

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Verona Township Council on October 28, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center, 880 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, advance written notice of at least 48 hours, giving the time, date and location and to the extent known, the agenda, which notice stated that formal action may be taken, was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and sent to the official newspapers, transmitted to the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and Star-Ledger and published on October 26, 2019 in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and October 26, 2019 in the Star Ledger.

Roll Call:

Mayor Jack McEvoy, Deputy Mayor Alex Roman, Councilman Kevin Ryan; Councilman Ted Giblin and Councilwoman Christine McGrath. Township Attorney Brian Aloia, Township Manager Matthew Cavallo and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present. Also in attendance are Bob Benecke of Benecke Economics, Joe Baumann of McManimon, Scotland, Baumann, LLC and John Inglesino of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC.

Mayor McEvoy leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McEvoy states the purpose of this special meeting is to discuss the redevelopment of 1 Sunset Avenue and states Mr. Joseph Baumann will be leading tonight's discussion.

Mr. Baumann address the public and states his goal tonight is to assist the public in understanding where the Township is on the redevelopment and where the Township is trying to go. He states the two goals are 1) to meet the Affordable Housing obligation and 2) realize what can be achieved.

Jonathan Schwartz, partner at BNE, the developer for 1 Sunset Avenue and Jack Tycher of Canoeborrk give an overall presentation of the perspective building.

Public Participation:

Erica Davila, 32 Sunset Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
John Quattrocchi, 44 Afterglow Way, Verona, New Jersey
Robert Misuro, 36 Sunset Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Chris Barrows, 219 Linden Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Jackie Quattrocchi, 44 Afterglow Way, Verona, New Jersey
Lynn Halsey, 53 Linden Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Amy Rice, 40 Sunset Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Herb Lev, 45 Summit Road, Verona, New Jersey
Sara Robertson, 10 Bellclaire Place, Verona, New Jersey
Dennis Mamchur, 24 Glen Road, Verona, New Jersey
Maria Squilanti, 6 Belleclaire Place, Verona, New Jersey
Laura Phillips, 86 Afterglow Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Sara Drappi, 12 Malvern Place, Verona, New Jersey
Glenn Elliot, Board of Education, 35 Brentwood Road, Verona, New Jersey
Nora Brenneis, 47 Afterglow Way, Verona, New Jersey
Deborah Michelson, 1 Gordon Place, Verona, New Jersey
Kara Segreto, 24 Afterglow Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Greg Muirhead, 58 Sunset Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Sue Waldman, 25 Brookdale Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Erica Davila, 32 Sunset Avenue, Verona, New Jersey
Ann Studholme, Esq., Representing First Ridge Alliance

RESOLUTION No. 2019-175

A motion was made by Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilwoman McGrath 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. Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*
 - Spectrum Redevelopment – Block 303, Lot 4
 - Cameco Redevelopment – Block 2301, Lots 1-19
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: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

Motion to go into Closed Session is motioned by Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Giblin at 9:31 p.m. Vote: 5 ayes.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the public meeting at 11:32 is moved by Deputy Mayor Roman; seconded by Councilman Giblin. Vote: 5 ayes.

The next regular scheduled meeting is November 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiernan
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Jack McEvoy
Jack McEvoy, Mayor

APPROVED: November 19, 2019