

AGENDA  
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK/EXECUTIVE MEETING  
OCTOBER 29, 2014  
7:00 PM

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MAYOR BARSА

COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA  
COUNCILMAN MARINO  
COUNCILWOMAN ORECCHIO

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SCOTT  
COUNCILMAN RAPAPORT  
COUNCILMAN ASCOLESE

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Call to order

Flag Salute

Statement of Compliance: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this Public Meeting through a legal notice published in The Record and Star Ledger.

Roll Call of the Council:

Mayor Barsa _____	
Councilman Brizzolara _____	Council President Scott _____
Councilman Marino _____	Councilman Rapaport _____
Councilwoman Orecchio _____	Councilman Ascolese _____

Mayor Barsa points out the Fire Exits

Consent Agenda

Matters listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council and one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests an item be removed.

Approval of the following resolutions:

- 14:192 Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey
- 14:193 Change Order No. 2 for Livingston Street Streetscape Phase II
- 14:194 Approval of an Item of Revenue in the Budget/\$1,849.62 Body Armor Grant

Items for Discussion:

- Review of ordinance to regulate campaign contributions and public contracting
- Borough Engineer's Report
- Borough Attorney's Report
- Administrator's Report

General Public Comment:

Approval of Resolution 14:195 authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed Session to discuss the Benaquista property acquisition. Formal action may be taken upon returning to open session.

Adjournment:

Borough of Norwood  
Work Session  
October 29, 2014

The Work/Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood was held on the above date.

Mayor Barsa called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Mayor Barsa stated:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this Public Meeting through a legal notice published in the Record and Star Ledger.

Present at Roll Call:

Mayor	James P. Barsa
Councilman	Thomas Brizzolara
Councilman	Frank Marino
Councilwoman	Marianne Orecchio
Council President	Barry Scott
Councilman	Allen Rapaport
Councilman	Joseph Ascolese

Also Present:

Borough Attorney	Andrew Fede
Borough Engineer	Daniel Kaufman
Chief Financial Officer	Judith Curran

### **Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barsa reviewed the Consent Agenda and asked if a Council member wished to remove an item. Mr. Scott asked that Resolution 14:192, Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey be removed for further discussion.

No other Council Member wishing to be heard, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following resolutions:

14:193 Change Order No. 2 for Livingston Street Streetscape Phase II  
14:194 Approval of an Item of Revenue in the Budget/\$1,849.62 Body Armor Grant

The motion was made by Mr. Rapaport, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

At this time, Mr. Scott noted that Resolution 14:192, Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey is an endorsement of a Constitutional Amendment on the November 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. He explained that the money collected from the Corporation Business Tax to help pay for certain environmental programs will be increased from four percent to six percent and voiced his opinion that this is a substantial increase that may cause a shortfall in the general funds. Following further discussion, the motion was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara to approve Resolution 14:192. On the roll call vote:

Ayes: Brizzolara, Orecchio, Rapaport and Ascolese  
Nays: Marino and Scott

There being four (4) ayes and two (2) nays, the motion carried.

**Items for Discussion:**

Review of ordinance to regulate campaign contributions and public contracting – Mr. Fede reminded that the Council considered a pay to play ordinance back in 2011 and the subject has been revisited due to the Best Practices Checklist. He continued that points were deducted from the Borough's score since it does not have such an ordinance in place. Mr. Fede explained that this is another layer of regulation since the State has rules that the Borough observes in its dealings with contractors and vendors.

Mr. Marino voiced his opinion that the adoption of such an ordinance diminishes home rule and believes it to be unconstitutional. Mr. Rapaport noted that the Borough follows the rules and regulations promulgated by the State and the Council should adopt this ordinance to formalize its actions.

Following further discussion, motion to introduce the ordinance at the November 12, 2014 Public Meeting was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Ascolese. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Mr. Marino who voted no.

Borough Engineer's Report – Mr. Kaufman reported as follows:

Wilton Court: Mr. Kaufman reminded that this unpaved roadway is between Kensington and Somerset. Although he did drive the area to see how the matter can be handled, he would provide his findings at the next meeting (Work Session scheduled for December 3, 2014). During discussion it was noted by Mr. Rapaport that curbs may have to be installed at least on one side of the road adding that replacing the gravel with asphalt would increase the water flow onto driveways and into basements.

Livingston Street Streetscape Phase II: Mr. Kaufman explained that there is enough money in this contract to expand the project 400 ft. north on the east side going up to the Benaquista property. Since Livingston Street is striped from Broadway to Hudson, it would be preferable to

continue the striping from Hudson to Rockland. However, this would mean the center left turn gore area would have to be removed and replaced with a double yellow line. Mr. Kaufman advised that he learned from Nancy Dargis that the County would not object to the Borough removing the center dual left turn area and establishing a double yellow centerline so long as the existing striping is removed by physically grinding it out and not covering it with black paint, driveway sealer or black tape. They would also not consider parking along the easterly side to be a problem.

Following further discussion, motion to approve Change Order No. 3 (Resolution 14:96) was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Mr. Ascolese. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

Dugout Installation – Kennedy Field: Mr. Kaufman described the proposed new dugout structure that would be 30' x 10' accommodating 15 people with an opening on the top and installed on a concrete slab. There was discussion as to the work time frame and date of completion. Mr. Kaufman explained that the specifications can include a date specific for completion with the understanding that the opening day for Knickerbocker baseball is usually April 1<sup>st</sup>. Since the Northern Valley High School Baseball program also uses the field, the Clerk's office was asked to contact them to determine their opening day. As the governing body was just seeing the diagram for the dugouts this evening, it was decided that they be provided copies for their review so that a resolution authorizing the Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids could be approved at the November 12, 2014 Public Meeting.

DPW Garage Replacement: The LOI has been submitted to the DEP and they have thirty days to deem it complete.

Borough Attorney's Report – Mr. Fede advised that he had a matter of potential litigation and the Benaquista property acquisition to discuss in Closed Session.

Administrator's Report – Mayor Barsa advised that Mrs. McMackin had nothing to report.

At this time, Mr. Scott announced that the Norwood American legion Post 272 would be hosting a lunch buffet on November 15 from 1 to 3 PM at which time donations would be distributed to a number of non-profit organizations.

**General Public Comment:**

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Ascolese, seconded by Mrs. Orecchio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. No one wishing to be heard, motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Brizzolara. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion.

**Closed Session:**

Approval of Resolution 14:195 authorizing the Council to proceed in Closed Session to discuss the Benaquista property acquisition and a matter of possible litigation was made by Mrs. Orecchio, seconded by Mr. Ascolese and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. Formal action may be taken upon returning to open session.

Mayor Barsa reconvened the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to authorize the Borough Attorney to prepare the necessary documents to permit the acquisition of the easements necessary for the completion of the Livingston Street Streetscape project with compensation to be paid by the Borough to the property owner (Benaquista) of \$14,700, provided the documents are executed within the next 30 days (Resolution 14:197). The motion was made by Mr. Rapaport and seconded by Mr. Scott with all Council members present voting aye.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM was made by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Ascolese and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk