

Borough Council Minutes  
New Providence, New Jersey  
November 14, 2019

The special meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of New Providence, County of Union and State of New Jersey was held on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Center. Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Morgan, Council President Gennaro, Councilman Cumiskey, Councilwoman Geoffroy, Councilman DeSarno, Councilman Muñoz, Councilman Robinson

Entered After Roll Call: None

Absent: None

Also Present: Administrator Marvin, Borough Clerk Barry

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Mayor Morgan stated this is a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of New Providence, County of Union and State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, in that an annual notice or revision was made in conformance with Section 13 of the Act.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

1. Fee Schedule:

Borough Council reviewed proposed changes to the municipal fee schedule. Council agreed to updated the fee schedule in accordance with the recommendations and introducing the fee ordinance at the next meeting of Council.

2. 2020 Council Advisory Boards/Committees:

Borough Council reviewed what Advisory Boards would be appointed for the year 2020. Council discussed and agreed to the appointment of the following advisory boards and committees for the year 2020:

Council agreed the membership of advisory committees be limited to no more than 20 members and members must be residents of the Borough or employees of New Providence businesses.

Beautification Committee – No change

Community Activities Advisory Board – Council asked the liaison confirm the attendance of the members to evaluate the optimum member composition.

Community Garden – Subcommittee of Sustainability Committee.

Diversity Committee – Request committee provide events for the year.

Economic Development Committee – change name to Community Enhancement and Economic Development Committee.

Councilman DeSarno reviewed some of the activities and plans the committee has been discussing for the business area. Mayor Morgan suggested the committee be careful that they are not looking at things which are the responsibility of Public Safety.

Public Arts Committee – No change

Sustainability Committee (Green Team) –

Councilman DeSarno reported the committee is discussing a “Green Award” honoring sustainability work.

Municipal Alliance –

Councilwoman Geoffroy reported to Council some of the hurdles the committee has to deal with in adhering to the grant requirements.

### 3. 2020 Goal Setting Discussion:

2020 Goals were reviewed as follows:

Mayor Morgan:

- 1) Tricentennial Committee – Planning to host several events throughout the year, Kick-off event scheduled for February.
- 2) Centennial Park - pavilion needs to be painted and the monument needs cleaning and sealant.

Finance:

- 1) Affordable Housing Forecast – projection of growth, assessments and infrastructure changes.

Councilwoman Geoffroy:

- 1) Council Communications – will hold one more “chat with your Councilmembers” and then will evaluation the program.

Administration:

- 1) Will be planning Public Safety Forum.
- 2) Coffee with the Mayor program.
- 3) Investigate shared service for grant writing.
- 4) Investigate live streaming of events.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

This is an opportunity for any member of the public to be heard about issues that are not separate topics, scheduled for public hearings tonight. To help facilitate an orderly meeting, and to permit all to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to three (3) minutes, and may only speak once on any one topic.

Mayor Morgan opened the meeting for public comments.

There being no one wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed.

## **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, on motion by Councilman Muñoz, seconded by Councilman Cumiskey the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi B. Barry  
Borough Clerk

*These minutes have not yet been officially approved.*

*Minutes approved at the January 27, 2020 meeting of the Borough Council, as submitted.*