

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, July 9, 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. Public Comment is welcome at any time.

Mayor Talerico opened the Workshop at 7:03pm, 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 Danielle M. Jones, Meir Araman, Carl Lawson, Candance Faust, Maria Escalante

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Clark, Acting Administrator Bayer, Borough Clerk Martin

The Flag Salute was led by C/Lawson

2. DOWNTOWN UPDATE (MAYOR TALERICO)

Mayor Talerico updated the residents and council on several developers and building owners proposed plans. The Zoning Officer is working with the Police Chief on the parking lot and issuing overnight parking tags. The Zoning Officer is also working on trash cleanup. Mayor Talerico then proposed adopting an ordinance regarding the updated parking. Administrator Bayer explained the process for presenting plans to the Planning Board. Mayor Talerico explained he wants to create a dedication by rider for the downtown and asked Attorney Clark to look into it. Mayor Talerico then proposed different options regarding electric charging spaces and leasing parking to property owners in the downtown area.

Councilmember Araman asked where the leased parking spaces would be. Mayor Talerico responded. Administrator Bayer mentioned there would be a developer's agreement to use the Borough's land. Mayor Talerico further explained. Councilmember Araman asked if there was feedback regarding the facades. Mayor Talerico responded.

3. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR (MAYOR TALERICO)

Mayor Talerico mentioned the current Borough Administrator has been in his position for a little over two months and has been going to the different departments and taking notes for recommendations for the next administrator. Administrator Bayer has made modifications to the administrator processes and would like to consider interviewing for a new administrator. Mayor Talerico would like to add a resolution at the next council meeting authorizing interviewing for the administrator position.

Councilmember Faust mentioned it's been a while since the Engineer has presented a report and would like the Engineer to present the report at the next council meeting. Admin Bayer responded.

Councilmember Jones mentioned she has no issue for adding a resolution to start interviewing the administrator position. Councilmember Jones then asked if the current job description is in the current ordinance and asked if the vacant position of the secretary to the administrator and mayor will be filled. Mayor Talerico responded that the new administrator will be able to hire their new assistant. Administrator Bayer mentioned the current employees who are doing the work are doing an excellent job. Councilmember Jones responded with her concern of not wanting to overload the current employees.

Mayor Talerico opened the meeting to the public.

No comments were made.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Talerico added Closed Session to the meeting.

4. CLOSED SESSION

A. Resolution 178-2025

Contract Negotiations - Downtown

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

Attorney Clark read the resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION 178-2025

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 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 - Downtown

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 Wednesday, July 9, 2025.

Motion to enter into closed session by C/East; seconded C/Lawson

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

Council entered Closed Session at 7:22pm

Council returned from Closed Session at 7:30pm

5. ADJOURNMENT – 7:31pm

Motion to adjourn by C/Jones; 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 07/23/2025