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BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
WORK SESSION REORGANIZATION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018
COMMENCING AT 4:45 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN
- GERMAINE M. ORTIZ, VICE-CHAIRWOMAN
- MARY J. AMOROSO, CHAIRWOMAN PRO TEMPORE
- TRACY SILNA ZUR
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS
- DAVID L. GANZ
- STEVEN A. TANELLI

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

NONE

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ALSO PRESENT:

LARA RODRIGUEZ
CLERK TO THE BOARD

LAURIE BIANCHI
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

STEPHANIE GALLINA
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQ.
ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ.
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

JARED LUTZ
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

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(No one wishing to speak.)

1 MS. RODRIGUEZ: The meeting is called
2 to order at 4:45.

3 Before we begin our meeting, I ask that
4 everyone take a moment to silence their phones.

5 Thank you.

6 1. Reading of Open Public Meetings Act

7 MS. RODRIGUEZ: In accordance with
8 Section 5 of the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public Meetings
9 Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been
10 provided in the Annual Notice Schedule, which
11 contained the time, date, and location of this
12 meeting, copies of which Notices were forwarded to
13 the official County newspapers, to wit: The Herald
14 News; the Star Ledger; and The Record; and a copy of
15 which was posted on the bulletin board in the Bergen
16 County Justice Center and Administration Building,
17 One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey, and
18 filed with the Office of the Bergen County Clerk.

19 2. Attendance - Roll Call

20 MS. RODRIGUEZ: I will now call the
21 roll alphabetically.

22 (At this point in the proceeding roll
23 call is taken with Freeholders Amoroso, Ganz, Ortiz,
24 Sullivan, Tanelli, Voss, and Silna Zur present.)

25 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Evidence of a quorum is

1 present.

2 3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Misses
3 Kenzie and Kerrin Sullivan

4 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Will you please rise
5 for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Kenzie and Karen
6 Sullivan.

7 (At this point in the proceeding all
8 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led
9 by Misses Kenzie and Kerrin Sullivan.)

10 4. Moment of Silence

11 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Please remain standing.

12 We ask for a Moment of Silence to
13 recognize a Fort Lee native and member of the United
14 States Army, Sgt. First Class Mihail Golin, who was
15 killed in the line of duty on New Year's Day.

16 Sgt. Golin is survived by his daughter,
17 Riga; his mother, Latvia; and his father, David.

18 We keep them in our prayers and
19 silently thank all those who have served this country
20 with selfless courage like Sgt. Golin.

21 (Whereupon a Moment of Silence is
22 observed.)

23 5. Oath of Office - Freeholder-Elect David L. Ganz

24 MS. RODRIGUEZ: We will now have our
25 Freeholders-Elect take the Oaths of Office.

1 At this time I would like to call on
2 Freeholder-Elect David Ganz; Freeholder Counsel
3 Edward Florio, who will administer the Oath of
4 Office; and his wife Kathy will hold the bible.

5 In the absence of Mrs. Ganz, can the
6 Freeholder aide please hold the bible.

7 (At this point in the proceeding the
8 Oath of Office is administered to Freeholder-Elect
9 David L. Ganz.)

10 MR. FLORIO: Congratulations.

11 (Applause.)

12 6. Oath of Office - Freeholder-Elect Dr. Joan M. Voss

13 MS. RODRIGUEZ: We will now have the
14 swearing in of Freeholder-Elect Dr. Joan M. Voss.
15 County Counsel Julien Neals will administer the Oath
16 of Office, and Theodore Paul Voss will hold the
17 bible.

18 (At this point in the proceeding the
19 Oath of Office is administered to Freeholder-Elect
20 Dr. Joan M. Voss.)

21 (Applause.)

22 7. Nominations for Chairperson

23 MS. RODRIGUEZ: I hereby open
24 nominations for the Chairperson of the Board of
25 Chosen Freeholders.

1 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I'd like to
2 nominate, with much pride and enthusiasm, Freeholder
3 Tom Sullivan to be Chairman.

4 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Do I have a second?

5 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Second.

6 MS. RODRIGUEZ: All in favor say "aye."

7 (All present Freeholders respond in the
8 affirmative.)

9 MS. RODRIGUEZ: All opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 Are there any other nominations?

12 (No response.)

13 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Being no other
14 nominations, can I have a motion to close
15 nominations?

16 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

17 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: All in favor say "aye."

19 (All present Freeholders respond in the
20 affirmative.)

21 MS. RODRIGUEZ: All opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 MS. RODRIGUEZ: I will now take a roll
24 call to elect Freeholder Sullivan as the Chairman of
25 the Freeholder Board.

1 (At this point in the proceeding roll
2 call is taken and the motion is passed by a unanimous
3 vote.)

4 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With a vote of 7/0, the
5 new Chairman will be Thomas Sullivan.

6 (Applause.)

7 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Thank you.

8 MS. RODRIGUEZ: I will now ask County
9 Counsel Julien Neals to swear in the Chairman-elect.
10 The bible will be held by his wife, Jody, and, I
11 imagine, his daughters, Kenzie and Kerrin, might want
12 to come up and help out. It's up to them.

13 (At this point in the proceeding the
14 Oath of Office of Chairman of the Board of Chosen
15 Freeholders is administered to Thomas J. Sullivan.)

16 (Applause.)

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
18 everyone.

19 I want to thank my colleagues for
20 nominating me and showing me support for the upcoming
21 year. I know it will be a wonderful year with the
22 Board we have and our County Executive. I just know
23 that we will continue to work hard for the people.

24 I'll save more of my comments for
25 later, before we close, so I'll just continue with

1 the meeting right now.

2 8. Nominations for Vice Chairperson

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I hereby open
4 nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Board
5 of Chosen Freeholders.

6 I would like to nominate Freeholder
7 Germaine Ortiz for the position of Vice Chair.

8 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I'd like to second
9 that nomination.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seconded by
11 Freeholder Tanelli.

12 All in favor?

13 (All present Freeholders respond in the
14 affirmative.)

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The ayes have it.

18 Are there any other nominations for
19 office of Vice Chair?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing none, I will
22 take a motion to close the nominations.

23 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

24 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

1 (All present Freeholders respond in the
2 affirmative.)

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The ayes have it.

6 Roll call on the motion to elect

7 Vice-Chairwoman Germaine Ortiz for 2018.

8 (At this point in the proceeding roll
9 call is taken and the motion is passed by a unanimous
10 vote.)

11 MS. RODRIGUEZ: The vote is 7/0, and
12 the new Vice-Chairwoman is Germaine Ortiz.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Congratulations.

15 I will now ask Freeholder Counsel
16 Edward Florio to swear in Vice-Chairwoman Germaine
17 Ortiz. The bible will be held by her aide, Rodyn
18 Sanchez.

19 (At this point in the proceeding the
20 Oath of Office of Vice-Chairwoman of the Board of
21 Chosen Freeholders is administered to Germaine M.
22 Ortiz.)

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. FLORIO: Congratulations.

25 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

1 Thank you, everyone, for nominating me.
2 I am extremely humbled and thankful for giving me
3 this opportunity. Thank you so much.

4 9. Nominations for Chair Pro Tempore

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. I hereby
6 open nominations for Chair Pro Tempore of the Board
7 of Chosen Freeholders.

8 Are there any nominations for
9 Freeholder Chair Pro Tempore?

10 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I nominate Mary
11 Amoroso.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is there a second?

13 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

15 (All present Freeholders respond in the
16 affirmative.)

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Any opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The ayes have it.

20 Are there any other nominations for pro
21 tempore?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing none, I need
24 a motion to close the nominations.

25 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

1 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

3 (All present Freeholders respond in the
4 affirmative.)

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Carried.

8 Roll call.

9 (At this point in the proceeding roll
10 call is taken and the motion is passed by a unanimous
11 vote.)

12 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven aye votes,
13 the new Chair Pro Tempore is Mary Amoroso.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I will now ask
16 Freeholder Counsel Ed Florio to swear in Chair Pro
17 Tempore-elect. The bible will be held by her intern,
18 Kate Leonard.

19 (At this point in the proceeding the
20 Oath of Office of Chairwoman Pro Tempore of the Board
21 of Chosen Freeholders is administered to Mary J.
22 Amoroso.)

23 MR. FLORIO: Congratulations.

24 (Applause.)

25 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Thank you.

1 I just want to say I'm so grateful and
2 proud of our past leadership on this Board,
3 especially our Chairwoman, our wonderful Chairwoman,
4 who wears her heart on her sleeve but keeps her head
5 on straight, and I look forward to the coming year.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, Chair
7 Pro Tempore.

8 Like I said, I will make a few comments
9 before we close. We'll move on with the meeting.

10 10. Hearing of the Public

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I will now
12 entertain a motion to open the meeting to the public.

13 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

14 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

16 (All present Freeholders respond in the
17 affirmative.)

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The motion carries.

21 The meeting is now open to the public.

22 Anyone in the public who wishes to say
23 anything, there is a three-minute time limit in
24 effect. The Board Counsel will keep the time. When
25 the speaker's time expires, the Board Attorney will

1 announce that the time has expired.

2 Is there anyone that wishes to speak?

3 (No response.)

4 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Make a motion to
5 close.

6 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

7 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

9 (All present Freeholders respond in the
10 affirmative.)

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Motion carries.

14 11. Resolutions

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now review
16 the resolutions to be voted on tonight.

17 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Resolutions #1-18
18 through #13-18.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Page 1.

20 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Page 1.

21 Page 2.

22 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, if you
23 wouldn't mind, I think maybe Body of the Whole 11-18,
24 12-18, and 13-18.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Any objections?

1 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: No.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will do them as
3 Body of the Whole.

4 Thank you, Freeholder.

5 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anything else?

7 If not, can I have a motion to accept
8 the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda?

9 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

10 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

11 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

13 (All present Freeholders respond in the
14 affirmative.)

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Motion carries.

18 Roll call.

19 (At this point in the proceeding roll
20 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous
21 Consent are passed by a unanimous vote.)

22 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With a 7/0 vote, all
23 Resolutions have passed.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Any Resolutions of
25 Nonconsent, tabled or pulled?

1 MS. RODRIGUEZ: There are none.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Announcements.

3 I would like to announce the committee
4 appointments at this time. See the attached sheet.

5 Did you hand them out, Lara?

6 MS. RODRIGUEZ: The Freeholders have
7 them at their seats.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: I ask that this be
10 appended to the agenda.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So moved.

12 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

13 MR. FLORIO: It will be appended to the
14 agenda.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Before we close,
16 first, besides thanking the Board and everyone that's
17 here, I want to do it in public, I want to thank my
18 family for being here, my wife, two of my three
19 daughters. I appreciate your being here.

20 Of course, we all know this can't be
21 done without you and the love we get from home, and
22 it's deeply appreciated.

23 And my other wife, Dan Gumble, who is
24 my partner, he's my partner in the IBEW who allows me
25 to do what I do for the residents of Bergen County.

1 Dan, I want to say thank you. I'll
2 embarrass you in public as well.

3 I am looking forward to a wonderful,
4 wonderful year. There's too many people that are
5 here now that if I had to thank you individually it
6 would take me forever, I just want to say a thank you
7 to everyone who's here.

8 Before we close, I do have a
9 presentation that I'd like to give to our outgoing
10 Chairwoman, who did an outstanding, outstanding job,
11 who don't even expect me to live up to that, that's
12 how great you were, Tracy.

13 This is to Freeholder Tracy Zur for
14 your outstanding leadership, dedication, and
15 commitment to the people of Bergen County, serving
16 with honor and distinction as the 2017 Chairwoman to
17 the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders,
18 presented by the Bergen County Board of Chosen
19 Freeholders on behalf of the citizens of Bergen
20 County.

21 We all need to give a tremendous round
22 of applause for the job she has done.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Tracy, if you want
25 to say a few words. Come on, it's not like you not

1 to have something to say.

2 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: First of all,
3 thank you all so much for this and for a tremendous
4 year. I kind of said it before at the end of the
5 meeting last year, I couldn't be more privileged to
6 work with this group around this table, with the
7 County Executive and this administration, all of the
8 Division Heads; our counsel, Ed Florio; Julien Neals.
9 Thank you all for making this a wonderful year where
10 we, I think, collectively moved the lives of Bergen
11 County residents forward. So thank you all for
12 having given me the privilege.

13 I can't wait to get to work with
14 Chairman Sullivan, Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz, and Chair
15 Pro Tempore Amoroso in this new chapter.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you very
18 much, Freeholder.

19 (Applause.)

20 12. Adjourn to evening meeting

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I'll now entertain
22 a motion to adjourn.

23 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

24 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I'm supposed to say

1 this first, sorry. I'm a rookie.

2 This concludes the reorganization Work
3 Session. We will reconvene at 6:00 p.m. in the
4 public meeting room for formal ceremony and the
5 Reorganization Meeting.

6 I'll now entertain a motion to adjourn.

7 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

8 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

10 (All present Freeholders respond in the
11 affirmative.)

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The meeting is
15 adjourned until 6:00 tonight.

16 (Whereupon, the Work Session
17 Reorganization Meeting is adjourned at 5:09 p.m.)

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