

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Edward J. Mignone
Councilwoman	Ellen Busteed
Councilman	Dario Chinigo
Councilwoman	Mary Davis
Councilman	Joseph Gautier
Councilman	Thomas Papaleo

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Thomas Sarlo
Borough Administrator	Ray Poerio
Borough Clerk	Stephanie Evans

ABSENT:

Councilwoman	Michelle Kaufman
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Mayor Mignone called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Motion to Suspend Work Session and Enter Closed Session @6:30 PM

RESOLUTION #19-173

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, second by Councilman Gautier

ALL IN FAVOR 6-0

CLOSED SESSION TOPICS

Closed Session

<u>Docket #</u>	<u>Item Title or Description</u>	<u>Statutory Reference</u>
19-5/13-1	Contract Negotiation River Edge Board of Education	N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7)

Motion to Adjourn Closed Session, Open Regular Public Meeting @7:25 PM

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilwoman Busteed

ALL IN FAVOR 6-0

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Busteed, Councilman Chinigo, Councilwoman Davis, Councilman Gautier, Councilman Papaleo, and Mayor Mignone.

Mayor Mignone stated that tonight there would be some jumping between the two agendas as a result of the proclamations and swearing in of the two new officers.

Adjourn Regular Public Meeting and Return to Work Session @ 8:13 PM

Motion by Councilman Chinigo, second by Councilman Papaleo

All in favor 5-0

Unfinished Business –

Councilwoman Busteed wanted to mention the dog barking memorandum from our Borough Attorney about possible changes to the ordinance. She wanted to ask that it be listed at the

next work session for discussion as it was re-circulated in our weekly correspondence this week. Please look at it so we can have a conversation about it. We have had residents come and ask us to take a look modifying the ordinance due to some excessive dog barking. Mayor Mignone felt the Police Chief, a Health Officer, and possibly even Mr. DeRosa here so they can voice their input. Councilman Papaleo stated he looked through the ordinance and the letter that Mr. Sarlo created and he particularly liked the language that Clifton had. He wanted to throw that out before we get to the full discussion. Mayor Mignone stated all these ordinances it comes down to enforcement and how do you enforce it. He thinks sometimes you have to give a violation, let them go to the Judge and let the Judge decide how to interrupt our ordinance. That is what he is there for. We will have that on for the next work session. Mr. Poerio said he will circulate that same memo to the Police Chief... Mayor Mignone added to ask him to be here also.

Councilman Chinigo believed this fell under this title, last week he forwarded to Mr. Poerio an email from Pat Diamond of the Traffic and Safety Committee with some prices and information for those crosswalks we discussed. He wasn't sure what we needed to do next, if Mr. Poerio could provide some guidance. Mr. Poerio replied that was part of the capital budget, which is why we put it in there. He didn't know if it would be at that price if we would be able to accomplish all of them. He believed that we allocated \$50,000 and the number came in at \$62,000 he believes. Once the capital budget is passed we can go ahead and start working on them. Councilman Chinigo asked if there was anything that was needed from the Council. Mr. Poerio answered no sir, we need a vote, once the capital budget is... Mayor Mignone asked if any of the equipment is available on State contract. Mr. Poerio replied we will review that Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS –

Councilwoman Busted was stopped by a resident to say she was unhappy about graffiti on dumpsters between the Ideal Service Center and the 7-Eleven and was looking to have Property Maintenance take a look at that and see whether that was something we could even step into have them clean that. She felt it was, you go right down Kinderkamack Road you see it, it's right there and it's just not a good step forward for the Borough. I told her I would bring it to see if there was any recourse... Mayor Mignone felt it was a Property Maintenance issue, so let them handle it. It took him years to get NJ Transit to paint the abutments going under Rt 4 to get rid of the graffiti and now the graffiti is back. We may want to put another call in to them. He is sure it will come back but it just looks terrible every time he drives under there.

Councilwoman Busted has been conversing with a resident on Clarendon Court about the deliveries to 7-Eleven for several months. She knows we don't have an ordinance that prohibits delivery times, but he asked since the deliveries to 7-Eleven are organized by the corporate office not the local business owner, Councilwoman Busted had to say that the owner is very receptive any time Mr. DeRosa goes out to see him, but asked if the Borough would consider sending a letter to 7-Eleven Corp. just letting them know that they would appreciate deliveries being scheduled not after 8PM and not before 8AM as just a request. She wanted to bring to the Council attention and see how they felt about it and they would appreciate us taking that step. Mayor Mignone stated he would draft a letter if the Council wished. A motion was made to send a letter to the 7-Eleven Corporate Office requesting no deliveries before 8AM or after 8PM.

Motion by Councilman Papaleo, second by Councilman Gautier

All in favor 5-0

Mr. Sarlo said he would also send a letter to their attorney. Mayor Mignone said we will try and make every effort we can and balance every body's interest. Councilwoman Busted said she will let the resident know that is going to be done.

Motion to Adjourn Work Session and Enter Closed Session @8:11 PM

Motion by Councilman Gautier, second by Councilwoman Busted

ALL IN FAVOR 5-0

Stephanie Evans, RMC
Borough Clerk