

WORK SESSION OF AUGUST 16, 2005

Mayor Ganz reconvened the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Ganz, Deputy Mayors Etlar and Weinstein, Councilmembers Caan and McCarthy.

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

ABSENT: Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski.

Open Space Committee:

Deputy Mayor Weinstein believed they should form an Open Space Committee to look at the current issues future issues and to identify open space property they currently hold and property that could possibly be open space in the future. This committee could advise the Council on grants and communicate with other entities in the Borough such as Economic Development Corporation in order to balance out development as well as keeping open space. Deputy Mayor Weinstein explained they would be strictly advisory. He recommended that in the beginning they bring in an outside experts such as Green Acres.

He believed other communities had about nine to eleven but they could leave that open. The unanimous consensus was to establish an Open Space Committee.

Mayor Ganz suggested a committee of Deputy Mayor Weinstein and Councilmember McCarthy to suggest members for the Open Space Committee. Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski will post this on the website and Channel 77. He suggested the committee report back to the Council by the second week in September.

Capital Budget Projects:

Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated she had to make some changes on Mayor Ganz sheet because he was over the amount they would be allowed to bond based upon the amount available for the down payment. She presented her proposal. She noted, however, that no funds for the planting of trees were included. It was agreed to eliminate two recreation projects totaling \$100,000 and add \$100,000 for tree replacement. The Mayor and Council agreed to fast track recreation projects in 2006 since they relate to the pool.

The consensus was to accept Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski proposal. The bond ordinances will be introduced as soon as possible.

Miscellaneous Public Comments:

Arlene Rubinstein, 28 Rutgers Terrace recommended having Felice Koplitz put on the Open Space Committee. She believed she was more than qualified.

Closed Session:

Upon motion by Councilmember McCarthy and seconded by Deputy Mayor Etler, the following closed session resolution was unanimously adopted at 10:50 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey permits the public to be excluded from certain matters to be discussed by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Lawn desire to discuss Personnel and Anticipated Litigation; and

WHEREAS, these matters are ones which permit the exclusion of the public from such discussions; and

WHEREAS, public disclosure of the results of these discussions shall be made relating to Personnel upon formal action by the Borough Manager within 30 days, and Anticipated Litigation within two weeks to state that a suit was filed and except for legal strategy which is never revealed; and

WHEREAS, public disclosure of the results of these discussions shall be made upon the conclusion of these matters by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fair Lawn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Lawn that the public be excluded since these matters as set forth above are ones which permit the exclusion of the public from such discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember McCarthy and a second by Councilmember Caan, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M. Kwasniewski, RMC/CMC/AE
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

Deputy Mayor Steven Weinstein