

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Verona Township Council on April 15, 2019 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey.

Call to Order:

Municipal Clerk reads notice of Open Public Meetings law. The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting; specifically, the time, date and location were included in the annual notice of meetings adopted by the governing body, posted in the Municipal Building, and sent to the official newspapers of the Township, the Verona Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger. Additionally, the agenda for this meeting was posted in the Municipal Building and sent to the two newspapers before 4:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding this meeting.

Roll Call:

Mayor Kevin Ryan; Deputy Mayor Michael Nochimson; Councilman Alex Roman; Councilman Ted Giblin and Councilman Jack McEvoy are present. Township Manager Matthew Cavallo, Township Attorney Brian Aloia, and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present. In attendance for Closed Session discussion are Special Master Beth McManus, Special Counsel Brian Giblin, Township Planner Jason Kassler, Joseph Baumann, Jr. of McManimon, Scotland and Baumann and Bob Benecke of Benecke Economics.

Mayor Ryan leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Township Manager states that this Special Meeting is for Council to go into Closed Session and discuss the Affordable Housing litigation and contract negotiations.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-76

A motion was made by Mayor Ryan; seconded by Councilman Roman that the following resolution be adopted:

PERMITTING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*
 - Docket No. ESX-L-4773-15
(In All Declaratory Judgement Actions Filed by Various Municipalities, County of Essex, Pursuant to the Supreme Court's Decision in In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96, 221 N.J. 1 (2015))
 - b. Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*
 - Docket No. ESX-L-4773-15
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3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when said subject has been fully discussed by the Council, and the attorney rules this matter may be brought before the public without jeopardizing any pending litigation.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giblin, McEvoy, Roman, Nochimson, Ryan

NAYS:

Public Participation:

None.

Council goes into Closed Session at 7:03 pm.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the public meeting at 9:08 is moved by Councilman Giblin; seconded by Councilman Roman. Vote: 5 ayes.

The next regular scheduled meeting is April 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiernan

Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Kevin Ryan

Kevin Ryan, Mayor

APPROVED: