

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

PRESENT:

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| Mayor | Edward J. Mignone |
| Councilman | Vito Acquafredda |
| Councilman | Alphonse Bartelloni |
| Councilwoman | Ellen Busteed |
| Councilman | Dario Chinigo |
| Councilwoman | Mary Davis |
| Councilman | Thomas Papaleo |

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

None

Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order @ 6:30 PM by reading the Open Public Meetings Act and asking for a roll call.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Robert Costa – DOT Aid Application – Bogert Road, (Howland to Route 4)

Mr. Costa started by saying he was here a few weeks ago to discuss going for State Grant on Bogert Road and whether or not how much more parking you could pick up. The Mayor requested we look at the existing conditions and if we eliminate parking on the westerly side how would that affect it and we could do angled parking on the easterly side. What we did was, existing conditions would be on your sheet shows the total amount of parking 140 spaces. Than if we made parallel spaces on both sides you would basically add a few parking spaces actually striping you get back to the same. People haphazardly park all over the place. If we went to 30° parking and eliminated the easterly side you would get 120 parking space and you actually lose space. You would need 30° parking in order to not widen the roadway in order to have the proper back-up distance. The next ones would be if you have 45° and 60° parking. The 45° angle there is enough of a right-a-way to squeeze it on the easterly side without taking any property. The next one would be 60° angle which would give you the most parking. You would have to have a road widening and you would actually need some road widening easements from the apartments in order to generate enough space. That number would have an acquisition cost. Mr. Costa said he didn't know if it made sense to negotiate with the apartments to if they would be willing to give the property for free, than it might make sense to in to the 60° parking. You put in roughly a number of \$500,000.00 for acquisition cost. Mayor Mignone asked if there was no acquisition cost in option 4. Mr. Costa said no option 5, option 4 is no acquisition, but you might need some temporary easements but no right-of-way acquisition. Mr. Negreann said that if he was reading this right option 4 we could pick up 100 space, Mr. Costa replied that was correct. Councilman Papaleo asked why it is \$2million if we are just striping. Mr. Costa replied we are going for, basically this would be a grant going from Route 4 to Howland so it

would be if we just did regular resurfacing, milling, paving, curbs, sidewalks that comes up to roughly \$1.6 million. If you go with the angle you have to move the curb on the easterly side back and widen the roadway. You would put a base, a stabilized base and you are adding roughly 12 feet of pavement so Bogert would have to get bigger in order to have the proper back-up. So the numbers are going to get a little be greater. With the 60° you would actually need an acquisition because you don't have, even though it's a 75 foot right-of-way, you don't have enough to go east to get the proper back-up distance. You would either have to acquire from one side or acquire which probably doesn't make sense acquire from both sides, which would even be more difficult. (inaudible) you push the centerline over and just acquire one direction. We looked at it to eliminate parking on the westerly side would we pick up any if we went to angle parking. You do pick up some but he doesn't think it's that sufficient. The only way you would do that is where it would help the residents is where people are parking in front of their homes towards Route 4. If you take it a step further to do angle parking on both sides of the street where the apartments are on the opposite side but then looking at that the topography tails offs so you would need to build some retaining walls there and that would add a little bit of cost. Basically this is for us putting in a grant, to get a grant. Mr. Negreann said we would first start from Howland Avenue moving south, that is what we talked about. Mr. Costa said we would put the limits of the project from Route 4 to Howland. Then once the State, if the State gives us the money, we can go in any direction you want. Start in the middle, the north or start in the south, as long as it's within the project's limits. Councilman Papaleo said he wants to ask something which is probably crazy but we have a parking problem at Cherry Hill would it even be feasible to think of the project from basically the schools, from Wayne all the way to Route 4, or does that start to get crazy. Mr. Costa replied that was up the council. Mayor Mignone stated it wasn't our property we would have to the Board of Education, as part for Cherry Hill, if we encroach at the right-of-way. Conceptional we looked at this from Wayne to the driveway that are too many trees and stuff to the drop-off that part he doesn't know how feasible it would be to do this. Certainly in front of the school where you have open space you could do something like this but he thinks they looked at various configurations of angled parking or circular driveway or parking in a circular driveway on the school property. Councilman Papaleo said it wasn't feasible. Mayor Mignone said it can be but you would have to have consultation with the school. Mr. Costa said we have a small window to get this in in 30 days. You need a formal resolution from the council. Mayor Mignone said he thinks the council is thinking theoretically, we can always in the future do phases. Mr. Costa said you can always do that. The grant is due in October, you would need a formal resolution, from them possibly. Mayor Mignone said he didn't think we would get some resolution to them that quickly so if we do it, it would be added in the future. His question is did Mr. Costa lay this out on a tax map. Mr. Costa said they put it on a board, he can send stuff to everyone tomorrow, but they actually put the angles (inaudible). It was agreed that Mr. Costa would send a clean pdf copy out to member of the council. Councilwoman Busted asked if a resolution would be at the next meeting in September to meet the deadline or is there a resolution on for tonight. Mr. Negreann stated we were not prepared for it tonight. Councilwoman Busted asked if that's given enough time if we decide to at the next meeting. Mr. Negreann replied absolutely. Mayor Mignone said we can wait to look at piece meal also, we are not going to get \$2 million. So if we only get a first phase and decide not to do another phase, we need to look at...Mr. Costa said the question becomes, if Bogert Road, under the yearly resurfacing if there is extra amount of dollars you are going to put towards annual resurfacing, if you throw a little extra money in that supposedly the State's going to double their allowance. Mr. Costa asked Mr. Negreann if that was what Mr. Loveless

was hinting to, if it was 1500,000 or 160,000 possibly next year they were going to double that amount. Mayor Mignone said again \$300,000 isn't going to get us very far. What would we get for \$600,000. He thinks that is what we would need. What is the deadline? Mr. Negreann replied the deadline for the grant is October 6th and our next public meeting is October 2nd. We have time to refresh. Mayor Mignone said he would also suggest Mr. Costa come up with an alternative just in case for a different project for the meeting on the 18th. If we were to go with the traditional, just to have something in the hopper in case this doesn't look like this is going to be feasible. Mr. Negreann asked about Fifth Avenue, Section 7. Mr. Costa said we were in for discretionary aid right now. We are in front of them right now for discretionary aid. If we get discretionary that would end that. He thinks it would be self-defeating if we put it in. Councilman Bartelloni said that just from his perspective he obviously sees the cost but knows the benefit. It's a huge issue, parking over at Cherry Hill and if this project adding, if you went with the phase 4 which from the cost benefit analysis, it seems to be the best choice and he thinks it's the one Mr. Costa highlighted. Mr. Costa said unless the apartments give you the land because in that \$2.7 is an acquisition cost, and they say okay we'll be a partner in this and give this land for the winding than maybe option #5 makes sense. It would drop by \$500,000.00, maybe until we have a conversation to explore it. We can only work within the limits that we have there. Councilwoman Busteded felt we should have a little more information about that option before we discuss it again. Is that something Mr. Sarlo would do or the Mayor would do just to know if they would consider it. (simultaneous talking) Mr. Costa stated there were a couple of different property owners over there. One is an attorney, we dealt with him at Howland and Kinderkamack if he wasn't mistaken. Mayor Mignone said one side is (inaudible) and one is co-op. The co-op will be a little bit more challenging. Mr. Costa said he wasn't 100% sure but he thought it was different ownerships there. Mayor Mignone said that even if we were to pursue option #4 we could modify if we had to. Mr. Costa said as long as it was within the project limits, which would be in this case Howland to Route 4, we could certainly ask Rich. If we need an acquisition he doesn't know if that would trigger any new issues. Mayor Mignone said it may make them less likely to approve it. He would rather try to go with something straight forward and look down the line to do that as it's going on. Mr. Costa said straight forward is easy, shovel ready is easy, where they know it's going to happen and are willing to fund it because they know something is going to get done. Mayor Mignone asked are you essentially talking about going past the sidewalk. Mr. Costa replied past, he thinks maybe a foot or two past the sidewalk. The problem is you are going to have to reduce the width of the sidewalk, again its not a boulevard there so you only need it to be 4 foot wide. Mr. Negreann asked if it was still ADA. Councilman Papaleo asked if this will go as far as Total Wine and how does it impact on their driveway. Mr. Costa replied yes, and it would be starting just north of them. Mayor Mignone mentioned that he didn't want the public to think that we were going to be doing this in front of their houses. Mr. Costa said no, in front of the apartments. (simultaneous talking) A motion was made for the conceptional approval to move the application forward.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, second Councilwoman Davis to approve.
All in favor 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Amend Contract with Costa Engineering for the Fifth Avenue, Section 4 Project in the amount not to exceed \$3,500.00**

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

All in favor 6-0

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

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

All in favor 6-0

No public comments.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

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

All in favor 6-0

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE WORK SESSION AT 7:00 PM

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, second by Councilman Bartelloni to adjourn.

All in favor 6-0

Stephanie Evans, RMC
Borough Clerk