

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing platform (Meeting ID: 952 6266 2770).

Call to Order:

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this special meeting of the Township Council which is being held via Zoom video conferencing. The agenda, along with written notice giving the time and date, public internet link and telephone call-in information was posted in the Municipal Building, and sent the official newspapers of the Township, the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger and MyVeronaNJ.com and TAPinto, the official online news source(s) of the Township, at least 48 hours preceding the start time of this meeting. The agenda and public handouts for this meeting can be viewed online at www.veronanj.org/councilmeetings. A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda and instructions on how to comment will be provided at the appropriate time.

Roll Call:

Mayor Jack McEvoy, Deputy Mayor Alex Roman, Councilman Kevin J. Ryan, Councilman Ted Giblin and Councilwoman Christine McGrath. Township Manager Matthew Cavallo and Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk are also present. Township Attorney Brian Aloia is absent.

The purpose of this special meeting is for Council to enter in to Executive Session to conduct Township Attorney interviews.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment on Proposed Resolutions:

None

Proposed Resolutions:

RESOLUTION No. 2020-192

A motion was made by Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Giblin 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)*
 - 2021 Professional Services
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:

Public Comment:

None

Executive Session:

Council enters into Executive Session to conduct an interview with Mark Semeraro., Esq. and Deena Rosendahl, Esq., Principals of Kaufman, Semeraro and Leibman, LLP.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. is motioned by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Mayor McEvoy. All in favor.

The next regular scheduled meeting is November 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kiernan
Matthew Cavallo, Township Manager

Jack McEvoy
Jack McEvoy, Mayor

APPROVED: November 23, 2020