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BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
COMMENCING AT 4:30 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- TRACY SILNA ZUR, ACTING CHAIRWOMAN
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS, CHAIR PRO TEMPORE
- MARY J. AMOROSO
- GERMAINE M. ORTIZ
- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

- STEVEN A. TANELLI, CHAIRMAN
- RAMON M. HACHE, SR.

KIM O. FURBACHER, C.C.R., R.D.R.
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ALSO PRESENT:

JAMES J. TEDESCO III
BERGEN COUNTY EXECUTIVE

THOMAS J. DUCH, ESQUIRE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/COUNTY COUNSEL

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQUIRE
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

LARA RODRIGUEZ
CLERK TO THE BOARD

JOSEPH LUPPINO, CPA, CFO
COUNTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

MELISSA HOWARD
COUNTY TREASURER

MICHAEL KAPLAN
SENIOR BUDGET ANALYST

JON RHEINHARDT, CPA
CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT

MICHAEL SHEINFELD
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

JAMES A. DARLEY
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ADJOURNMENT

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1 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: The
2 meeting is called to order at 4:30 p.m.

3 Before we begin our meeting, I just
4 want to take a minute to ask everyone to make sure
5 that your cellphones are either in the off or mute
6 position.

7 Thank you so much.

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

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

22 ROLL CALL

23 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Will the
24 Clerk please call the roll.

25 (At this point in the proceeding roll

1 call is taken with Commissioners Amoroso, Ortiz,
2 Sullivan, Voss, Acting Chairwoman Silna Zur present,
3 with Commissioner Hache and Chairman Tanelli absent.)

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

6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Will you
8 all please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 (At this point in the proceeding all
10 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.)

11 MOMENT OF SILENCE

12 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Can we
13 please remain standing for a Moment of Silence as we
14 remember former Bergen County Freeholder and former
15 North Arlington Mayor, Leonard "Lenny" R. Kaiser, who
16 passed away at the age of 73 on September 11th.

17 Lenny was a North Arlington resident
18 for over 70 years. He was a vital part of his
19 community as a lifetime member of the North Arlington
20 Elk's Lodge #1992, honorary lifetime member of the
21 North Arlington Fire Department, and a member of the
22 North Arlington Knights of Columbus.

23 Lenny dedicated his life to public
24 service and the residents of Bergen County, serving
25 as Chief of Staff to County Executive Pat Schuber and

1 subsequently as the Commissioner of the New Jersey
2 Meadowlands Commission and Executive Director of the
3 Bergen County Utilities Authority until his
4 retirement in 2011, where I had the privilege of
5 working with him.

6 Lenny made a significant impact on his
7 community and the county as a whole. He will be
8 sorely missed by all of us.

9 (Whereupon, a Moment of Silence is
10 observed.)

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Thank
12 you.

13 REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: We will
15 now review tonight's resolutions to be voted on.

16 Will the Clerk please state the
17 resolutions.

18 CLERK RODRIGUEZ: The resolutions
19 before you tonight are: #760-21 through #826-21.

20 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: All
21 right. Let's go to Page 2.

22 I see Body of the Whole on #760, #761,
23 #762, #763, and #764, since these are all grants.

24 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: Right.

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Any

1 objection?

2 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: No.

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Page 4.

4 From #765 to #770, these are also all
5 grants, we will move them as Body of the Whole.

6 Any objection?

7 (No response.)

8 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Page 6.

9 Likewise, #771, #772, #773, #774, and
10 #775 are all grants. Body of the Whole? Any
11 objection?

12 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: No objection.

13 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Page 8.

14 Commissioner Amoroso, did you want to
15 sponsor #780 and the Body of the Whole as a second?

16 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: Thank you so
17 much, yes.

18 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Thank
19 you.

20 Page 9.

21 #783 is a grant. We'll do that as a
22 Body of the Whole, if there's no objection.

23 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: No objection.

24 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: And #784,
25 Commissioner, you'll first it and the rest of us will

1 be the Body of the Whole as the second?

2 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Yes.

3 And I'd also like to sponsor #782, if
4 possible.

5 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR:

6 Certainly.

7 Any second?

8 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: I will second.

9 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Thank
10 you, Commissioner.

11 Next page, Page 10.

12 #785, I would love to sponsor.

13 Commissioner Voss, will you co-sponsor?

14 COMMISSIONER VOSS: Yes.

15 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Is that
16 okay?

17 COMMISSIONER VOSS: Yes.

18 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Thank
19 you.

20 Commissioner Sullivan, #787 and Body of
21 the Whole as a second?

22 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Thank you.

23 #787, right.

24 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Any
25 objection from Body of the Whole as a second?

1 (No response.)

2 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Page 11.

3 #789, #790, and #791, should we do

4 those all as Body of the Whole?

5 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Sure.

6 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: Yes.

8 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Okay.

9 Next page, page 12.

10 #795 is a grant. We'll do as a Body of

11 the Whole, if there's no objection.

12 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: Yes.

13 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Okay.

14 On page 13, Commissioner Amoroso, do

15 you want to do #796?

16 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: Yes, New Jersey

17 Historic Commission.

18 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Correct.

19 Does the Body of the Whole wish to

20 second that?

21 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER VOSS: Yes.

23 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: So noted.

24 #797, the Open Space Trust Fund award,

25 I'd like to put that forward as the Body of the Whole

1 as well.

2 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: Yes.

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Page 14.

4 Commissioner Sullivan, do you wish to
5 do #806, is that the communication I received?

6 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: We're on the
7 next page?

8 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Yes,
9 page 14.

10 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Yes, please.
11 Thank you.

12 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: And we'll
13 do the Body of the Whole as a second.

14 And, similarly, #807, shared service
15 for 9-1-1, I'd like to second that, if you don't
16 mind.

17 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: I'm good with
18 it. Thank you.

19 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: #808,
20 similarly, Commissioner Sullivan and the Body of the
21 Whole as a second, if there's no objection.

22 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: Absolutely.

23 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: I'd like
24 to do #809 and Body of the Whole as a second.

25 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: Yes.

2 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: And #810
3 as well.

4 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: Yes.

5 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: #811 also
6 I'd like to sponsor and Body of the Whole as a
7 second.

8 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: Yes.

9 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Okay.

10 Page 17.

11 #816 is pulled.

12 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Is it pulled?
13 Are we pulling it?

14 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: Yes.

15 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: #816 is
16 pulled.

17 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank
18 you.

19 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Page 18.

20 Any questions?

21 (No response.)

22 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Page 19.

23 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: I'd like to
24 sponsor #823.

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: We'll do

1 the Body of the Whole as a second.

2 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: Yes.

3 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: #824,
4 Commissioner Sullivan, will you sponsor it?

5 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Sure.

6 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: We'll do
7 the Body of the Whole as a second.

8 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: And then #825, I
10 would like to sponsor.

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: With the
12 Body of the Whole as the second.

13 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: Yes.

14 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: And then,
15 Commissioner Voss, will you sponsor #826?

16 COMMISSIONER VOSS: Absolutely.

17 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: And the
18 Body of the Whole as a second.

19 REVIEW OF ORDINANCES

20 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: We will
21 now review tonight's ordinances to be voted on.

22 Will the Clerk please read the
23 ordinances.

24 CLERK RODRIGUEZ: You have 13
25 ordinances for Second Reading and Adoption, they are

1 21-14 through 21-27.

2 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Let's
3 just review the list, if there's any questions.

4 Any questions?

5 (No response.)

6 CLOSED SESSION

7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: We are
8 now going to go into Closed Session for approximately
9 45 minutes and we will return to Public Session.

10 Will the attorney briefly state the
11 matters for which we will be discussing in Closed
12 Session.

13 MR. FLORIO: Thank you, Chairwoman.

14 The Board will receive updates on
15 litigation, personnel matters, contract matters, and
16 any issues related to public health emergencies.

17 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: May I
18 have a motion to go into Closed Session?

19 COMMISSIONER AMOROSO: So moved.

20 COMMISSIONER VOSS: Second.

21 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: All in
22 favor?

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

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: We will
3 now go into Closed Session.

4 (Whereupon, Closed Session is commenced
5 at 4:39 p.m.)

6 (Public Session resumes at 5:26 p.m.)

7 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: May I
8 have a motion to reopen to the public?

9 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: So moved.

10 COMMISSIONER VOSS: Second.

11 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: All in
12 favor?

13 (All present Commissioners respond in
14 the affirmative.)

15 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 ADJOURNMENT

18 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: We will
19 reconvene for our Public Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
20 tonight.

21 There being nothing further to come
22 before this meeting, may I have a motion to adjourn?

23 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: So moved.

24 COMMISSIONER ORTIZ: Second.

25 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: All in

1 favor?

2 (All present Commissioners respond in
3 the affirmative.)

4 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 ACTING CHAIRWOMAN SILNA ZUR: The
7 meeting is adjourned. See you all at 7:00 p.m.

8 (Whereupon, the Work Session is
9 adjourned at 5:27 p.m.)

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