

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor	Edward J. Mignone
Councilwoman	Ellen Busteed
Councilman	Alphonse Bartelloni
Councilman	Dario Chinigo
Councilwoman	Mary Davis
Councilman	Joseph Gautier

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Councilman	Thomas Papaleo
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Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM by reading the Open Public Meetings Act and call for a roll call.

**Motion to Suspend Work Session and Enter Into Closed Session  
Resolution #18-207**

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

<u>Docket#</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Statutory Reference</u>
18-6/11-1	Potential Litigation Solicitors Ordinance	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)
18-6/11-2	Potential Litigation Redevelopment	N.J.S.A 10:4-12 (7)

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RESUME WORK SESSION  
@ 7:40 PM:**

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

**BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR’S TOPICS-**

- 1. Garbage Collection Bid** - Mr. Negreann wanted to remind the Mayor and Council that going out to bid for this is a lengthy project, and there are several ways of bidding. We can bid using the current plan, or twice weekly, solo, or with New Milford. He felt that we really save on a joint bid. Councilman Chinigo suggested doing both bids, a sole bid, and a joint bid. Mayor Mignone asked that to break out recycling.
- 2. Special Assessment Question with Regard to the Replacement of Sidewalks and Ramps at Various Locations** – Mr. Negreann stated that this bond

ordinance would involve 6 locations. Four of them being Continental, Adrienne Way, Millbrook Rd., and Fifth Ave. Engineering, Administration, and the reconstruction may have already been assessed and his recommendation is not to assess these properties again. A motion was made to not assess these properties.

**Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, second by Councilman Gautier to approve.**

**All in favor 5-0**

**FOR DISCUSSION –**

1. **SCORE Lease with Temple Avodat Shalom for Rental of Premise** – Mr. Negreann wanted to discuss the option of the second year, 2019, on the lease with the Mayor and Council. Mayor Mignone wanted to renew it but to modify the resolution's word to reflect a possible early termination, and SCORE hours will be 10am to 4pm. Also he requested Mr. Negreann send a letter asking what the Temple's Holy days were that would conflict with SCORE, and if SCORE could move their day to another day that week, their hours remain 10am to 4pm.
2. **Police Department Review of Traffic Improvements for Howland Avenue** – Chief Cariddi reported that 25 mph legends be painted, reflective up-to-date MUTCD approved 25 mph roadway signs with BriteSide Reflective Plans on them be placed on Howland Ave. The cost is approximately \$7,500.00
3. **Invasive Vegetation “Bamboo” Draft Ordinance** – Mr. Sarlo explained that he drafted an ordinance that is on the Regular Public Meeting's agenda for first reading. This ordinance is very restrictive going forward. Owners need to control their bamboo. If they already have it, they need to remedy it by keeping in mind the buffer zone of 10 ft. They also need to tell us so they are “Grandfathered” in.
4. **Volunteer Fire Department Out of Town Juniors – Draft Ordinance** – Mayor Mignone stated this supplement to the revised ordinance establishes eligibility requirements for members of the Junior Auxiliary shall either reside in River Edge or be related by blood, marriage, or adoption to an active member of the River Edge Fire Department.
5. **Tobacco Ordinance** – Councilwoman Busted would like our ordinance amended to see electronic smoking devices added. Also adding penalties for minors for violating law of smoking in public places, including schools. She would like to see the Police Department and the Board of Health go to vendors and advise them not to sell the minors and attach a violation for selling an electronic smoking device to a minor. A motion was made for Mr. Sarlo to draft an amended tobacco ordinance regarding electronic smoking devices.

**Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilwoman Busted to approve.**

**All in favor 5-0**

6. **Rescind Ordinance #1577 Adopting the New Bridge Landing Station Redevelopment Plan.**
7. **Rescind Ordinance #1640 Adopting the Johnson Avenue Redevelopment Plan.**
8. **Rescind Ordinance #1711 Adopting the Borough of River Edge Kinderkamack Redevelopment Area Plan.**

## **WORK SESSION CONSENT AGENDA -**

- 1. Authorize \$50.00 Petty Cash Single Draw for Recreation Camp Program.**
- 2. Amend Contract with the County of Bergen Department of Health Services in the amount not to exceed \$1,800.00.**
- 3. Rejection of bids for the 2017 Sanitary and Storm Sewer Replacement at Intersection of Kinderkamack Road and River Edge Road.**
- 4. Award Contract to AA Berms LLC for the 2018 CDBG Curb Replacement project at Oxford Terrace, Phase III in the amount not to exceed \$31,590.00.**
- 5. Amend Contract with Alan Spiniello, Esq., Tax Appeal Attorney in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.**
- 6. Amend Contract with Costa Engineering for the Design of Oxford Terrace Phase II in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.**
- 7. Approve Clean Communities Budget.**

**Motion by Councilwoman Davis, second by Councilwoman Busted to approve All in favor 5-0**

## **MAYOR'S REPORT –**

No report for tonight.

## **FOR YOU INFORMATION –**

- 1. Status of Financial Disclosure Statement –** Mr. Negreann explained that this form is required by the State and was due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Out of a total of 59 only 14 haven't been yet, which received reminder on May 10<sup>th</sup>. As of today there are 5 still outstanding. He will get back to the Mayor and Council mid-July providing the names of those still outstanding and subject to fines. He will ask Mr. Chewcaskie, the Land Use Board Attorney, if the Board Members haven't filled their FDS will they still be eligible to sit on the Board.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

- Borough of River Edge Senior/Community Center –** Mayor Mignone mentioned that Mr. Costa waned to the design of the site work separate from the building bid. And that we were getting closer to a presentation.

## **NEW BUSINESS –**

Mayor Mignone stated that he received a school board asking to remove the polls from the schools. They need to understand we currently have no suitable conditions to offer as new locations.

Councilman Bartelloni mentioned shared service agreements with the Board of Education, which were at a standstill, and Councilman Chinigo stated he wasn't getting anywhere with them either. Mayor Mignone said we are not paying for using the gyms since we are snow plowing for them. Councilman Chinigo also had an issue with the baskets. Councilman Bartelloni said he will be attending the meeting on Wednesday.

Mayor Mignone said that he had asked Mr. Costa to speak about the Community Center to explain why he wanted to bid the site work separately from the building. But the bigger problem was with Shade Tree Commission. The larger trees we can't save or protect, they feel are valued at \$500,000.00. This is an issue that needs to be resolved soon. Councilman Chinigo stated he couldn't believe Shade

Tree believed the trees were valued at \$500,000.00. Mayor Mignone said he hoped to get the site work out in September, converging on a final plan. Mr. Costa should appear at the next Mayor and Council meeting.

Casey Connors, 259 Adams Ave. – Mr. Connors interrupted the meeting to address Mr. Sarlo regarding his response to Ms. Reilly. Mr. Sarlo explained he reviewed everything, 3 sidewalks, 2 out of 3 were timely corrected. In the second letter there were 27 locations, 5 were Borough intersections, 22 were private resident sidewalks. Mayor Mignone tried to explain that the Borough intersections were being worked one through Community Development Block Grants.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE WORK SESSION @ 8:30 PM**

**Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Chinigo to Adjourn.**

**All in Favor 5-0**

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Stephanie Evans, RMC  
Borough Clerk