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BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018
COMMENCING AT 4:37 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

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

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

- DAVID L. GANZ

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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, ESQ.
ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ.
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

JARED LAUTZ
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

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4:39 PM UPDATE: ONE BERGEN COUNTY PLAZA
HVAC

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Raymond Dressler, Director
Department of Public Works

Brian Heinzmann
Superintendant of Maintenance
Division of General Services

Joseph Luppino, CFO
County Treasurer

4:53 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

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Councilman Alan Sohn

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Chuck Powers

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5:00 PM REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

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Hansel Azmar, Director/Health Officer
Department of Health Services

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 cellphones.

6 Thank you.

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

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

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

23 (At this point in the proceeding roll
24 call is taken with Freeholders Amoroso, Tanelli,
25 Voss, Silna Zur, Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz, and Chairman

1 Sullivan present, with Freeholder Ganz absent.)

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

4 Please stand for the Pledge of
5 Allegiance.

6 (At this point in the proceeding all
7 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.)

8 4:39 PM UPDATE: ONE BERGEN COUNTY PLAZA HVAC

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now have a
10 presentation regarding One Bergen County Plaza HVAC
11 update.

12 MR. DRESSLER: I just have a handout
13 for you.

14 Good evening, Freeholders.

15 I'm here tonight to discuss the
16 building that we're in, One Bergen County Plaza, and
17 the HVAC system that's in the penthouse up on the top
18 floor.

19 I gave you a couple of bullet points,
20 so you'd have some information that you can look at
21 at your convenience, if you'd like, but I'm going to
22 go over some of the details.

23 The HVAC system is 18-years-old. It
24 was built with this building. We have been
25 maintaining it ever since. And it's just like

1 everything else, it's seen some wear and tear.

2 We have four condensing units that
3 control different areas of the building. Two of the
4 condensing units that we plan to replace are No. 1
5 and No. 3. They control the air conditioning at the
6 ends of the building, the fourth and the fifth floor.

7 The way the system is setup, it
8 obviously is an old system. It's in need of repair
9 desperately. The way it's designed, there's a
10 calcium buildup in areas that we just can't get to to
11 repair certain areas, so our repair is to replace
12 some of the compressors.

13 No. 1 unit has three compressors; No. 2
14 has four; No. 4 unit has four; and No. 3 has three.

15 Our proposal is to replace two in the
16 No. 1 unit and two in the No. 3 unit. Presently,
17 No. 1 and No. 3 have a new compressor.

18 So, at the end of the day, if this
19 project is approved, we will have all new compressors
20 in units 1 and 3.

21 That being said, No. 4 has one out of
22 four. We would put that on a schedule for next year
23 with the four units in No. 2. So this is a process.

24 The gas that's presently used in our
25 units is called an R-22 gas. It is on the list of

1 gases to be eliminated for use in the United States
2 in 2020. So, no matter what we do, we'd have to do
3 some type of repair to retrofit for the new gas,
4 which is called 407c.

5 So, environmentally, it turns out to be
6 a good thing. Cost-wise, it turns out to be a very
7 good thing, because right now we're paying
8 approximately \$50 a pound for the R-22 gas, and in
9 the future we're paying \$5 a pound for the 407c gas.

10 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So what will
11 that work out as an annual savings?

12 I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: That's okay.

14 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: What will that
15 work out annual-wise as far as the savings on how
16 much gas we will utilize?

17 MR. DRESSLER: The gas is only used
18 when replacement gas is needed, so it's not like you
19 fill it up every day. It's a sealed unit, so, you
20 know, if there's a problem and you have to work on
21 the unit, you know, you may have to replace some gas.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The answer is, it
23 could run for a long time without ever having to
24 replace it.

25 MR. DRESSLER: Right.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: It depends on if
2 there's a leak in the system. So there's no way to
3 tell. It's not like there's an annual refresher.

4 MR. DRESSLER: Right, it's not like
5 your car, where you use it and it dissipates.

6 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: What do we
7 budget for it annually? Nothing?

8 MR. DRESSLER: Like I said, in the
9 future, because of the system, we will use very
10 little. It doesn't need to be replaced on a regular
11 basis. It's a closed system.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So we probably
13 don't really have a budget item for it, it's under
14 just basic maintenance?

15 MR. DRESSLER: Correct.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So I don't think,
17 Tracy, that it would be a budgeted item. It would be
18 a basic maintenance item.

19 MR. DRESSLER: Correct.

20 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: The bigger
21 issue here is that the gas is no longer available.

22 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I got it.

23 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: So, from the
24 standpoint of being able to keep putting it in, we're
25 not going to have that ability. And the two units

1 that the Director is talking about have substantial
2 leaks in them, so the only way we're keeping them
3 running today is by using this product that's no
4 longer available.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You got to put the
6 stop leak in and sometimes it holds, sometimes it
7 doesn't. I get it.

8 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: And it's
9 not --

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I got some
11 questions, but I'll like you finish your
12 presentation.

13 Yes, exactly, you're 100 percent right,
14 it's not efficient. Right.

15 MR. DRESSLER: So, we have looked at
16 how to repair the two units, and we've brought a
17 consulting engineer in. And after a couple months of
18 looking, doing pro work, we've come out with what we
19 think is the best solution, and that would be at this
20 point replacing two of those compressors in the two
21 units, and then following up the following year, and
22 then we would have all 14 compressors would be
23 basically within 2, 3 years old.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

25 MR. DRESSLER: And we're figuring that

1 we should get at least 15 years' of use out of these
2 replacements.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

4 MR. DRESSLER: The condensing unit
5 itself, the coils, we were looking at replacing,
6 we've decided to replace the whole coil unit, that's
7 why the roof has to be removed in parts. So we're
8 going to cut the roof, we're going to bring people in
9 with a crane and actually lift these units out.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So I was going to
11 ask this question at the end of your presentation,
12 but let me get to it right now.

13 When you're doing this, why don't you
14 just replace them all? They're all of the same life,
15 they all only have a few years left, they all can no
16 longer can use the R-22. Being as it's a capital
17 item and it's only going to take a few thousand
18 dollars more to extend the money out for capital, why
19 don't you do them all at once? You have the crane
20 on-site to cut the roof, you have the mobility of
21 everyone being on-site at the same time, wouldn't it
22 be cost effective to do it all at once?

23 Now, it may be a bigger upfront cost,
24 instead of spreading it out over three years, but
25 it's capital anyway, you're going to be spreading it

1 out over 15 years. The hit on the capital
2 improvement is only a few thousand dollars, right?
3 So why don't we just go out and bomb the whole thing,
4 get the whole shooting match done? We know there's
5 only two years' worth of life left. We all know
6 they're obsolete, and if they go down, it's going to
7 be a long time to get parts to repair them anyway.

8 MR. DRESSLER: The one unit, and I
9 believe it's No. 2, works just fine, there's nothing
10 wrong with the unit.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: How old it is,
12 though?

13 MR. DRESSLER: It's 18-years-old, but
14 the decision was made to run that course as long as
15 we could, knowing that next year we're going to
16 replace it, you know.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: But is it going to
18 cost more to remobilize, recut the roof, and have the
19 people here? I'm saying that you probably are right,
20 that it could last another year or two.

21 MR. DRESSLER: It's a point well taken.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: But the life of
23 these units is only 20 years anyway.

24 MR. DRESSLER: Right.

25 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Tom,

1 everything you said is absolutely right; the issue is
2 not having air conditioning. So we're going to
3 stretch this and hope that we're going to have this
4 done, just this work, by April, sometime in April.
5 This building, without air conditioning, is a real
6 problem. And you notice, we chose our floors so that
7 if we have a problem, it's really us that's impacted
8 less the employees.

9 But one of the things that we've
10 encountered here in the past is, when we've had air
11 conditioning problems, the union and everybody have
12 come to us about, you know, unhealthy air and things
13 like that and not having to work here.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: It's a good point.

15 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: So there's
16 no way we could do all of this work and meet and make
17 the air conditioning season. So our choice was to do
18 these two, knowing that if we don't make it, the
19 biggest impact is on us, some of the fourth floor a
20 little bit, but mostly on us.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Right.

22 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: We could
23 bring in some portable air conditioning, put it up
24 here, and hopefully our folks would be more tolerant
25 than others, but we talked about doing the entire

1 job.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: No, your point
3 makes sense.

4 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: I think it's
5 too much of a risk. So what we did do was we split
6 it, and we'll just have to come back. Actually, our
7 plan is to come back in the fall. As soon as air
8 conditioning season is done, come back in the fall
9 and do Phase II.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: And then come back
11 to the Board for our approval again on that?

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Well, I'm
13 going to ask that in the capital budget, we're going
14 to give you the cost to do the entire project.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

16 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: But we're
17 just going to have to split it up into phases.

18 All your points are right on the mark
19 and everything we talked about.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes, yes.

21 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: And, really,
22 there's no way we can determine whether the coils are
23 going to leak. And if they start to leak, we're not
24 going to have the refrigeration to deal with them
25 anyway, so, yes, we have to replace them.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So when there's a
2 proposal, you're going to ask for the entire sum?

3 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Well, this
4 is the proposal in the capital budget. What we're
5 doing is, you notice that we're here today because
6 the capital budget is not approved.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So --

8 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: We need to
9 do this to start tomorrow, so we need to get your --

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We passed a
11 resolution last week, I think, on this. We already
12 passed a resolution, didn't we?

13 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So in our capital
15 budget this year, the entire project will be funded,
16 but we're only going to do it in phases?

17 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. That makes
19 sense.

20 MR. DRESSLER: I'll take questions, if
21 anybody has any other questions.

22 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: That was my
23 question, he asked it.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So, is there
25 anything else? I know you got to cut the roof, but

1 is there any piping that needs to be done or you
2 don't know that at the moment?

3 MR. DRESSLER: No, there's extensive
4 work that needs to be done.

5 Brian.

6 MR. HEINZMANN: There's a lot of
7 different trades involved, between the sweating of
8 pipes, the sprinkler system has to be removed in the
9 area with the fire sprinkler system, electrical work,
10 you know, just about every trades is going to be
11 involved. There will be guys doing ductwork, tinwork
12 upstairs.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So you need new
14 tinwork too? The new tinwork is going to need to be
15 adapted to the unit?

16 MR. HEINZMANN: It's just more for
17 assembly and reassembly. It's just so extensive to
18 take it apart, that we need to bring in a
19 professional company to take it apart.

20 MR. DRESSLER: And all the groups will
21 be union labor.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. All right.
23 Did you make any provision for Joe, in case you run
24 into any snafus, you can just write for the dollar?
25 Do you have a contingency?

1 MR. LUPPINO: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Because, I mean,
3 when you are taking something apart, it may not go
4 back. We all know that in construction, it happens.

5 MR. LUPPINO: Freeholder, yes, we do
6 have some old capital funds that we can use also, if
7 there is any other problems.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Do you have
9 the contract, did you bid it yet or not?

10 MR. DRESSLER: It's going to be done on
11 a repair basis.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay.

13 MR. DRESSLER: So it's not a bid
14 situation.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. All right.
16 Anybody have any questions?

17 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: I have a
18 question.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Sure.

20 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Why is it that
21 you have to break down the roof? There's no other
22 alternate way? I'm just curious.

23 MR. DRESSLER: To get the unit out.
24 It's that large that you have to crane it in and out,
25 yes.

1 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Wow!

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So when they built
3 it, the roof probably wasn't on, and they dropped it
4 in.

5 MR. HEINZMANN: I was here when they
6 built it. That's exactly what they did. They
7 dropped them in and put the roof over it. No thought
8 20 years down the road.

9 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: That's really
10 what I wanted to know.

11 FREEHOLDER VOSS: You haven't been to
12 the penthouses?

13 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: No, I have not.

14 FREEHOLDER VOSS: It's an experience.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Go ahead.

16 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: So it's like an
17 access door on a tub, right? Are you going to build
18 one? You know, to get into the shower's mechanisms
19 behind the wall, often there's an access door. Are
20 you going to build that into the roof now?

21 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: No, cut the
22 roof.

23 MR. DRESSLER: No, we're going to cut
24 it, and then it will be welded back in place.

25 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Okay.

1 MR. DRESSLER: We're not leaving a
2 hatch there, no, because we have four units, it would
3 be most of the roof. It just doesn't work that way.

4 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Tracy?

6 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I'm good.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You're good.

8 Anyone else?

9 FREEHOLDER VOSS: No.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

11 MR. DRESSLER: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thanks, guys.

13 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thanks,
14 Freeholders.

15 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Thanks, guys.

16 4:53 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
18 to open the meeting to the public?

19 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

20 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

22 (All present Freeholders respond in the
23 affirmative.)

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now have a
2 Hearing of the General Public, with a three mint time
3 limit in effect, in accordance with Bergen County
4 Freeholder bylaws.

5 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
6 When the time of the speaker expires, the Board
7 Attorney will announce the time has expired.

8 Anybody from the public wishing to be
9 heard?

10 Come on up.

11 COUNCILMAN SOHN: Alan Sohn, S-O-H-N,
12 Teaneck Township Council.

13 The Teaneck Township Council had passed
14 a resolution regarding Box 54. Box 54 is a support
15 vehicle that goes to fires, not only in Teaneck but
16 around the county.

17 The vehicle that we have is a Chevy van
18 that was constructed in 1986, and it has reached the
19 end of its basically serviceable life.

20 We've passed a resolution. We've also
21 sent, I know the Executive has received a letter,
22 there's been a letter I think to Mr. Administrator, I
23 think you've received that, but we wanted to extend
24 on behalf of the Township Council a resolution which
25 I will have forwarded to the entire Freeholder Board

1 asking for your support.

2 There are another pair of issues that
3 we're looking for your support.

4 Along Teaneck Road, there have been a
5 number of complaints about the intersection of Tryon
6 Avenue and Teaneck Road, near Bryant School. A
7 request has been made from a number of residents,
8 there's also been correspondence with the
9 Administrator and the Executive regarding this
10 intersection, and the township is looking for the
11 possibility of implementing a four-way stop, so that
12 there is a period of time where pedestrians, and,
13 especially children who are attending the school,
14 have an opportunity to cross the road.

15 We're also working as a township on a
16 number of monuments and memorials to be put on the
17 municipal green. The two memorials are a Holocaust
18 memorial and an enslaved African monument.

19 We're working closely with the Teaneck
20 Public Library to create an indoor portion of this,
21 where individuals would have an opportunity, after
22 seeing the memorials, to learn about the Holocaust
23 experience, to learn about the enslaved African
24 experience.

25 There are other monuments and memorials

1 across the county, but an element that is incredibly
2 important is to have these two monuments and two
3 other sites be available to the public where
4 individuals who are going to learn about the
5 Holocaust can learn about the enslaved experience.
6 Those seeking to have gone through the enslaved
7 African experience can learn about the Holocaust,
8 share that knowledge and share those experiences.
9 And the effort is to make this not just a Teaneck
10 monument, pair of monuments, but to make this
11 available to the county. We will be reaching out
12 more formally with a request for your support for the
13 county for both of these projects.

14 I will be passing on the information
15 regarding Box 54. And, again, this is an amenity
16 that we offer not just to the township, but to fires
17 across the county. We hope that we can count on your
18 support, and we hope that we can count on your
19 support for these other projects.

20 Thank you very much.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

22 We had a discussion at the last
23 Freeholder meeting about Tryon Avenue and Teaneck
24 Road, and our Administrator is looking into it.

25 COUNCILMAN SOHN: And we will certainly

1 forward you the information, and certainly reach out
2 to the township manager for any details, Mr. Neals.

3 Thank you very much for your progress.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

5 Anyone else?

6 Mr. Powers.

7 MR. POWERS: Chuck Powers, Teaneck.

8 I want to begin by saying that I
9 misguessed this Congress. When I kept on saying to
10 you folks that I thought that you were going to see
11 your most vulnerable social services slashed, I had
12 no idea that the Congress would suddenly turn around
13 and do exactly the opposite. But I think you're
14 going to see, as you see what happens in the next six
15 weeks, a relatively major shift in the ways in which
16 some of those same types of social services are made
17 available through the county.

18 There is a town, the second largest
19 town in this county, that no longer has a social
20 services director, for complicated reasons I'm not
21 going to talk about, but the question is: Is the
22 county taking into consideration that many people who
23 are going to be reaching out for social services,
24 which are going to be substantially different, that
25 there will be a pathway for people who don't

1 understand what the county is actually doing, so they
2 can actually come to the county and find that out?

3 Our manager said the other day that
4 they are going to rely on the county to provide what
5 the social services director in Teaneck used to do.
6 It's going to be complicated. And if we need to
7 reestablish that position, given how you folks are
8 planning this out, Bergen Grassroots is going to, as
9 it always does, watch the budgeting process very
10 carefully again, but it's very important that you
11 think those issues through. Although there is going
12 to be money there, certainly more than we thought,
13 how it's going to be coming forward to you, I
14 guarantee you, it's going to be substantially
15 different. You already saw that in relation to the
16 issue associated with food stamps.

17 One other thing.

18 I'm always impressed by the way in
19 which this Freeholder Board goes about discussions
20 like the ones you just had. It is extraordinary to
21 hear the way in which that issue got sort of raised,
22 the issue you raised, Tom, about is there a way of
23 pulling that altogether, and then the response of the
24 County Executive to that enormously sophisticated
25 discussion, which I tell you is not parallel, even

1 though important kinds of commitments are being made,
2 by municipalities.

3 It would be so good if the public could
4 see on a concurrent basis what it is that you did.
5 It was a very nice piece of work, and I thought that
6 everybody in the county should see how you work.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

9 Is there anyone else wishing to be
10 heard?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Seeing no one, can
13 I have a motion to close?

14 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

15 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 5:00 PM REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now review
23 the Resolutions.

24 MS. RODRIGUEZ: We have one Resolution
25 that we received as part of an additions list. It's

1 Resolution #120-18. You all received a copy of the
2 Sunshine form, double sided.

3 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: The
4 administration just wants to thank the Chairman and
5 the Freeholders for hearing this item on a short
6 notice.

7 As you'll see, it basically allows us
8 to retain the services of a pediatric medical
9 professional to be able to oversee a number of
10 medical procedures, but, in particular, in connection
11 with the flu shots and the flu inoculations to be
12 given to children. And we know that children and the
13 elderly are the most susceptible to it.

14 We had a flu clinic planned. We are
15 having trouble retaining the services of a pediatric
16 professional, and through our new partners now at New
17 Bridge, we were able to secure the services of this
18 doctor in time for the flu clinic that we had
19 planned. So that's why I would appreciate you
20 passing this today, because it allows this doctor to
21 come onboard just in time for the flu clinic that's
22 planned.

23 The Health Department has actually gone
24 above and beyond in terms of addressing the current
25 epidemic with the flu situation. And we also saw in

1 the news recently, another child just died from the
2 flu, so this is very timely.

3 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes, five-years-old.

4 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS:
5 Director.

6 MR. AZMAR: I just want to thank you
7 for doing this.

8 Traditionally, we're wrapping up the
9 flu season. The flu season at this time of the year
10 we really don't even talk about it. I've had
11 conversations with the County Executive and some of
12 us here regarding that. Normally the flu season
13 peaks in January.

14 I just got the report. We get it every
15 Monday. It still hasn't peeked yet.

16 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Oh, my
17 goodness!

18 MR. AZMAR: So, based on that, we had
19 documentation from the CDC and the state Health
20 Department that they're projecting, based on the fact
21 that it hasn't peeked yet, that the flu season will
22 extend until the month of May. So, going into almost
23 the summer, we will still have probably some flu in
24 our vicinity.

25 As you know, you heard that a small

1 child just passed away in North Bergen, ten miles
2 away from us. So because of that and what we've been
3 seeing, we've extended our flu program to the public.
4 Normally, like I said, we wrap it up, we're done,
5 whatever we have left, we send it back to the vendor,
6 we get back 25 percent, and we're finished. But
7 because we still have flu shots left, we wanted to
8 make sure that we put it out to the public. We did
9 one clinic on Monday, we're doing one on Thursday
10 from 4 to 8. So if anyone here hasn't gotten a flu
11 shot or family or friends, please go, 18 or over.

12 Starting next week, starting Thursday
13 and until we run out of vaccine, we will be doing
14 children. That's why we have that here. We didn't
15 have the mechanism to do that, because our standing
16 orders are only for adults. So with that, now we're
17 able to have that mechanism --

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So tomorrow you'll
19 be doing children as well?

20 MR. AZMAR: No, starting next Thursday,
21 because we have to order the proper syringes. We
22 have the real long ones that the little arms can't
23 handle. They go from one inch to a quarter inch. So
24 it's a much smaller syringe. And, plus, we also have
25 to get prepared to deal with the children now.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: And the clinic is
2 free, correct?

3 MR. AZMAR: It's free for everyone.

4 And they asked me about Medicaid, I
5 don't care about that. I want to make sure that we
6 provide that free to anyone who comes. We don't ask
7 questions about other things, we just want to make
8 sure that everyone who hasn't been inoculated gets
9 inoculated. That's what we care about.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: When do they say
11 the season is supposed to end?

12 MR. AZMAR: Probably in May.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Because it usually
14 ends in March.

15 MR. AZMAR: You're correct.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: It does take two
17 weeks for the shot to get into your system.

18 MR. AZMAR: Two to three weeks to build
19 an immunity to it; however, even if you do get sick
20 while you have the vaccine and you haven't fully
21 acquired an immunity to it, you still have some
22 protection.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So that's why they
24 said that people should still get their flu shot
25 because the season is extended by at least a month.

1 MR. AZMAR: Even if you get the flu,
2 they still recommend you get the flu shot, because
3 you don't know what strain is out there. There's
4 multiple strains out there, it's 2 and 3, flu B, so
5 there are all sorts of strains out there, but the
6 main thing is, it's the same thing, get your flu
7 shot, wash your hands; if you're sick, stay home. If
8 the doctor recommends a antiviral like Tamiflu, take
9 it. So that's my health education piece for the
10 night.

11 Thank you very much.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Just for my
13 Freeholders, usually something that comes on this
14 late I don't put on. This was so urgent and I
15 thought an medical emergency, I felt the need to do
16 it.

17 Did we vote on this yet?

18 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Mr. Chairman,
19 may I ask that we do it as a Body of the Whole?

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Sure, we can
21 sponsor it as a Body of the Whole.

22 Any objections?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. May I have
25 motion to accept the Resolution on the Consent Agenda

1 as read by the Clerk?

2 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: So moved.

3 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

5 (All present Freeholders respond in the
6 affirmative.)

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

8 (At this point in the proceeding roll
9 call is taken and Resolution #120-18 is passed by a
10 vote of five in favor, with Freeholders Tanelli and
11 Ganz absent.)

12 MS. RODRIGUEZ: It carries with five
13 ayes.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

15 Are there any Resolutions of

16 Nonconsent, pulled, postponed or tabled?

17 If so, will the Clerk please read.

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: There are none.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. We're not
20 having a Closed Session?

21 MR. FLORIO: Neither County Counsel nor
22 I have anything for Closed Session.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

24 So nothing further to come before this
25 meeting, may have a motion to adjourn?

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FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

(All present Freeholders respond in the affirmative.)

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: At 5:06, the meeting is adjourned.

(Whereupon, the Work Session is adjourned at 5:06 p.m.)

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