

SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2005

Mayor Ganz called the meeting to order at 9:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Ganz, Deputy Mayor Etler, Councilmembers Caan and McCarthy.

ALSO PRESENT: Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski, Assistant to the Municipal Clerk Van Kruiningen, and Attorney Lustgarten.

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Weinstein and Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #24-2005

Upon motion by Councilmember Caan and a second by Deputy Mayor Etler, Consent Agenda 24-2005 containing the following items was unanimously adopted.

- a. Resol. #221-2005 - Professional Service - Broadway SID

Resol. #222-2005 - Professional Service - Fair Lawn EDC:

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etler a second by Councilmember McCarthy, it was unanimously agreed to read the following resolution by title.

Deputy Mayor Etler believed this committee was redundant. He felt the new Broadway SID and River Road SID can operate very well without this organization. He stated he would be opposed to this.

Councilmember McCarthy stated they have discussed this at lengths in the last couple of months. He felt Deputy Mayor Weinstein should be present because he was the one carrying the torch on this but he felt this was a good idea for the community. He believed in these times you hear about businesses leaving communities or not coming to communities because there is no essence or feeling that the area is business friendly. He believed that communities and local government by ignoring the problem are part of the problem and not part of the solution. He felt by the Council being proactive in this situation and bringing businesses to town everyone would benefit. He felt it gives people a warm feeling to see businesses on the streets rather than vacant stores. They also provide jobs for many of the residents and well as the convenience of not going to the mall or internet to purchase items. He added Deputy Mayor Weinstein should be applauded for his efforts on moving this forward.

Councilmember Caan agreed with Councilmember McCarthy. He believed River Road SID did a great job and the Broadway SID will have an opportunity to do the same for Broadway. There are still other business areas that are also going to need help. Broadway SID is not going to help the other areas but the EDC will help them and that is why this is important. He too commended Deputy Mayor Weinstein's efforts.

Mayor Ganz stated River Road SID did give the seed money for they Broadway SID. He was confident that each of those SIDs would participate fully in helping other areas of town develop. The vision that Deputy Mayor Weinstein presented to the Council was an Economic Development Corporation that will work with Bergen County Economic Corporation, local SID, Chamber of Commerce, merchants and landlords in the business districts. Fair Lawn does not have a central business district the way other communities do and this would ensure all areas of this town are fully and adequately covered in these difficult times.

There being no further comment, Resolution #222-2005 was adopted with Deputy Mayor Etlar dissenting.

ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION

Upon motion by Councilmember McCarthy and a second by Councilmember Caan, the meeting was adjourned to the Work Session at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M. Kwasniewski, RMC/CMC/AEE
Manager/Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

Mayor David L. Ganz

Councilmember Allan Caan

Deputy Mayor Martin Etlar

Councilmember Owen McCarthy

Absent

Deputy Mayor Steven Weinstein