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BERGEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY  
WORK SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 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
- TRACY SILNA ZUR
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS
- STEVEN A. TANELLI

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

NONE

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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, ESQUIRE  
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

MICHAEL SHEINFELD  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

STORM WYCHE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

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4:39 PM REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

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4:43 PM REVIEW OF ORDINANCES

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4:43 PM CLOSED SESSION

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1                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I call the meeting  
2 to order at 4:37 p.m.

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

6                   Thank you.

7                   Will the Clerk please read the Sen.  
8 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, Ganz,  
25 Tanelli, Voss, Silna Zur, Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz, and

1 Chairman Sullivan present.)

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

4 Will you please rise for the Pledge of  
5 Allegiance.

6 I ask Storm Wyche to lead us today.

7 (At this point in the proceeding all  
8 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,  
9 led by Ms. Wyche.)

10 4:39 PM REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now review  
12 the resolutions to be voted on tonight.

13 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Chairman, I have a  
14 question.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes.

16 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you.

17 When did the Star Ledger become the  
18 official newspaper of the county?

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I couldn't answer  
20 you, Freeholder. I don't know if Julien knows or  
21 anybody else knows that.

22 Do you know that answer?

23 We'll have to get back to you.

24 FREEHOLDER GANZ: That's fine.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I didn't know it

1 was.

2 FREEHOLDER VOSS: The Record and The  
3 Ledger are owned by the same company, aren't they?

4 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: No.

5 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I stand corrected.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Page 1 of  
7 the resolutions.

8 I would ask that on Page 1, #415, #416,  
9 and #417 be on Nonconsent. Does anyone have any  
10 problem with that?

11 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: No.

12 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Mr. Chairman,  
13 can I sponsor #414 and #418?

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anyone want to  
15 co-sponsor that with Tracy?

16 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I will.

17 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Sure.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Steve is on #414  
19 and David is on #418.

20 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Sure.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

22 Page 2.

23 Does anyone have a problem with doing  
24 the two grants as a Body of the Whole?

25 FREEHOLDER GANZ: No.

1 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: That's great.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So #422 and #423,  
3 please, as a Body of the Whole.

4 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Page 3.

6 We also have a grant with #427 and  
7 #433.

8 Does anyone have a problem with Body of  
9 the Whole?

10 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: No.

11 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: No.

12 Thank you.

13 FREEHOLDER GANZ: No.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you.  
15 Page 4.

16 #442 and #443, Body of the Whole, is  
17 everyone okay with that?

18 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Yes.

19 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

21 Page 5.

22 #445 and #449, can we do them as a Body  
23 of the Whole?

24 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes.

25 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Yes.

1 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: #445 and what?

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: #449.

3 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: All right.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Page 6.

5 Page 7.

6 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Can we do all  
7 the appointments, #461 through #475, and then also  
8 #476 as well?

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Is there any  
10 objection?

11 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: No.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. So moved.

13 That would bring us to Page 9.

14 I would ask that #482 be on Nonconsent.

15 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Can I ask that  
16 #481 be done as a Body of the Whole?

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Sure.

18 Does anyone have any objection?

19 Seeing none.

20 We'll review the ordinances.

21 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I'm sorry, Mr.  
22 Chairman.

23 #480 can we also do as a Body of the  
24 Whole as a revenue producing shared services  
25 arrangement?



1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Absolutely.

2 No objection?

3 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: No objection.

4 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: No.

5 4:43 PM REVIEW OF ORDINANCES

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Any questions on  
7 the ordinances on Page 9?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Page 10.

10 4:43 PM CLOSED SESSION

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. We will now  
12 go into Closed Session for approximately 20 minutes,  
13 and then we will return to the Public Session.

14 Will the attorney briefly state the  
15 matter for which we will be discussing in Closed  
16 Session.

17 MR. FLORIO: Thank you, Chairman.

18 We will have an update on legal matters  
19 including but not limited to those under Resolutions  
20 #459 and #460.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can you give a  
22 little synopsis when we will reveal our strategy.

23 MR. FLORIO: As far as strategy,  
24 according to my co-counsel, Freeholder Ganz, never.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Did you have

1 something you wanted to add, Tracy?

2 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can I have a motion  
4 to go into Closed Session?

5 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

6 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Carried.

13 Closed Session is commencing at

14 4:44 p.m.

15 (Whereupon, Closed Session is held.)

16 (Open Session resumes at 4:49 p.m.)

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: At 4:49, we are  
18 back on the record.

19 There was a motion to go back in open.

20 So we will reconvene our Public Meeting at 7:30.

21 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Chairman, we  
22 need to talk a minute.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Oh, sure.

24 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: I just need  
25 a point of clarity.

1                   You asked that Resolution #482 be  
2 placed on Nonconsent?

3                   MR. FLORIO:    Yes.

4                   COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO:   Okay.  That  
5 needs to be done --

6                   MR. FLORIO:    Prior to the adoption of  
7 the budget, which is why it's on Nonconsent with all  
8 the others.

9                   COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO:   In the  
10 front?

11                   MR. FLORIO:    That will be first,  
12 although not sequential as they're numbered, it will  
13 be addressed in the proper sequence.

14                   COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO:   Thank you  
15 for the clarification, counselor.

16                   MR. FLORIO:    Happy to help, County  
17 Executive.

18                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:   So Nonconsent goes  
19 first and then we go to the Consent Agenda?

20                   MR. FLORIO:    Yes.

21                   CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:   Thank you.

22                   Are there any other questions?

23                   Thank you, County Executive.

24                   There being nothing further to come  
25 before this meeting, may have a motion to adjourn

1     until 7:30?

2                     FREEHOLDER GANZ:    So moved.

3                     VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ:    Second.

4                     CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:    All in favor?

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

7                     CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN:    4:51 adjourned,  
8     till 7:30.

9                     (Whereupon the Work Session is  
10    adjourned at 4:51 p.m.)

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