

BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 12, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M.
VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Mayor Arvin Amatorio and Council President Hernando Rivera, Council members Thomas Lodato, Buddy Deauna, Rafael Marte, Ora Kornbluth and Marc Pascual

ABSENT: No one.

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Corey Gallo
Borough Attorney John Schettino
Borough Clerk Marie Quinones

Mayor Amatorio called the meeting to order at 11:12 p.m. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Statement, "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Notice is sent to the Record, Star Ledger, Twin Boro News, and Cablevision, placed on two Municipal Bulletin Boards and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. Notice of this meeting via the April 9th Sunshine Notice has been sent to the Record, Star Ledger, Twin Boro News and Cablevision and posted on two municipal bulletin boards."

The Salute to the Flag was led by Council President Rivera.

Mayor Amatorio inquired if there are any members of the public present for this meeting. Borough Administrator Gallo confirmed two members of the public are present for this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Amatorio opened the meeting to verbal communications and invited the public to comment on any subject, limited to five minutes per speaker. He stated that members can speak on any item. The public can state their comments and their questions will be addressed by the Council in the end.

Borough Administrator Gallo advised the members of the public to unmute themselves if they wish to speak.

No members from the public came forward.

Mayor Amatorio stated that once the governing body enters closed session, the members of the public will need to be removed from the meeting. He explained that the governing body will return to open session to adjourn the meeting.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that public should be made aware of the amount of time the governing body will be in closed session. He stated that in approximately twenty-five minutes, the Mayor and Council will return to open session, at which time, they may take further action or adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schettino explained that the governing body has the right to enter into closed session to discuss exceptions to the open public meetings act such as matters pertaining to personnel, litigation, and attorney-client privilege. He further explained that the topic of discussion involves all three, which serves as a basis to enter into closed session. Mr. Schettino stated that the individual affected received a RICE notice, which allows him to request the matter be discussed in public. The individual chose not to be discussed in public, and therefore the matter will be discussed in closed session.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated once again that the members of the public are unmute and asked them if they wish to make comments.

No members from the public came forward.

There being no one who wishes to be heard, Mayor Amatorio closed public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 21-147/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

- A. Personnel/Attorney-Client Privilege
 - 1. Disciplinary Action

On a motion by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Council President Rivera, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 11:18 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Council President Rivera, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones
Borough Clerk