

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

COUNCIL AGENDA

MARCH 16, 2017 - 7:30 P.M.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT: Under the provisions of N.J.S.A.10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting was given by way of annual notice to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, and Star Ledger, and posted at Borough Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG and a MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, SERVING HOME AND ABROAD.

ROLL CALL:

Joren [] Black [] Nehls [] Gibbs [] Mobus [] Sopko []

PROCLAMATION

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month – March

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Continued Public Hearing of Ordinance OR:17/04 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A "REDEVELOPMENT PLAN" FOR A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF LOT 6.01 IN BLOCK 57.01 AS SHOWN ON THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG TAX MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7."

R1:03/16/17 Adoption of Ordinance OR:17/04 – Adoption of Redevelopment Plan / East Drive

Continued Public Hearing of Ordinance OR:17/05 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH EAST DRIVE URBAN RENEWAL ASSOCIATES, L.P., PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ."

R2: Adoption of Ordinance OR:17/05 – Granting Long Term Tax Exemption and Authorize Financial Agreement / East Drive Urban Renewal Associates, L.P.

R3: Authorize Revised East Drive Development Agreement, Grant Agreement, Cost Escrow Agreement

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Administration & Finance
2. Police
3. Public Works / Buildings and Grounds
4. Public Affairs:
 - Open Space
 - Environmental
 - Recreation
 - Historical
 - Board of Health

5. Fire
6. Laws/Ordinances

REPORTS - OTHER:

7. Engineer
8. Police Chief
9. Fire Department
10. Rescue Squad
11. Emergency Management
12. Attorney
13. Clerk
14. Administrator

During the conduct of the meeting, unless a Public Hearing is held or the Regular Order of Business is waived, the audience does not participate. A Public Portion is held prior to action taken on Agenda items for agenda item discussion only, and another Public Portion is held at the end of the meeting for general discussion. Individuals commenting from the audience will be limited to three minutes per person, and will not be permitted to speak again until everyone has had an opportunity to speak. If a group is represented by an attorney, the attorney will be given five minutes to make the presentation for the group.

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PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Hearing of Ordinance OR:17/03 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 28-800 TITLED “DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REVIEW PROCEDURES AND CHECKLISTS” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG TO ADD A NEW SECTION 28-808 SPECIFYING THE REQUIRED FORMAT FOR DIGITAL SUBMISSION OF LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS TO ESTABLISH AND/OR MAINTAIN A DIGITAL TAX MAP AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM BASED PARCEL LAYER”

R4:03/16/17 Adoption of OR:17/03 – Amend Code / Require Digital Submission of LDO Applications

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NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Borough Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council action.

Approval of the following Council minutes:

- March 2, 2017 Special Meeting
- March 2, 2017 Regular Session
- March 9, 2017 Special Meeting

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

- Building Department Report – February, 2017
- Youth Service Commission Minutes – January 31, 2017
- Recreation Commission Minutes – February 1, 2017
- Environmental Commission Minutes – January 24, 2017
- Police Activity Report – January, 2017
- Bd. of Adjustment Minutes – December 8, 2016, January 12, 2017

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #11 - PSE&G 3/6/17 Two (2) Notices of Petitions and Public Hearing requesting an increase in its MGP, remediation charges and its RAC clause; Approval of Energy Efficiency Program and Associated Recovery Costs c: M & C, TEA, Post
- #12 - Price, Meese, Shulman & D’Arminio, PC, Attorneys for T-Mobile Northeast LLC Application for Site Plan Approval, 351 Route 22, North Plainfield, NJ Public Hearing Date March 15, 2017 c: M & C, TEA, Pl. Bd
- #13 - Township of Berkeley Heights Planning Board 3/3/17 Notice of Public Hearing regarding the adoption of their Housing Element and Fair Share Plan of the Master Plan, on March 15, 2017 c: M & C, TEA, Pl. Bd
- #14 - Watchung Planning Board, Board of Adjustment 3/13/17 Notices of support in regard to proposed Ordinance OR:17/03 – Digital Submissions c: M & C, TEA
- #15 - Township of Bridgewater 3/9/17 Notice of Adoption of three (3) Land Use Ordinances 17-05, 17-06, and 17-07 c: M & C, TEA, Pl. Board

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CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: The resolutions listed below were submitted to the Governing Body for review and will be adopted by one motion.

- R5:03/16/17 Resolution to Authorize and Designate Exchange Safe Zone / Police Parking Lot
- R6: Award of Professional Service Contract – Affordable Housing Consulting Services / Mark Healey
- R7: Urging Support of Assembly Bill A222/ Senate Bill S2171 – NJ Library Construction Bond Act

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NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Items listed below will be individually addressed and acted upon accordingly. Council reserves the right to refer an item to Committee for further review and discussion.

Introduction of Ordinance OR:17/06 – “ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK WHEN THE COLA IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 2.5 PERCENT (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14)” Public Hearing to be held on April 6, 2017.

- R8:03/16/17 Introduction of OR:17/06 – Cap Bank Ordinance
- R9: Introduction of 2017 Municipal Budget (Public Hearing to be held on April 20, 2017)
- R10: Payment of Bills

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PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION
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ADJOURNMENT
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The next meeting of the Mayor and Council is the scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 7:30 P.M.