

A WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON JANUARY 17, 2023 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF ORADELL BOROUGH HALL 355 KINDERKAMACK RD

1. CALL TO ORDER- OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – ROLL CALL

Mayor Didio called to order and the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act was read. All members were present upon roll call. Councilman Carnevale participated via zoom.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dianne C. Didio
Tracy Schoenberg, Councilwoman
Roger Tashjian, Councilman
Stephen Carnevale, Councilman
Rob Jannicelli, Councilman
Jonathan Kern, Councilman
Michael Staff, Councilman

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) Administration Code revision

Mayor Didio outlined the various sections that should be reviewed. These included Mayor absence and usage of electronic devices. Councilman Kern requested the IT committee be established as an advisory committee instead of a council committee. The Borough Administrator explained that all ad hoc committees established by resolution need to be converted to ordinance. The committees once approved by ordinance should be included in the Admin Code along with the other boards and committees. Councilwoman Schoenberg requested the governing body take a final review of the document and email suggested to her. She requested the Administrator re-forward her Ordinance 06-19 to review the format.

There was a discussion regarding Holy Name Ambulance service in relation to issuing a bid for service in 2023.

2) Marginal Road Sewer permanent repair

The Borough Administrator confirmed the American Rescue funds set aside last year are in place for the project to move forward. She explained the council would need to decide if the Borough should issue a formal bid or participate in the County Coop. The Borough Engineer summarized both options. He also stated that he would obtain a new cost estimate. The Council directed the Engineer the Borough's preference would be the County Coop option. The Borough Administrator requested that the Engineer forward the cost estimate along with the Coop information so an awarding resolution be approved prior to the project start.

3) Small Cell Ordinance

Councilman Carnevale asked was there any language in the draft ordinance that would bind the Borough to use the professional that forwarded the document. The Borough Attorney stated, no this ordinance protects the borough and allows the Borough to have authority over these installations. Council agreed to list for introduction at the January public meeting.

4) Land Use Ordinance – B1 Restaurants

The Borough Administrator inquired if the Borough Attorney was able to review the document

with the Construction Official. The Borough Attorney indicted he was able to review it with Mr. Depken. He provided Mr. Depken's feedback. The Council did not agree with Mr. Depken's finding regarding the need for site plans for specifically sized establishments. The Borough Attorney stated he will confer with Mr. Depken prior to forwarding a final document for introduction.

5) Zoom platform integration with Council Meeting broadcast

The Borough Administrator stated the Borough is in the process of renewing the annual zoom licenses. She stated there has been no public participation or presences on the zoom platform and inquired if it was the director of the Council to continue to use the feature as a "call in" option. Council agreed to continue with the zoom platform at all council meetings.

New Business: Councilman Carnevale inquired regarding the correspondence received regarding senior exercise classes. Mayor Didio stated the Recreation Director already addressed the letter and the classes are in place.

Councilman Staff announced there are openings on the Board of Health. If any member of the public wishes to serve to fill out the necessary forms and submit to the Mayor.

Councilman Tashjian announced details for the Police Department Golf Outing in April.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nick Besink , 177Country Club Drive, inquired as to the status of the audio visual equipment for Council Chambers and the Caucus room. The Borough Administrator stated the funding was identified in the American Rescue Funds. She stated she would inquire with the OEM coordinator as to the status.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road, commented that OPTV needs additional digital space to store prior meeting broadcasts. The Borough Administrator stated she spoke with CFO regarding this and the additional space has been identified for approval. Mr. Latsounas inquired for the topics discussed in closed session. Mr. Oddo responded Labor negotiations, health benefits, the affordable housing plan and real estate.

Sam Tripsas, 327 Maple Avenue, questioned the Conditional Use for Restaurants ordinance. He expressed concern with fast food restaurant opening. Councilman Tashjian explained that the requirements in the code have not changed its just approval process will be handled by the construction department and not a land use board in some cases.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and unanimously carried on voice vote the public comment was closed.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg, and carried on voice vote the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:33 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

Laura J. Lyons, CPM, RMC, RPPO
Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk