

September 23, 2014

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 23rd day of September, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Government Center, Secaucus, NJ.

Present: Councilmembers: Michael Gonnelli
Gary Jeffas
Robert Costantino
William McKeever
Susan Pirro
James Clancy
Mark Dehnert

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 26, 2013".

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.

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2014-27

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 127A OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL PARKING" IN ZONE IV

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the safe parking of vehicles for all residents, visitors and motorists is of utmost concern; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a residential parking program under §127A-1 et seq. that was developed to alleviate unfavorable parking conditions and other dangerous situations and conditions created on residential streets, and

WHEREAS, the Town under said Ordinance denotes different zones of residential parking with specificity under §127A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that an addition and clarification to the Ordinance is warranted to designate residential parking zones on New County Road and a portion of County Road Extension;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Chapter 127A entitled "Residential Parking", §127-5(D) "Zone IV" of the Code of the Town of Secaucus be, and is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows: (additions are indicated in bold, deletions are have ~~strikethroughs~~):

D. Zone IV

Name of Street/Area	Location
Brianna Lane	Entire length.
Emily Way Drive	Entire length.
New County Road Extension	Entire Length. From the intersection of New County Road to the intersection of Brianna Lane on both sides of the street.
Riverside Station	Entire length.

Boulevard	
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1. There are no other changes to this Chapter of the Code of the Town of Secaucus.
2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid and effective.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of this Chapter 127A of the Code of the Town of Secaucus shall remain in full force and effect.

Mayor Gonnelli asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the foregoing proposed ordinance. There being no one requesting the floor, Councilman Clancy moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilwoman Pirro.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Councilman Clancy moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2014-28

ENACTING AN ORDINANCE AS PART OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED "CEREMONY FEES"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 37:1-13 provides mayors with the authority to officiate at marriages and civil unions as set forth in the same statutory provision; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Michael Gonnelli has chosen to routinely performs marriage ceremonies for both residents and non-residents in his capacity as Mayor, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor for the Town of Secaucus does not receive additional salary for any ceremonies performed, nor reimbursement for any out of pocket expenses that may be incurred; and

WHEREAS, fees for the performance of marriage and civil union ceremonies by a mayor may be collected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 with any ceremony fees deposited into the current municipal fund; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that fixing a nominal fee in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 for ceremonies performed by the Mayor in the Town of Secaucus would be in the best interest of the Town to aid in the management of the ceremonies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The following shall be added to the Code of the Town of Secaucus under Chapter 52, which was previously "reserved": (additions are indicated in bold):

§52-1 Fees for Performing Marriage and Civil Union Ceremonies.

A. Persons seeking to be married or joined in a civil union by the Mayor of the Town of Secaucus shall remit a fee as follows:

Where one or both parties are residents
of the Town of Secaucus: \$25.00 per ceremony

Where neither party is a resident of the
Town of Secaucus: \$75.00 per ceremony

B. Any fees collected for any ceremony must be deposited into the current fund, and be by check or money order payable to the Town of Secaucus.

C. Nothing in this Article shall be construed as mandating that the Mayor perform any such ceremony.

§52-2 Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this chapter are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies or conflicts.

§52-3 Severability.

If any provision or portion of a provision of this chapter is held to be unconstitutional, preempted by federal or state law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the chapter shall not be invalidated.

§52-4 Effect.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid and effective.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with law.

Mayor Gonnelli asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the foregoing proposed ordinance. There being no one requesting the floor, Councilman Costantino moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilwoman Pirro.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Councilman Jeffas moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Dehnert.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2014-29

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

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

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2014-30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 104 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED "PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE," ARTICLE VII "SIGNS"

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

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2014-31

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 127 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS "VEHICLES AND
TRAFFIC TO NAME JACOB'S LANDING WAY"

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

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-

Councilman Jeffas moved that the foregoing resolutions on the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Councilwoman Pirro.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 8/15/14		\$495,247.02
Adm. & Exec	12,720.13	
Mayor & Council	10,504.71	
Municipal Clerk	8,191.28	
Community Shuttle Bus	2,325.36	
Legal Dept.	000.00	
Municipal Court	16,606.36	
Engineering	000.00	
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	34,816.60	
Off. Of Inspect.	8,485.95	
Planning Board	64.03	
Bd. Of Adjustments	158.91	
Public Defender	000.00	
Comm. & Security Adm	3,002.79	
Construction	14,679.35	
Treasurer	17,748.62	
Tax Assessor	6,014.96	
Tax Collector	5,218.85	
Police Dept.	317,076.74	
School Cross Grds.	000.00	
Office of Emergency Man.	576.92	

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Unif. Fire Safety Off.	4,042.09	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	116,571.26	
Sewer System	422.53	
Recycling Coord.	8,694.78	
Bd. of Health	2,648.57	
Mosquito Control	000.00	
Social Services	12,951.45	
Pks. & Play Grds.	326.40	
Supv. Of Play Act.	117,231.686	
Rec. Activities	000.00	
Social Security	39,367.91	
Pool Oper.	25,819.70	
Grant Fund (OEM)	000.00	
CDBG	000.00	
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. w/ending 8/15/2014		\$254,101.61
Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 8/29/2014		\$451,973.26
Adm. & Exec	11,664.30	
Mayor & Council	1,523.08	
Municipal Clerk	8,171.87	
Legal Dept.	000.00	
Community Shuttle Bus	2,278.99	
Municipal Court	15,069.04	
Engineering	000.00	
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	34,042.97	
Off. Of Inspect.	6,980.30	
Planning Board	64.03	
Bd. Of Adjustments	58.91	
Public Defender	000.00	
Comm. & Security Adm	3,137.65	
Construction	14,867.80	
Treasurer	16,723.44	
Tax Assessor	6,014.96	
Tax Collector	5,196.16	
Police Dept.	311,196.72	

Councilman Clancy moved to appoint Maurice Andulo to the Board of Adjustment as an Alternate Member, seconded by Councilman Dehnert.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following proclamation was read:

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Tom Troyer
Amanda Nesheiwat

Councilwoman Pirro moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Pirro, Clancy, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Michael Marra, Town Clerk
