

**MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 18, 2012 WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD AT 7:30 PM
51 WEST MAIN STREET
FREEHOLD, NJ 07728**

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor J. Nolan Higgins, Councilman Michael DiBenedetto, Councilman John Newman, Councilman George Schnurr, Councilwoman Sharon Shutzer and Councilman Jaye Sims.

Absent: Councilman Kevin Kane

Also present were Borough Attorney Kerry Higgins, Borough Administrator Joseph B. Bellina, Chief Glenn Roberts and Borough Clerk Traci L. DiBenedetto

2. ROUTINE TRANSACTIONS-SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA (See Attachment I).

See the permanent minute book for the minutes and the resolution book for the attachments.

3. YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.

Tiffany Chow, Chairperson and President of Model United Nations in the Community Center stated this will be her third year at Model UN and this program has changed her life. This program consists of politics, resolution writing, debating, character building, leadership and being part of something that is bigger than you. Ms. Chow stated she used to be very shy but since joining Model UN she is able to get up in front of 60 to 70 people to debate and defend her resolution. Ms. Chow stated that every January she attends a conference with about 1400 young adults who want to make a difference in the world. She explained she comes home from these conferences with many lessons learned. Every person can make a difference in this world that is why this program is so great. Ms. Chow has been inspired by so many people in her life but now she has the opportunity to inspire others and have her voice be heard. Ms. Chow thanked Mel O'Neal for implementing this program and allowing her to be part of it. This has changed her life forever. Model UN is a great asset to the community that does not just create leaders for Freehold but creates leaders in the world.

Austin Link, President of Youth and Government at the Freehold High School and run through the Freehold Borough YMCA stated he has been with Youth and Government for two years and Model UN for three years. The Youth

and Government entails speaking about your own personal opinion instead of an objective opinion of another country. You get to debate what you really feel strongly about and get to oppose what you don't like. Mr. Link stated they get to attend the State House in Trenton for three days a year for a debate. He explained they write their own bill before they go and debate it and you also get to sponsor another groups bill. Mr. Link stated this has completely changed him. He has run for leadership positions and is able to speak in front of large crowds. Mr. Link stated at his last conference he spoke in front of about 400 people advertising a Speakers Convention that they will be having in March 2013. Mr. Link invited Mayor Higgins to attend and speak at this convention. Mr. Link thanked Mel O'Neal along with the advisors, John and Audrey.

Mayor Higgins stated he would be honored to attend the event.

4. REDEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION – COZMO'S – 22 EAST MAIN STREET. (SEE ATTACHMENT II.)

Greg Clark, Bach & Clark, LLC introduced himself to mayor and council and stated that he was representing Cosmo's and Rita Bustamonte in the expansion of their current facility. The site is located at 22 East Main Street in the Daesener building next to the American Hotel. Mr. Clark stated his client would like to expand into the ReMax facility approximately 422 square feet. That would make the total square footage of Cosmo's 1,359 square feet. The current salon has 4 chairs for hair coloring and cutting. They would like to add one more chair and employee along with 2.5 parking spots. They will have to apply to the zoning board for the parking waiver. The exterior will be expanded. There is a black canopy with Cozmo's identification sign and ReMax's canopy will be replaced with Cosmo's, which will be identical to the one that is there – same color, lettering and lighting. The black surrounds on the store front glass will remain.

Councilman Schnurr asked if this has gone before the Historic Preservation Committee.

Mr. Clark stated it will go before them next week.

Joseph Bellina, Borough Administrator stated the role of the governing body is to make sure it meets the objectives of the redevelopment plan.

Councilman Schnurr stated he is glad to see that the business is doing well and is able to expand.

Mr. Clark stated they also want to offer more room for their existing clients. They are a little cramped in the existing facility.

Kerry Higgins, Borough Attorney asked Mr. Clark if he had a chance to review the Borough engineer's letter.

Mr. Clark stated he reviewed the letter and a lot of the issues were code issues and will be added to the plans.

Ms. Higgins stated the procedure is that the governing body would pass a resolution that the application complies with the guidelines and requirements of the core redevelopment zone.

Councilman DiBenedetto offered a motion to accept that the application is compliant with the core redevelopment plan and was seconded by Councilman Schnurr.

On roll call, Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption, opposed none, absent Councilman Kane, abstain none. Mayor Higgins declared this item adopted.

Ms. Higgins stated she will prepare a resolution memorializing this.

- 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - a. Personnel Matters**
 - b. Litigation**
 - c. Contract Negotiations**

Councilwoman Shutzer offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption and was seconded by Councilman Sims:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO
DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS, LITIGATION AND
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.**

On roll call, Council Members DiBenedetto, Newman, Schnurr, Shutzer and Sims voted its adoption, opposed none, absent Councilman Kane, abstain none. Mayor Higgins declared the Resolution adopted.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman DiBenedetto moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Shutzer, with All in Favor and Councilman Kane absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci L. DiBenedetto, RMC
BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD

