

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

*This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act: A notice of the meeting has been published in the Asbury Park Press, Star Ledger and the Link News, posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Borough Hall, and posted to the Borough website.
Public comment is welcome at any time.*

Mayor Talerico opened the Workshop at 7:02pm, noting the Borough's compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr.

Councilmembers Mark Regan, Jr., Maria Escalante, Danielle M. Jones, Everett D. Lucas

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia, Deputy Clerk Muscillo

ABSENT: Council President Kevin L. Gonzalez, Councilmember David Gindi

The Flag Salute was led by C/Jones

2. Proclamation – Recognizing the Volunteer Service of Mr. Pete Siino

This proclamation was postponed by Mayor Talerico and Councilmember Mark Regan to the October 12th council meeting due to a scheduling issue.

3. Memorialization of Mr. Samuel "Mingo Jack" Johnson Annually on March 5th (C/Jones)

Councilmember Jones explains why she is requesting a memorialization for March 5th and asked the opinions and thoughts of the governing body. Mayor Talerico asked for specifics. Councilmember Lucas further asks Councilmember Jones what type of function it would be. Councilmember Jones responded. Councilmember Regan agrees to the memorialization. Mayor Talerico suggests to Councilmember Jones to ask the governing body to pick a certain date for the memorialization and shares his concerns with the March 5th date that was presented. Councilmember Jones responded. Councilmember Jones asked for feedback from the governing body. Mayor Talerico responded.

Mayor Talerico opened the meeting to public comment.

Sandra Thompson, White Street and Inez Hennessy, Tinton Falls, commented on the Smauel "Mingo Jack" Johnson memorialization and spoke about a film being made about Mingo Jack. Mayor Talerico responded. Councilmember Escalante asked about the film. Ms. Hennessy responded. Councilmember Escalante suggested doing a screening of the film at the community center. Mayor Talerico agrees.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

4. CLOSED SESSSION

A. Resolution 202-2022

- 1) Contract Negotiations – Monmouth Mall
- 2) Contract Negotiations – Howard Commons
- 3) Potential Litigation – Employment

Mayor Talerico noted the Council would not act on the items in workshop.

Attorney Bayer read the resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION 202-2022

AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., a municipality may exclude the public from a meeting of the Municipal Council where the Council intends to discuss certain matters for which privacy is needed in order to protect the public interest or certain enumerated private interests; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown to discuss in session not open to the public certain matters that are required by law to be confidential, more specifically: 1) Contract Negotiations – Monmouth Mall; 2) Contract Negotiations – Howard Commons; 3) Potential Litigation – Employment

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the minutes from the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown do hereby authorize the above-referenced executive session to be held closed to the public, on September 14, 2022.

Motion to enter into closed session by C/Jones; seconded C/Escalante

Voice Vote: AYE - C/Regan, C/Escalante, C/Jones, C/Lucas
ABSENT - C/Gonzalez, C/Gindi

Council entered Closed Session at 7:14pm

Council President Gonzalez joined Closed Session at 7:24pm

Council returned from Closed Session at 7:48pm

Motion to enter into open session by C/Regan; seconded C/Jones

Voice Vote: AYE - C/Gonzalez, C/Regan, C/Escalante, C/Jones, C/Lucas
ABSENT - C/Gindi

5. ADJOURNMENT – 7:48pm

Motion to adjourn by C/Regan; seconded by C/Escalante

Voice Vote: AYE - C/Gonzalez, C/Regan, C/Escalante, C/Jones, C/Lucas
ABSENT - C/Gindi



By: Kathleen Muscillo, Deputy Clerk

Exhibits are on file in the Borough Clerk's Office, according to the NJ State Records Retention Schedule established by NISA 47:3-15 *et seq* and approved by the State Records Committee. Audio is available on the Borough website.
Approval 09/28/2022