

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **November 23, 2021** at **7:31 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 E-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 Kathleen Miller Prunty
Commissioner Jason Gareis
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

Absent: Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper, Administrator Jamie Cryan and Township Clerk Patricia Donahue were present. Township Consulting Redevelopment Attorney Michael Ash was present.

Public Comments

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

Review Official Meeting Agenda

Administrator Jamie Cryan spoke about updates made to the proposed salary step resolutions for consideration at the Official Meeting. Township Clerk Patricia Donahue spoke about the "late starter" resolution for consideration at the Official Meeting pertaining to the Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa's arrival event on Saturday, November 27th and associated street closures (the event was moved from Friday to Saturday due to the Cranford High School State playoffs game on Friday, November 26th.) Ms. Donahue noted that proposed Resolution No. 2021-407 pertaining to a release of contract retainage and a Performance Bond to American Asphalt & Milling Services, LLC had been removed from the Official Meeting Agenda.

Closed Session

On motion of Commissioner Gareis, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the following resolution was adopted by roll call vote:

Resolution No. 2021-98.32

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:

Minute Review

- Closed Session Minutes of October 25th and October 26, 2021

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Commissioners Gareis, Hannen & O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Deputy Mayor Andrews

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andrews and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:37 p.m.

Late Starter – 750 Walnut Avenue Redevelopment Plan

Commissioner Hannen inquired whether language could be added to proposed Ordinance No. 2021-18 which would limit the number of market-rate units at 750 Walnut Avenue. Commissioner O'Connor spoke about her concerns, both currently and expressed in the past,

regarding the eventual action by the developer to increase the number of units at 750 Walnut Avenue. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

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

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andrews and passed, the Township Committee moved to conduct the Official Meeting at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 23, 2021

Patricia Donahue
Township Clerk