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BERGEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY  
WORK SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018  
COMMENCING AT 4:37 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

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

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

- TRACY SILNA ZUR

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ALSO PRESENT:

JAMES J. TEDESCO III  
BERGEN COUNTY EXECUTIVE

LARA RODRIGUEZ  
CLERK TO THE BOARD

LAURIE BIANCHI  
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE  
ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ.  
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

JARED LAUTZ  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

MICHAEL SHEINFELD  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

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1                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The meeting is  
2 called to order at 4:37 p.m.

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

6                   Will the Clerk please read the  
7 Sen. Byron Baer Open Public Meetings Act.

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

20                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk  
21 please call the roll.

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

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Evidence of a  
2 quorum is present.

3 Would you please rise for the Pledge of  
4 Allegiance.

5 Mr. Subramaniam, you want to lead us in  
6 the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

7 MR. SUBRAMANIAM: Yes.

8 (At this point in the proceeding all  
9 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,  
10 led by Mr. Subramaniam.)

11 MR. SUBRAMANIAM: Thank you, Chairman.

12 4:38 PM REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now review  
14 the resolutions to be voted on.

15 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Resolutions #21-18  
16 through #54-18.

17 Page 1.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: If there is nothing  
19 on Page 1; Page 2.

20 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, sorry.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes?

22 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Can I sponsor  
23 #25-18?

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: #25-18, I'll  
25 co-sponsor that with you.

1 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Thank you.

2 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Page 2.

3 Please note that #28-18 is marked  
4 "Revised."

5 The revisions, for the record, are:

6 The signature and vote page on Page 5  
7 from the Planning Board is now attached.

8 That continues onto Page 6.

9 Page 7, we have a new #34 on the map  
10 and that is now reflected on the map.

11 And, Page 8, the county information is  
12 now on that map. Copies of the maps are at the table  
13 with you.

14 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Mr. Chairman,  
15 could we do #28-18 as a Body of the Whole?

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is there any  
17 objection?

18 FREEHOLDER VOSS: No.

19 FREEHOLDER GANZ: No.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: That's fine.

21 Thank you.

22 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: And I would like  
23 to sponsor Resolution #33-18.

24 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: I'll co-sponsor  
25 that with you.

1 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Thank you.

2 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Page 3.

3 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman, can I  
4 sponsor #32-18?

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: #32-18, does anyone  
6 want to co-sponsor that?

7 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Sure. I'll  
8 co-sponsor it.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I can't keep  
10 co-sponsoring everything he does.

11 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Page 3.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

13 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Page 4.

14 Page 5.

15 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Chairman?

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes.

17 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: If it's okay with  
18 you and the rest of the Board, if we do #52-18 and  
19 #53-18 as a Body of the Whole.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I have no  
21 objection.

22 Anyone have any objection?

23 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: No, that would be  
24 great.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

1 MS. RODRIGUEZ: That brings us to  
2 Page 6.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. If we can go  
4 back to Page 3, we missed something here.

5 Can we do #35-18 as a Body of the  
6 Whole? That's the resolution for the bus stop on  
7 River Road.

8 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Absolutely.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Which we all worked  
10 so hard on.

11 So #35-18 will be done as a Body of the  
12 Whole.

13 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Absolutely.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

15 FREEHOLDER GANZ: I have a question as  
16 to whether or not the county planning map will be  
17 available full-sized to all members of the governing  
18 body?

19 MS. RODRIGUEZ: The Planning Department  
20 is waiting to print them in full size until after  
21 tonight's meeting. At which time, you will get a  
22 full-sized copy, everybody.

23 FREEHOLDER GANZ: And that will state  
24 that it was approved on such and such a date?

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder, we have



1 to approve it first, right. So everyone is going to  
2 get a copy, like I explained to you previously.  
3 We're all going to get a full copy of it, we're going  
4 to review it, and then when it gets approved, it gets  
5 approved.

6 Right?

7 FREEHOLDER GANZ: And the approved copy  
8 will state on it approved on such and such a date?

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: After it gets  
10 approved, it will be stamped approved, absolutely.

11 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you.

12 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Just to further  
13 clarify, our office will be sending out 140 copies of  
14 the map this week to the planning board clerks, to  
15 the municipal clerks, as part of the resolution.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: And as I also  
17 stated to you prior, there is a map in our County  
18 Clerk's Office; anyone, before we get them, can go in  
19 there and review.

20 Freeholder Tanelli.

21 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Before we take a  
22 motion for the Executive Session, I see the County  
23 Executive is here, and two of the bills that we  
24 sponsored as a Body of the Whole, I want to thank you  
25 again for the work that you're doing as well as the

1 administration in settling yet another two collective  
2 bargaining agreements with the employees of the  
3 county. So I want to make sure, while you're here,  
4 you get a thank you.

5 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Yes, thank  
6 you. Thank you for telling me that.

7 4:44 PM CLOSED SESSION

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Is there  
9 anything else?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I'll take a motion  
12 to go into Closed Session.

13 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

14 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now go into  
16 Closed Session for approximately 20 minutes or so,  
17 and we will return to the public session.

18 Will the attorney briefly state the  
19 matters for which we will be discussing in Closed  
20 Session.

21 MR. FLORIO: Thank you, Chairman.

22 We will be receiving updates on several  
23 matters of litigation, specifically under Resolutions  
24 #39, #40, #41, and #42. And there is also an update  
25 on a matter that is contractual in nature.

1                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:  So let me have a  
2 motion again to go into Closed.

3                   FREEHOLDER TANELLI:  So moved.

4                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:  Second?

5                   FREEHOLDER VOSS:  Second.

6                   FREEHOLDER GANZ:  Point of order.

7                   I understand we will be discussing  
8 strategy.  When will that be released?

9                   MR. FLORIO:  To my understanding,  
10 Freeholder, never.

11                   FREEHOLDER AMOROSO:  Never.

12                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:  So there's a motion  
13 and a second.

14                   All in favor?

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

17                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:  All opposed?

18                   (No response.)

19                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:  Carried.

20                   We're now going to go into Closed  
21 Session at 4:44 p.m.

22                   (Whereupon Closed Session is held.)

23                   (Open session resumes at 5:20 p.m.)

24                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:  We will reconvene  
25 our Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

1 MR. FLORIO: We are on the record.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. We'll  
3 reconvene for our Public Meeting at 7:30.

4 There being nothing further to come  
5 before this meeting, may I have a motion to  
6 adjourn --

7 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: -- till 7:30.

9 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Motion carried to  
16 7:30.

17 (Whereupon, the Work Session is  
18 adjourned at 5:20 p.m.)

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