

**BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD
WORK MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL**

MAY 5, 2020 AGENDA

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 816 669 6335

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7:30 Closed Session/8:00 pm Public Session

1. Opening of the Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arroyo at 7:30 pm. Mayor Arroyo then read the Open Public Meetings Law Statement: "This meeting which conforms with the Open Public Meetings law, Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975, is a regular Borough Council meeting. Notices have been filed with our local official newspapers and posted on the municipal bulletin board, as well as posted electronically in conformance with P.L. 2020, Chapter 11."

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Arroyo – Present
Councilmember Bicocchi – Present
Councilmember Collins – Present
Councilmember Dell – Present
Councilmember Hodges – Present
Councilmember Murphy – Present
Council President Montana - Present
Borough Attorney Huntington – Present
Borough Administrator Kezmarsky - Present
Borough Clerk Hughes – Present

Committee Assignments:

Land Use
Public Properties
Finance, Administration & Capital Projects; Shared Services
Health & Recreation
Fire & Ambulance
Police & Emergency Management

3. Resolution #20 - 97: Executive Closed Session

Motion to Approve Resolution #20-97: Councilmember Collins Second: Councilmember Dell

Roll Call: Councilmember Bicocchi - Yes Councilmember Hodges – Yes
 Councilmember Collins – Yes Councilmember Murphy - Yes
 Councilmember Dell – Yes Council President Montana – Yes

4. Reopen the Meeting:

Motion to reopen the meeting: Council President Montana Second: Councilmember Dell

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative. The time was 7:56 pm.

5. Roll Call II:

Mayor Arroyo – Present / Councilmember Bicocchi – Present / Councilmember Collins – Present /
Councilmember Dell - Present / Councilmember Hodges – Present / Councilmember Murphy -
Present / Council President Montana - Present / Borough Administrator Kezmarsky - Present /
Borough Attorney Huntington – Present / Borough Engineer Boswell – Present / Borough Clerk
Hughes - Present

6. Flag Salute

Mayor Arroyo led those present in the salute to the flag.

7. Reports by Borough Professionals:

A. Engineer's Biweekly Report

Dr. Boswell reviewed the biweekly report, a copy of which is attached.

i. Road Resurfacing Methods

Council President Montana asked Dr. Boswell to provide locations that could be chip sealed rather than paved, particularly non through streets, as a way to economize. Dr. Boswell pointed out that chip sealing doesn't extend the life of or protect the roadway. He believes crack sealing works better. A discussion ensued on cost efficiencies that explored chip sealing; crack sealing; resurfacing depth; a 15 year road paving program; televising sewer lines; and resurfacing vs reconstructing.

B. Administrator's Report

No report.

8. Items for Discussion:

A. Draft Ordinance For WRMS Pickup/Dropoff Traffic and Parking

Council President Montana reviewed the draft ordinance to establish a new traffic pattern and parking for the Middle School pick up and drop off. Mr. Kezmarsky was directed to send a copy of the draft ordinance to the school. Mayor Arroyo reported that according to the Superintendent the construction is on schedule to be finished in September. Council President Montana asked if there was a final decision on the start time for the middle school, which is a concern of the PD. Councilmember Murphy doesn't think a final decision has been made yet. The consensus was to introduce the ordinance at the next meeting.

9. Agenda/Public Forum:

Motion to reopen Agenda/Public Forum: Councilmember Murphy Second: Councilmember Dell
Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the Affirmative.

Mr. Kezmarsky explained the process for being acknowledged on the Zoom platform.

No one wished to be heard.

Motion to close Agenda/Public Forum: Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Council President Montana
Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

10. Presentation of Bills, Financial Reports and Resolutions: :

Councilmember Dell asked if there were any resolutions to add to the Consent Agenda. She stated that any Councilmembers who wished to remove any Resolution(s) to be voted upon separately could do so at this time, otherwise the Consent Agenda would be enacted in one motion. Resolutions f, g and h were added at this time. Councilmember Dell made the following statement regarding resolution h, which extends the grace period for taxes: "We have been diligently monitoring our revenue and obligations and with thanks to our residents who have submitted their property taxes, we can now offer some relief to your neighbors who need the accommodation by extending the grace period to June 1. It is important to note that any payments received after June 1st will have interest calculated from May 1st."

Resolutions as Consent Agenda:

- a) Resolution #20 - 98: Bill List & Statement of Cash
- b) Resolution #20 - 99: Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Contract With The New Jersey Department of Transportation For the Fairview

Avenue Section 2 Project

- c) Resolution #20 - 100: Appointment of Purchasing Agent
- d) Resolution #20 - 101: Approving The Bylaws of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- e) Resolution #20 - 102: Fire Department Matters of Personnel
- f) Resolution #20 - 103: Authorize Release of Performance Bond – Chase Properties Westwood, LLC
- g) Resolution #20 - 104: Approving the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Borough of Westwood and PBA Local #206
- h) Resolution #20 - 105: Authorizing Extended Tax Grace Period

Motion to Approve Resolutions #20-98 through #20-105: Councilmember Dell Second: Councilmember Collins

Roll Call: Councilmember Bicocchi - Yes Councilmember Hodges – Yes
 Councilmember Collins – Yes Councilmember Murphy - Yes
 Councilmember Dell – Yes Council President Montana – Yes

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Councilmember Murphy Second: Councilmember Collins

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

The time was 9:29 pm.

Attest:

(signed) Karen Hughes

Karen Hughes, RMC, Borough Clerk

Proofed by: Denise Holmes, Deputy Clerk