1. **LIVINGSTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II**
The contractor has finished the scheduled work. We will generate a punchlist and report to the Mayor & Council accordingly.
2. **JAY STREET / COMBINED PARKING LOT / CARTER STREET CONSTRUCTION**
The contractor needs to address the punchlist. Since the punchlist is landscaping related, the project will remain open until it is done. We are currently working with the contractor to finalize quantities including the additional striping on Livingston Street.
3. **BALLFIELD BACKSTOP**
The poles have been installed. The netting is due to be installed within the next couple weeks. The contractor has provided a cost estimate for the extra fencework requested which is all new fencing black coated. We are awaiting the Mayor and council's decision concerning this extra.
4. **DPW - Garage**
We have been working with the contractor to coordinate utilities. We are monitoring construction and assisting where required. We are currently assisting with United Water and PSEG Gas.
5. **2015 Road Program**
We are awaiting a schedule from the contractor to start construction.
6. **Livingston Street Phase III**
We have addressed the NJDOT comments and are ready to go out to bid. We are awaiting the Mayor & Council's direction as to when to go to bid.
7. **ADA Ramps along Broadway & Livingston Street**
The ADA ramps have been approved. We are awaiting county funding authorization to proceed with contracting with the county's contractor. The county anticipates funding available late 2015.

Please feel free to contact the Borough Engineer if you should have any questions or require any additional information regarding this report.

Respectfully submitted,
Neglia Engineering Associates

Daniel C. Kaufman, P.E., P.P., C.M.E.
For the Borough Engineer
Borough of Norwood