

January 26, 2010

MINUTES of the a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey held on the 26th day of January, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Government Center, Secaucus, NJ.

Present: Mayor Michael Gonnelli  
Councilmembers: Gary Jeffas  
John Shinnick  
Nick Costantino  
William Mc Keever  
James Clancy  
John Bueckner

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The following statement was read by Town Clerk Michael Marra:

"Adequate notice for this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, has been provided by the filing of the notice of Meetings with the Municipal Clerk, the posting of said notice on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and the delivery of same to the Secaucus Home News on December 31, 2009."

This body wishes to advise you that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-11.1, et seq. of the Indoor Air Quality Standards and Procedures for Buildings Occupied by Public Employees, smoking anywhere in this public building is prohibited by law.

In the event of a fire or other emergency, please note that there are two exits in the rear of the Council Chamber which may be used."

The first item on the agenda is as follows:

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2010-7

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127-58 B OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED  
"DESIGNATION OF LOCATIONS AT OR NEAR PRIVATE RESIDENCES"**

Councilman Shinnick moved that the foregoing ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading, seconded by Councilman Bueckner.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2010-8

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 73 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE PROTECTION"**

Councilman Jeffas moved that the foregoing ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

Mayor Gonnelli explained the proposed change to this ordinance.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
Motion carried.

Michael Marra announced that the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2010-7 will be on February 9, 2010 and Public Hearing for 2010-8 will be on February 23, 2010.

**CONSENT AGENDA-RESOLUTIONS**

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Mayor and Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.



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The following resolution was read:

No. 2010-3

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Marilyn De Pice is hereby appointed to the position of Senior Administrative Assistant effective Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at the annual salary of \$35,000.00.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2010-20

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Nancy Minervini is hereby appointed to the position of Mayor's Secretary effective, Wednesday, January 27, 2010 through December 31, 2013, at the annual salary of \$35,000.00.

Councilman Bueckner moved to approve the resolutions on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2010-21

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Charles F. Snyder is hereby promoted to the position of Superintendent of the Department of Public Works for a period of three (3) years effective Wednesday, January 27, 2010 through December 31, 2012 at the annual salary of \$119,271.00.

Councilman Clancy moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Councilman McKeever.

Councilman Shinnick spoke regarding the timing of the resolution and explained his vote.

Councilman Bueckner offered his opinion on this resolution.

Mayor Gonnelli commented on the posting and the resolution. He spoke about two issues that were at hand and clarified them to the public.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli  
NAYS: Shinnick  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Councilman Jeffas moved that the following Salary Vouchers and Claims Fund Register be approved, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 01/08/10	\$ 404,183.50
Adm. & Exec	9,792.05
Mayor & Council	10,335.01
Municipal Clerk	5,943.35
Legal Dept.	2,588.35
Treasurer	18,325.89
Tax Assessor	5,427.01
Tax Collector	4,076.79
Municipal Court	16,929.83
Engineering	808.08
Community Shuttle Bus	5,148.17
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	33,735.70
Off. Of Inspect.	5,644.52
Planning Board	541.66
Bd. Of Adjustments	541.66
Public Defender	600.00
Comm. & Security Adm.	3,651.25
Fire Department	0.00

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Police Dept.	292,878.91	
Construction	10,049.23	
School Cross Grds.	2,797.65	
Office of Emergency Man.	000.00	
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	4,564.76	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	110,629.97	
Sewer System	000.00	
Recycling Coord.	11,491.87	
Bd.of Health	824.23	
Mosquito Control	000.00	
Social Services	10,124.43	
Pks. & Play Grds.	858.38	
Supv. Of Play Act.	38,306.13	
Rec. Activities	7,827.41	
Pool Oper.	000.00	
CDBG	700.89	
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. w/ending 01/08/10		\$ 211,959.68
Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 01/22/10		\$ 462,911.31
Adm. & Exec	9,133.72	
Mayor & Council	1,928.38	
Municipal Clerk	6,973.34	
Legal Dept.	2,588.35	
Treasurer	19,196.30	
Tax Assessor	5,427.01	
Tax Collector	4,876.02	
Municipal Court	14,213.26	
Engineering	000.00	
Community Shuttle Bus	2,660.39	
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	40,983.94	
Off. Of Inspect.	11,576.14	
Planning Board	000.00	
Bd. Of Adjustments	100.00	
Public Defender	600.00	
Comm. & Security Adm.	3,651.25	
Fire Department	000.00	
Police Dept.	347,588.48	
Construction	11,194.25	
School Cross Grds.	10,504.63	
Office of Emergency Man.	000.00	
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	4,564.76	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	118,057.18	
Sewer System	230.53	
Recycling Coord.	12,044.64	
Bd.of Health	699.23	
Mosquito Control	000.00	
Social Services	11,348.75	
Pks. & Play Grds.	888.00	
Supv. Of Play Act.	43,733.44	
Rec. Activities	7,525.54	
Pool Oper.	000.00	
CDBG	700.89	
Town of Secaucus Escrow Acct. w/ending 1/22/10		\$ 230,090.11
Total Amount Claims	Check No. 28089-28258	\$1,501,365.46
Recreation Acct.	No checks written	
Current Account	Check No. 1765-1782	\$1,306,032.97
Trust Account	No checks written	

Councilman Jeffas spoke about his vote and the reason for it.

Councilman Bueckner offered his explanation of his vote.

Mayor Gonnelli offered his explanation also.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner,  
Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.



REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

Councilman Clancy moved to accept the Reports and Correspondence Register, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Costantino gave a report on the Finance Committee. He noted that in order to work through the issues, the Committee will meet every other week for the next year.

Councilman Clancy reported as the Fire and Police Liaison and spoke about the Earthquake in Haiti and the efforts the Fire Department made to raise money to send in aide. He commended all the fire fighters for their effort and thanked the residents for contributing.

Councilman Jeffas gave a report regarding the Televised Meetings. He stated that it has been narrowed down to cost and at the next Caucus meeting the cost will be submitted and the contract awarded. He also reported on the Traffic Committee and that the initial meeting will be held of February 3, 2010. He noted that the Alternate Energy Committee will be meeting soon.

Councilman Bueckner report on the Recreation Committee Meeting and their discussion in regards to costs.

Town Administrator, David Drumeler spoke about an internship available through Secaucus High School with student participation. He explained the plan for the program.

Mayor Gonnelli spoke about the partnership with North Hudson Community Action Group in regards to doing medical services. He spoke about H1N1 services they provided on Saturday. He noted that this Friday they will be providing services in the Senior Buildings. He also commented on a visit he made to the Walmart in North Bergen and stated that he was impressed with the facility and noted that it should help alleviate some of the traffic coming into Secaucus.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Gonnelli stated that he provided Sam Maffei with a total breakdown of all the costs for the Recreation Center for last year. He offered a copy to anyone who requests it.

NEW BUSINESS

None

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

- Nina Rumson
- Steven Goldstein
- Neil Santorello
- Thomas Troyer
- David Heinges
- Norma Bisacco
- Thomas Colavito
- Pat Maxwell
- Melissa Dargan
- Richard Damato
- Brenda Bason
- Dr. Robert Berckes
- Christine Mazerkowicz
- Anthony Aiello
- Ediberto Aguilera
- Jerry Garfield
- Carole Acropolis

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Jeffas moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

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Michael Marra, Town Clerk