

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

PRESENT:

Councilwoman	Ellen Busteed
Councilman	Dario Chinigo
Councilwoman	Mary Davis
Councilman	Joseph Gautier
Councilwoman	Michelle Kaufman
Councilman	Thomas Papaleo

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Thomas Sarlo
Borough Administrator	Alan Negreann
Borough Clerk	Stephanie Evans

ABSENT:

Mayor	Edward Mignone None
Councilman	Thomas Papaleo

Council President Busteed called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND WORK SESSION AND ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION @ 6:30 PM
RESOLUTION #19-84**

**MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN CHINIGO
ALL IN FAVOR 5-0**

CLOSED SESSION TOPICS

Closed Session

Docket #
19-2/11-1

Item Title or Description
Installment Billing

Statutory Reference
N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(3)

19-2/11-2

Personnel – Hire Laborer -
Dept. of Public Works

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RESUME WORK SESSION @ 6:40 PM
MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN CHINIGO
ALL IN FAVOR 5-0**

FOR DISCUSSION –

1. Chief Cariddi will discuss vehicle congestion at 666 Kinderkamack Road -
Chief Cariddi and Officer Diamond addressed the issued by saying due to Baum Yeshiva of North Jersey expanding the school and extending the school hours there has been a slight increase in the volume of traffic entering and exiting the school. Especially past 4:30 pm many vehicles exit the parking lot turning left on Jefferson or Adams causing severe congestion along Kinderkamack. Currently the Borough Code 400-21(13) and 400-21 (16) make it unlawful to turn left from Kinderkamack Rd onto Adams and Jefferson Ave. These Codes only restrict the “no left turn” from 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

during school days. In their professional opinions the code needs to amend the hours and the words "school days" deleted. The amended code should read "no left turn from 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 2:00 pm to 6pm Monday through Friday, September 1st to June 30th". Officer Diamond attached a copy of Baum Yeshiva of North Jersey's school calendar and hours. Councilwoman Davis commented that she had been caught up in that traffic at times and it and really be bad. A motion was made to amend the code by ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilman Gautier to approve.

All in favor 4-0

Abstain Councilwoman Davis

2. Chief Cariddi will discuss additional lighting at the Borough owned parking lot at Grand Avenue and Hackensack Avenue – Chief Cariddi and Officer Diamond explained that after meetings with Traffic and Safety a dual light fixture on the center telephone pole along Hackensack Ave. should be pointed to illuminate the parking lot. Mr. Negreann questioned whether the residents of the Steuben Arms Apartments should be invited to a hearing, as in past practices, since this will be directly across from them. Officer Diamond stated that an onsite visit was done and the lights will be facing west and will have zero effect or impact on the Steuben Arms Apartments or any area around it. Based on the height and angle of the proposed dual lights drivers traveling east on Grand will not be affected or impacted. Traffic and Safety and Officer Diamond felt that a public hearing was not necessary since the lighting would not affect or illuminate anywhere near the apartment complex. The lights were necessary as a safety concern for the commuters. A motion was made to install lights at the Hackensack Commuter Parking Lot.

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilwoman Davis to approve.

All in favor 5-0

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR'S TOPICS –

1. Increase in Insurance Limits for Optional Excess Public Officials Liabilities/ Employment Practices Liability –Ezio Altamura, Risk Consultant, explained that all Bergen JIF members were automatically going to the maximum of \$5,000,000x\$15,000,000 for a total of \$20,000,000 in Optional Excess Liability Insurance. In a handout he provided, the Optional Excess Public Officials Liability/Employment Practices Liability would increase from 3x2 to 8x2, from a pro-rated premium of \$1,671.99 to \$5,727.28. A motion was made to approve the increase.

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, second by Councilman Chinigo to approve.

All in favor 5-0

2. Garbage Collection Bid Results – Mr. Negreann explained that there were two bidding processes, a solo bid for River Edge with twice a week pickups, and a joint bid with New Milford with once a week pickups. We received 3 bids, the lowest responsible bidder was the current company we have now, Joseph Smentkowski. For Option 1, a one year contract with 4- one year options, 1st year \$390,612.00. Option Years 1 and 2 @ \$390,612.00, Option Years 3 and 4 @ \$409,596.00 totaling \$1,991,028.00. The joint bid with New Milford had only one bidder, which was the current company Joseph Smentkowski. The total bid amount for Option 1, One year contract with 4 one year options, 1st year, joint total \$709,147.00. River Edge's cost \$315,833.56. Option Year 1 and 2 @ \$315,833.56, Option Years 3 and 4 @ \$316,992.27 totaling \$1,581,485.23. River Edge's solo bid from Joseph Smentkowski for Option III-Five Year Option-Years 1, 2, 3 @ \$390, 612.00, Years 4 and 5 @ \$409,596.00 for

a total \$1,991,028.00. The joint bid for Option III-Five Year Option-Years 1, 2, 3 @ \$315,833.56, Years 4 and 5 @ \$316,992.27 for a total of \$1,581,485.23. Mr. Negreann explained that we would need to decide if we wanted to select the solo bid, which option, the joint bid, which option because he needed to inform New Milford of our decision. A motion was made to accept the bid from Joseph Smentkowski with proposed option #1.

Motion by Councilman Gautier, second by Councilwoman Kaufman to approve
All in favor 5-0

3. Clothing Bins - Mr. Negreann explained that there are several clothing bins at four locations. Mr. Negreann asked if the Council wanted to waive the permit fee for a non-profit which had a direct benefit to the Borough of River Edge. Currently none of them have permits on file and some of them were acceptable for zoning purposes as per Mark Skerbetz, the Zoning Officer. The Council decided not to waive the permit fee and to enforce the code. The provider would have the option to appeal before the Mayor and Council during the open public hearing portion of their meetings.
4. Change in Senior Bus Policy & Procedure Manual – Area of Service – Mr. Negreann explained that there was a resolution on tonight’s agenda, #19-96, amending bus trips be limited to approximately 15 minutes each way, and a seven mile radius from River Edge. This would include towns north of Route 46 and south of Hillsdale. It would still be serving the same number of people but increasing the amount of smaller trips. Councilman Chinigo felt the “15 minutes” should be removed because sometimes you could be spending that much time just sitting on Kinderkamack Rd in traffic. A motion was made to approve as amended at the regular public meeting.

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilwoman Davis to approve.
All in favor 5-0

FOR DISCUSSION –

3. Application Fee for Special Events – moved to another meeting.
4. Dog Barking Ordinance – Council President Busted referred to Borough Attorney Thomas Sarlo. Mr. Sarlo had previously send out a memo to the Mayor and Council detailing his review of our code, court cases, as well as other town’s codes. In short the code is constitutional, however enforcement may prove to be difficult. Mr. Sarlo provided sample language of ordinances from other towns for the Mayor and Council to consider if they want to amend the current ordinance. It was decided that this ordinance needed to be reviewed further.

WORK SESSION CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Authorize Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. to Enter into a Stipulation of Settlement with 570 Kinderkamack LLC for the Property Located at 574 Kinderkamack Road and 570 Kinderkamack Road
2. Authorize Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. to Enter Into a Stipulation of Settlement with Verizon New Jersey, Inc. for the Property Located at 945 Kinderkamack Road, Block 203, Lot 4 and 951 Kinderkamack Road, Block 203, Lot 3
3. Authorize the Release of a Maintenance Bond for the Estate of E. Tamburelli-Trust B and Route 4 Main Street LLC, 574 Grand Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey 07631 for the Project Known as New Bridge Landing at River Edge, Block 1404, Lots 1.04, 3.01 & 5

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilwoman Davis to approve.
All in favor 5-0

MAYOR'S REPORT – none

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – nothing

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – nothing

NEW BUSINESS –

Councilman Chinigo suggested forming a sub-committee to meet with the Board of Education sub-committee. Councilman Chinigo stated that he would chair it and asked if anyone else would be interested in being on the sub-committee besides the Mayor. Councilwoman Busteded felt that Carolyn Baldanza, Recreation Director, should be on the sub-committee. It was acknowledged a sub-committee would be formed and one additional Council member would be added.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING -

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilwoman Davis

No public comment

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING -

Motion by Councilwoman Davis, second by Councilman Gautier

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:50 PM

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilwoman Davis
All in favor 5-0

Stephanie Evans, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk