

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **May 14, 2019** at 7:02 p.m. in Room 108.

THIS MEETING IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT" AS ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY MAILING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO THE WESTFIELD LEADER, THE UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, THE STAR LEDGER, AND TAP INTO CRANFORD, BY POSTING SUCH ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE ON A BULLETIN BOARD IN THE TOWN HALL RESERVED FOR SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE FILING OF SAID NOTICE WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK OF CRANFORD. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

Present: Mayor Patrick Giblin
Deputy Mayor Ann Dooley
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr. *
Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

Absent: None

*Commissioner Hannen entered Room 108 at 7:09 p.m.

Public Comments

Mayor Giblin opened the public comment portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing no comments, Mayor Giblin closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Review Official Meeting Agenda

A brief discussion ensued regarding proposed Resolution Number 2019-204 ("Urging Union County to protect the Walnut Avenue Public Right-of-Way). Members of the Committee requested that Township Clerk Patricia Donahue move this resolution from Consent Agenda to a Roll Call vote.

Ms. Donahue noted that she would update Resolution No. 2019-205 (Authorizing the closure of various municipal lots for the Town-wide Barbecue and Cranford Bike Tour) with the correct municipal lot closure times.

Abandoned Property Ordinance to Affordable Housing Program

Deputy Mayor Dooley spoke about her interest in bringing an ordinance before the Committee which would address moving abandoned properties to affordable housing opportunities. The Township Committee directed Township Attorney Ryan Cooper to draft such an ordinance.

Late Starter – Sidewalks

Commissioner Maisonneuve provide an update regarding his outreach to the Downtown Management Corporation regarding a proposed "Sidewalks ordinance." He noted their support of such an ordinance. A brief discussion ensued.

Late Starter - Legal

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper provided an update regarding the Macrietta Cleaners – Elazars' legal judgment and associated financials. A brief discussion ensued regarding Judgment enforcement.

Late Starter – Purchase of 375 Centennial Avenue

Mayor Giblin spoke about the proposed purchase of the MHS Tennis Academy at 375 Centennial Avenue noting that the venue could be utilized for a number of purposes including for senior citizen use. Commissioner Maisonneuve stated that he would like to see the venue used to make money. Discussion ensued about the opportunities which would be provided by the purchase.

Late Starter – Business Activity Update

Commissioner Hannen and Township Attorney Ryan Cooper provided a brief update on the firm which was interested in moving to the intersection at Lincoln and South Avenue. They stated that the firm had decided not to move forward with a facility at this location.

Late Starter - Closed Session

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, the following resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 2019-93.14B

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee will go into closed session to discuss the following, the minutes of which will be released at some time in the future at the discretion of the Township Committee:

Legal

- *New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control*

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Dooley, Commissioners Hannen, Maisonneuve and O'Connor
Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:17 p.m.

The Township Committee moved to Council Chambers at 7:17 p.m. to conduct the Official Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Donahue
Municipal Clerk

Dated: May 14, 2019