

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

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. Also, the notice of this meeting date change was transmitted to 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 7:04pm, noting the Borough's compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr., Council President Virginia M. East,
Councilmembers Meir Araman, Carl Lawson, Candance M. Faust (by phone), Maria Escalante
ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia, Borough Clerk Martin
LATE ARRIVAL: Councilmember Danielle M. Jones (arrived at 7:08pm)
The Flag Salute was led by C/East

The agenda was taken out of order.

3. PROCLAMATION – UTEXT, UDRIVE, UPAY (APRIL 2025)

Mayor Talerico read the proclamation into the record.

4. PROCLAMATION – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH (APRIL 2025)

Mayor Talerico mentioned the organization called Pinwheel house and explained their fantastic service. Mayor Talerico provided an overview of the proclamation.

5. PROCLAMATION – DONATE LIFE MONTH (APRIL 2025)

Mayor Talerico provided an overview of the proclamation.

2. PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH (APRIL 2025)

Mayor Talerico provided an overview of the proclamation.

6. ZONING LEGISLATION (MAYOR TALERICO)

Mayor Talerico provided an overview of the currently proposed State zoning legislation. Attorney Bayer further explained the legislation. The discussion continued. The resolution for opposing the legislation is on this evening's agenda.

7. ARCHITECT PRESENTATION, MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT

Mayor Talerico introduced Anthony Scalise from Parallel Architectural Group. Interim Administrator Lucia explained the need for a new municipal building and explained that Parallel Architectural Group had the nicest and most aggressive presentation. Interim Administrator Lucia further explained that the Borough is currently at a concept plan phase and the next step would be an approval for the architect to move forward with the plan.

Anthony Scalise, Parallel Architectural Group, thanked the Mayor and Council. Mr. Scalise then explained the current insufficient square footage, the current non-functional and non-compliant building, and all other issues the current municipal building has. Mr. Scalise then presented the proposed plan/Power Point presentation for the new, proposed municipal building.

Council President East and Councilmember Araman asked about the Police Department's sallyport and offices. Mr. Scalise responded and further explained the proposed layout plans. Councilmember Araman asked if the current plans will have a municipal court area for the future. Mr. Scalise responded.

Mayor Talerico asked what the next step would be and what the ask of the council is for tonight. Mr. Scalise explained the next step would be design development and to talk about costs.

Councilmember East asked if there was a breakroom or a kitchen for the staff. Mr. Scalise responded yes.

Councilmember Escalante asked how much space there will be between the new construction site and the current building for the employees and the residents. Mr. Scalise responded. Councilmember Escalante asked what the occupancy of the new building will be. Mr. Scalise responded. The council discussed the proposed parking lot, the lower-level community area, the current and new building square footage. Councilmember Araman thanked the Mayor, Council, Mr. Scalise and Interim Administrator Lucia for making the new building happen.

Mayor Talerico asked if the proposal will be at the next council meeting. Interim Administrator Lucia responded that the council could approve the plan at this meeting or at the next council meeting.

Mayor Talerico asked the council for a consensus for the architect to continue working on the project.

Voice Vote: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust, C/Escalante

Councilmember Jones asked about the ADA elevator access during construction. Interim Administrator Lucia responded that the Borough is currently working on installing a ramp at the front of the building. Councilmember Jones asked where the holiday tree lighting and menorah will be. Mayor Talerico responded. Councilmember Jones thanked everyone for the proposed municipal building.

Borough Clerk Julie Martin asked if there would be a clerk vault for records. Mr. Scalise responded yes.

Mr. Scalise then mentioned the current fire house could be relocated as well.

Councilmember Escalante asked Mr. Scalise when he will be back for an update. Mr. Scalise responded that it could take a couple of months.

Mayor Talerico opened the meeting to the public.

Sondra Thompson, White Street, mentioned that the Architect had an excellent presentation and is so glad the building is starting.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:08pm

Motion to adjourn by C/East; seconded by C/Lawson

Voice Vote: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust, C/Escalante



By: Julie Martin, RMC, Borough Clerk

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

Approval 04/09/2025