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COUNTY OF BERGEN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023
COMMENCING AT 7:03 P.M.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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GERMAINE M. ORTIZ, ACTING CHAIRWOMAN

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MARY J. AMOROSO

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RAFAEL MARTE

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STEVEN A. TANELLI

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TRACY SILNA ZUR

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COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN

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DR. JOAN M. VOSS, CHAIRWOMAN PRO TEMPORE

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ALSO PRESENT:

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQUIRE
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

MICHAEL V. BELLUCCI
DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

LUCINE BEYLERIAN
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

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HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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(No one wishing to comment.)

1 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: The meeting
2 is called to order at 7:03 p.m.

3 Before we begin our meeting, I ask that
4 everyone please take a moment to silence their
5 cellphones.

6 Thank you.

7 Will the Clerk please read the Sen.
8 Byron Baer Open Public Meetings Act.

9 MS. BEYLERIAN: In accordance with
10 Section 5 of the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public Meetings
11 Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been
12 provided in the Annual Notice Schedule which
13 contained the time, date, and location of this
14 meeting, copies of which Notices were forwarded to
15 the official County newspapers, to wit: The Herald
16 News and The Record, and a copy of which was posted
17 on the bulletin board in the Bergen County Justice
18 Center and Administration Building, One Bergen County
19 Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey, and filed with the
20 Office of the Bergen County Clerk.

21 Roll Call

22 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Will the
23 Clerk please call the roll.

24 (At this point in the proceeding roll
25 call is taken with Commissioners Amoroso, Marte,

1 Tanelli, Silna Zur, and Acting Chairwoman Ortiz
2 present, with Commissioner Voss and Chairman Sullivan
3 absent.)

4 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Evidence of a
5 quorum is present.

6 Pledge of Allegiance

7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Will you
8 please join me for the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 Counselor, would you like to lead us.

10 (At this point in the proceeding all
11 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,
12 led by Mr. Florio.)

13 Moment of Silence

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: If you please
15 remain standing for a Moment of Silence.

16 Tonight we mourn the loss of Stephen
17 Pellino. Stephen made valuable contributions to the
18 residents of Bergen County for over 40 years. Some
19 of his endeavors through his long and distinguished
20 career practicing law included representing numerous
21 Bergen County municipalities, nonprofit
22 organizations, school boards, serving on the Bergen
23 Community College Board of Trustees, and being an
24 active member of his hometown of Ridgefield. We
25 extend our sympathies to the Pellino family. Steven

1 will not be forgotten and will be missed by all.

2 (Whereupon, a Moment of Silence is
3 observed.)

4 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

5 Minutes

6 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Would the
7 Clerk read the minutes to be accepted.

8 MS. BEYLERIAN: April 12th - Work
9 Session; all present.

10 April 19th - Work Session; Chairwoman
11 Pro Tempore Voss absent.

12 April 19th - Public Session; Chairwoman
13 Pro Tempore Voss absent.

14 May 3rd - Work Session; Chairwoman Pro
15 Tempore Voss absent.

16 May 3rd - Public Session; Chairwoman
17 Pro Tempore Voss absent.

18 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: May I have a
19 motion to accept the minutes?

20 COMMISSIONER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

21 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: Second.

22 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: All in favor?

23 (All present Commissioners respond in
24 the affirmative.)

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Unanimously
3 approved.

4 Hearing of the General Public

5 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: I now move we
6 open the Commissioners meeting to the general public.

7 Second?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTE: Second.

9 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: All in favor?

10 (All present Commissioners respond in
11 the affirmative.)

12 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: We will now
15 have the Hearing of the General Public, with a
16 three-minute time limit in effect, in accordance with
17 the Bergen County Commissioner bylaws.

18 For those members of the public who
19 would like to participate during the public comment,
20 please fill out a sheet to be recognized.

21 Would the counselor please explain the
22 process by which the public will be recognized.

23 MR. FLORIO: Thank you, Chairwoman.

24 When the Chair recognizes you to speak,
25 please come to the podium, state your name, spell

1 your last name, and I'll let you know when your three
2 minutes have passed.

3 Chairwoman, I'll note for the record
4 that no one has passed in a sheet seeking to speak.

5 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

6 I move we close the hearing to the
7 public.

8 COMMISSIONER TANELLI: Second.

9 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: All in favor?

10 (All present Commissioners respond in
11 the affirmative.)

12 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 Review of Resolutions

15 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: We will now
16 review the resolutions to be voted on this evening.

17 MS. BEYLERIAN: Resolutions #556-23
18 through #604-23.

19 Resolutions of Unanimous Consent

20 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Do I have a
21 motion to accept the resolutions as a Consent Agenda?

22 COMMISSIONER MARTE: Motion.

23 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: Second.

24 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Roll call,
25 please.

1 (At this point in the proceeding roll
2 call is taken and the Consent Agenda is passed by a
3 vote of five in favor, with Commissioner Voss and
4 Chairman Sullivan absent.)

5 MS. BEYLERIAN: The Consent Agenda is
6 approved.

7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Are there any
8 Resolutions of Nonconsent, tabled or pulled?

9 MS. BEYLERIAN: There are none.

10 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: It is now
11 time for Commissioner reports.

12 COMMISSIONER TANELLI: I'll make a
13 motion to suspend reports.

14 COMMISSIONER MARTE: Second.

15 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Okay. Great.
16 So all in favor?

17 (All present Freeholders respond in the
18 affirmative, with Commissioner Silna Zur voting nay.)

19 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Before we
20 end, I know Commissioner Zur would like to say
21 something.

22 COMMISSIONER SILNA ZUR: Thank you so
23 much, Chairwoman.

24 I want to put on the record tonight,
25 first of all, a special commendation for Frank

1 DelVecchio and the Run for Hope Foundation. Frank
2 will begin this weekend his Three Days of Action,
3 which will include a 200-mile run from High Point
4 Monument in Sussex County to the end of Cape May. He
5 has it billed as "One Man, One Run, One State,
6 200 miles," but what it really is is raising
7 awareness for tens of thousands who are going hungry
8 every single day and don't know where their next meal
9 is coming from. It's a big attempt to draw attention
10 to the hunger that's ongoing in our community and to
11 spur so many to donate to their local food pantries
12 to get involved and to be part of the solution.

13 So on behalf of the Board, when he
14 completes his run, I'm not going to read all the
15 whereas' because there's no need, there's a lot of
16 whereas' but really the bottom line is we are all as
17 a board committed to ending hunger in Bergen County
18 and we're grateful to Frank DelVecchio for raising
19 awareness and attention to this very important issue.

20 Thank you very much, Chairwoman.

21 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Thank you,
22 Commissioner Zur.

23 Administrator, do you have any words?

24 MR. BELLUCCI: I do not.

25 Thank you.

1 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

2 Adjournment

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: There being
4 nothing further to come before this meeting, I move
5 to adjourn.

6 COMMISSIONER TANELLI: Second.

7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: All in favor?

8 (All present Commissioners respond in
9 the affirmative.)

10 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: We're
13 adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

14 (Whereupon, the Public Meeting is
15 adjourned at 7:10 p.m.)

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