

SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 17, 2005

Mayor Ganz called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Attorney Lustgarten

ALSO PRESENT: Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski.

DISCUSSION ON DEFEATED SCHOOL BUDGET:

Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that as far as the voters go they have spoken. This is not a pleasurable task for the Council to take since the budget was voted down. He felt that the Council works well with the Board of Education. He felt they should cut \$800,000.

Councilmember Caan stated this was a tough process. There is a lot of give and take. The Board of Education was gracious in providing information to the Council for them to make a decision. He also felt they should cut the budget by \$800,000. It is a fine line between balancing the budget and the needs of the students.

Councilmember McCarthy stated that he agreed with what has been said. He is a graduate of Fair Lawn High School and he knows how valuable the programs are. What he learned in the school system was valuable and has helped him in his college years. Since the budget was defeated, cuts would have to be made. He felt that the \$800,000 cut would not penalize the students but it would cut the tax points.

Deputy Mayor Etlar stated that the voters have determined that the budget should be cut. He, too, felt that cutting \$800,000 would not impair the students but is still a substantial cut.

Mayor Ganz stated this is the second time in the last couple of years that the Council had to take on this daunting task. The Council had 30 days to come up with the cuts. He suggested cuts to the budget totaling \$800,000. The Board of Education knows the budget and then can reject the Council's views. He suggested cutting all lines by .005279%

Mayor Ganz suggested they take a recess to review the line items at 6:16 p.m.

Upon motion by Councilmember McCarthy and a second by Councilmember Caan the meeting was reconvened at 6:18 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated in regard to Outdoor Education, he was hopeful that they would explore another option possibly they could put something else into play.

Mayor Ganz stated he did not agree with the cuts that the Board of Education made. He

agreed that each line item should be cut. He questioned the architect fees. Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski stated that it was explained to her that because the project came in under bid, the fees would have to be lower.

Mayor Ganz thought that the Board of Education could sell the budget better.

RESOLUTION NO. 174-2005 - SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etlar and a second by Councilmember McCarthy, Resolution No. 174-2005 was unanimously adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

Louise Orlando, 12 Arlington Place wondered what the cost of one tax point was. Deputy Mayor Etlar explained it is \$230,000 or \$19 a point. Mrs. Orlando asked what the budget cut meant to the taxpayers. Mayor Ganz stated it will amount to around \$70.

Jeannie Barrata, 12-02 Fair Lawn Avenue wondered if these cuts were made by the Board of Education. Mayor Ganz stated the Council made recommendations to the Board of Education. They know the programs better and they know what they want and need better than the Council. The only exception was to leave the band uniforms in and the marching band.

Howard Marks, 12-23 Ferry Heights questioned if the Color Guard Uniforms were left in. Mayor Ganz told him they were.

ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etlar and a second by Councilmember McCarthy, the meeting was adjourned to the Work Session at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approved the foregoing minutes.

David L. Ganz, Mayor

Councilmember Allan Caan

Deputy Mayor Martin Etlar

Councilmember Owen McCarthy

Deputy Mayor Steven Weinstein

SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 17, 2005

Mayor Ganz called the meeting to order at 9:30 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski and Attorney Lustgarten.

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING

Upon motion by Councilmember Caan and a second by Councilmember McCarthy, it was unanimously agreed to read the following ordinance by title and open the time for a public hearing.

Ordinance No. 2014-2005

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, 20002, BY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 232 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE III, "PERMIT PARKING ON STREETS", SUBSECTIONS 232-11, 232-16 AND 232-18

Mayor Ganz stated this ordinance will make changes on Christie Place both sides, overnight parking between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. will be allowed on Carlton Place, Calyne Drive and Chadwick Place on the south side for the entire length.

Michael Aversa, 19-09 Chandler Drive thanked the Council for adopting this ordinance.

Harvey Rubinstein, 28 Rutgers Terrace questioned the traffic flow on Chandler Drive.

There being no further comments by the public, upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etler and a second by Councilmember McCarthy it was unanimously agreed to close the time for public hearing.

Upon motion by Councilmember Caan and a second by Mayor Ganz, Resolution No. 175-2005 adopting Ordinance No. 2014-2005 was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #17-2005

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Weinstein and a second by Councilmember Caan, Consent Agenda 17-2005 containing the following items was unanimously adopted.

- a. Resol. #176-2005 - Approval of Raffles
Fair Lawn Jewish Center, Instant Raffle
Special Meeting

ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etlar and a second by Councilmember McCarthy, the meeting was adjourned to Work Session at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approved the foregoing minutes.

David L. Ganz, Mayor

Councilmember Allan Caan

Deputy Mayor Martin Etlar

Councilmember Owen McCarthy

Deputy Mayor Steven Weinstein