

**BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
AUGUST 21, 2023 MINUTES
6:00 PM
101 WASHINGTON AVENUE
WESTWOOD, NEW JERSEY 07675**

1. Opening of the Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arroyo at 6:00 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 special Borough Council meeting. Notices have been filed with our local official newspapers and posted on the municipal bulletin board."

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Arroyo – Present
Councilmember Biccocchi – Absent
Councilmember Collins – Present
Councilmember– Dell - Present

Councilmember Greco – Via Zoom
Councilmember Hodges – Present
Council President Montana – via Zoom
Borough Attorney Kool – Present
Borough Administrator Ayer – Present
Borough Clerk Hughes – Absent
Deputy Clerk Vadovic – Absent

Committee Assignments:

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

Mr. Kool noted for the record that the Clerk is out of state to attend a family funeral, and the Deputy is unavailable due to illness. In light of the unexpected, extenuating circumstances, Mr. Kool will be acting as Clerk for the meeting.

3. Flag Salute:

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

4. Agenda/Public Forum:

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

No one wished to be heard.

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

5. Resolution #23 - 246: Executive Closed Session:

Motion to Approve Resolution #23-246: Councilmember Dell Second: Councilmember Hodges
Roll Call: Councilmember Biccocchi – Absent Councilmember Collins – Yes
 Councilmember Dell – Yes Councilmember Greco - Yes
 Councilmember Hodges – Yes Council President Montana – Yes

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Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council

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a. Property Management (#5 Real Property; #7 Attorney Client Privilege)

6. Reopen the Meeting: Councilmember Collins Second: Councilmember Hodges

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative. The time was 7:15 pm.

7. Resolution #23 - 247: Awarding Contract Exempt from Public Bidding for Special Consultant

Motion to Approve Resolution #23-247: Councilmember Dell Second: Councilmember Collins

Roll Call: Councilmember Bicocchi – Absent Councilmember Collins – Yes

Councilmember Dell – Yes Councilmember Greco - Yes

Councilmember Hodges – Yes Council President Montana – Yes

Motion to Adjourn: Councilmember Collins Second: Councilmember Hodges

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

The time was 7:16 pm.

Attest:

Karen Hughes, RMC, Borough Clerk