



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Roll call showed Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, and Vernell Wright were present, with Freeholder Christopher Hudak absent.

Also present were County Manager Alfred J. Faella, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

ROLL CALL

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOARD

Chairman called upon Vice Chairman Granados and Freeholder Carter for the evening's first presentation.

A check presentation will be made by the Freeholder Board to Yolanda Eady-Perkins, President of the African American Heritage Day Parade Committee, and Parade Committee members, for the County's sponsorship of the 2016 African American Heritage Day Parade to be held on September 18, 2016 in Elizabeth.

Vice Chairman Granados made comments relative to the African American Heritage Day Parade and their efforts in promoting African American heritage within the City of Elizabeth and the County of Union. He congratulated Yolanda Eady-Perkins for serving her sixth year as the organization's President.

Freeholder Carter made comments relative to the importance of celebrating the diversity within all of the communities within Union County and our Country. She thanked the organization for continuing their tradition.

Vice Chairman Granados and Freeholder Carter presented them with a check.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Chairman introduced Jonathan Phillips, of Groundworks Elizabeth, and called him to the podium. He advised that Groundworks Elizabeth partnered with the County to administer the "Union County Community Gardens grant."

A presentation will be made to the Board by Jonathan Phillips, of Groundwork Elizabeth, regarding the success of the Union County Community Gardens grant initiative.

Mr. Phillips thanked the Board for the opportunity to come before the Board and for their support over the years. He stated that a few grant recipients will advise the Board as to how their grant funds were utilized. Before introducing them, he called upon Jackie Barr-Goldbaum, who administered the program.

Jackie Barr-Goldbaum, Farm and Garden Director, thanked the Board and the dozens of people that made Union County Means Green possible. She stated that there were 26 applicants for the Community Garden program. She stated that the largest grant was to the Scotch Plains and Fanwood Community Garden. She stated that it was a pleasure to meet with them and to hear their plans develop 28 beds from nothing, noting that they already have a need for more beds. She stated that their community garden has grown, including a Harvest Festival with food trucks and a petting zoo. She noted that all of this success began with this program. She commented the success of a number other programs; including the Township of Union, City of Plainfield (Richmond Towers), and Roselle Park. She advised that many are donating food to those in need within the community.

Adrian (inaudible), Township of Union Community Gardens, spoke on the success of the program. She stated that through donations they were able to expand from five beds to twenty-eight beds. She stated that with the funds, they will be able to move the fence to accommodate and build another 14 beds; which will immediately serve the eight individuals already on the waiting list.

Diane Mathis, Borough of Roselle Community Gardens, spoke on the success of their program. She stated that they started in 2009, and made comments on the work of the many volunteers which led to the success of the community gardens. She made comments relative to cultivating a sense of community, and noted that there is no better example than "sowing a seed" within the community. She complimented Groundwork Elizabeth and thanked them for their experience and assistance; including a "Garden Grow H2O" training session. She thanked the Board for this grant program, which has brought seniors and youth together.

(Inaudible) Lewellan, on behalf of Reeves-Reed Arboretum and the Rahway YMCA, made comments relative to the collaboration with Groundworks Elizabeth. She noted that they provided an immense amount of environmental education and stated that their partnership has been invaluable. She made comments relative to the Rahway YMCA's campers program, where children learn about healthy eating and understanding that food "does not come from the grocery store." She spoke on the intangible benefits of the program as well.

Mr. Phillips thanked the Board, and county staff for their assistance with the program.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to approve the Communications.

Note and File

Oaths of Office: Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Committee: Rose Checcio; Union County Workforce Development Board: James Brady, Pamela Capaci, Juan Carlos Dominguez, Richard Malcolm, and Gary Pfarr.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholder Hudak absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to waive the reading and approve the Minutes.

1. Thursday, June 16, 2016 - Executive Session
2. Thursday, July 14, 2016 - Agenda Setting Session
3. Thursday, July 14, 2016 - Executive Session
4. Thursday, July 21, 2016 - Regular Meeting

On a motion made by Freeholder Jalloh and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the minutes of the Thursday, June 16, 2016 Executive Session minutes, with Freeholder Jalloh abstaining and Freeholders Hudak absent; four members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the minutes of the Thursday, July 14, 2016 Agenda Setting Session and Executive Session minutes, with Freeholders Carte, Estrada, Kowalski and Mirabella abstaining and Freeholders Hudak absent; six members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the minutes of the Thursday, July 21, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes, with Freeholders Jalloh and Kowalski abstaining, and Freeholder Hudak absent

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

Chairman Bergen asked the Clerk of the Board to read the Ordinance by title.

- 777-2016 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY OF THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON NOT EXCEEDING \$59,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COUNTY-GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016 (COMMUNITY CENTER AND LIBRARY PROJECT), ISSUED BY THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY THEREFORE AND DETERMINING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

Chairman Bergen noted for the record that Freeholder Jalloh has recused himself from this Ordinance and excused himself from this portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 777-2016 only.

Anthony Esposito, Roselle, stated that he lived in Roselle for thirty years. He made comments opposing the Community Center & Library project. He stated his concerns relative to the financial status of the Borough. He requested this project be placed on a referendum for a public to vote.

Chairman Bergen noted that Freeholder Hudak entered the meeting.

Maria Hegner, Roselle, stated that this project was introduced to the public two years ago and only had one meeting. She made comments opposing the Community Center & Library project, and questioned the tax implications of the project. She noted that the original plans they were made aware of established the cost of the project at \$50 million and questioned why it is now \$59 million. She questioned the operating costs of this project, and made comments relative to the number of foreclosures in the Borough.

Councilman Reverend Adkins, Roselle, made comments relative to the community's need for the project. He stated that in 1940, the population was approximately 17,000 and now the current population is close to 22,000. He noted that since 1940, no schools or libraries have been built. He stated that the borough's library is in dire need of repair. He added that none of the schools have libraries. He made comments relative to Roselle's neighboring towns having facilities for their children. He stated that the Mayor, Counsel, Roselle Board of Education held a meeting to approve this project to move forward. He noted that the Borough held meetings for the public to provide input and advise the officials as to what they wanted, noting that their response was: "We need something that we can call our own". He added that the Borough is paying over \$700,000 per year to lease space for Pre-K and Kindergarten, adding that those funds would be put into this project's funding. He added that this project will improve the quality of life and attract new residents and businesses.

Council President Kim Shaw, Roselle, stated that she moved from Queens to Roselle twenty years ago, due in part, to the sense of a tight knit community. She stated that her children received a quality education and frequented the Public Library. She added that, while their children have grown up, they want more for their community. She made comments relative to the benefits of investing in children and our community. She stated that this project will increase the values of homes and businesses in the community. She added that if the Borough does not invest in its youth, they will not have the foundation to be global citizens and compete in the workforce.

Bob Sumner, Roselle, thanked Freeholder Wright, noting that he left Roselle to move to Union so his children would have more opportunities. He stated that he moved back to Roselle because Roselle is "back on the rise." He stated that Roselle needs this project to offer those same opportunities to Roselle's youth and to keep them off the streets. He thanked Freeholder Wright for helping his son get through Central 5 School.

Hazel Walker, Roselle, read from a script. She noted that for half a century, she called Roselle her home. She stated that she has seen many changes over those years, and spoke of a time when people of color did not have the right to do certain things. She stated that she thanks god to live in a country where everyone has a right to be treated with dignity. She stated that she is proud to live in a community with so many different backgrounds; races and faith. She spoke on the importance of a recreation center for young and old alike, and the need for better educational opportunities for her grandchildren. She stated that she is willing to invest in this project.

Councilwoman Carla Walker, Roselle, stated that it is disheartening to hear people speak out against this project; especially from those that sat on the Board of Education but chose to send their children to other schools. She noted that Elizabeth has three recreation centers and one pool; Linden has two recreation centers and one pool; Rahway has two recreation centers and two pools; Cranford has two recreation centers and two pools; Clark has one recreation center and one pool. She questioned why Roselle doesn't deserve the same. She noted that the Borough has nationally ranked Track Teams that run in the hallways in order to practice. She stated that she believes the Borough's large volunteer base will come out even more if the Borough were to have a facility of its own. She stated that the children are turned away from neighboring communities and are left with no place to go but St. Georges Avenue.

Christina Stockberger, Roselle, quoted Frederick Douglas by saying "It's easier to build strong children, than it is to repair broken men". She stated that the children this recreation center, noting that the activities for the children is standing in front of 7-11 and the laundromat on St. George's Avenue. She stated the Borough needs this facility to teach children dance, art, anti-bullying programs. She stated that without a center, the Borough does not have a future for its children.

Danine Wynn, Roselle Park, stated that while she lives in Roselle Park, her heart is in Roselle. She made comments as to why this project is needed. She stated that she was a graduate of the Roselle High School, where she had to utilize the limited facilities for Track & Field and basketball. She stated that she volunteers for the basketball travel program and noted that the gymnasium is packed with 100 student athletes at the same time. She stated that it is impossible to teach and train these student athletes to compete against teams that have better facilities. She stated that these kids start at a disadvantage. She added that she works as a child protection worker in Newark and her fiancé works as a Juvenile Detention in Linden, and noted that they understand the need to invest in our youth.

Dorthy Kelly, Roselle, stated that she is a resident for 46 years and noted that all of her five children graduated from the Roselle school system. She stated that her son went to college on a basketball scholarship and upon graduating wanted to give back to the children of Roselle, but there was no opportunity for him to do so. She stated that her daughter moved to Linden so that her children would have recreational opportunities, such as swimming. She stated that she would be willing to pay the taxes necessary in order to get this project funded. She stated that she pays taxes in Roselle and deserves this project.

Donald Shaw, Roselle Recreation Director, stated that this project would create a safe-haven for both kids and seniors. He stated that he has ten programs in a limited space at the Anthony Amalfe Community Center. He spoke on the Senior Swim Aerobics and 300 children who participate in the children swim program, where they had to bus the

participants to Rahway YMCA. He stated that this project would do wonders for the community.

Kathy Jackson, Roselle Senior Director, made comments relative to senior programs offered and noted that this project would allow more seniors to participate.

B.T. Matthis, Roselle, recollected his teenage years, noting that there were opportunities such as the PAL and the Boys Club. He said that today's children are being set up to go to prison, and that they need a place for them to go and have people to guide them along life.

Julius Riley, Roselle, stated that he comes from Chicago and has seen what happens when the community does not invest in its youth. He stated that he has two young girls 12 and 9 years old. He stated that having a community center, library and school will only boost the children of Roselle; and probably see an increase in their testing scores. He noted that there are only 5 computers in the library.

Didi Rasel, Roselle, stated that she has two boys and a daughter. She stated that her boys enjoy reading and has read most of the books in the library already. She noted that the boys would benefit from the new library's computers, since there is only one computer in her house. She made comments relative to the benefits a community swimming pool would have on her aunt's health. She stated that seniors can play an active and positive influence on our youth.

(Inaudible), Roselle, stated that he volunteers with football and junior basketball. He spoke in favor of the project. He stated that five schools share a "multi-purpose" room for after school activities. He stated that the children of Roselle need a facility, noting that the kindergarten's playground is a parking lot.

Chairman Bergen, noted that all are welcome to speak, but encouraged the public to refrain from being repetitive. He stated that the Board has clearly heard your concerns and your support of the project.

Arthur Rice, Roselle, stated that he graduated every step of the Roselle school system. He stated that he hoped for the sake of the kids and all who live in the Borough of Roselle, and for all of those planning to move to Roselle, will have the opportunity and privileges that all other municipalities provide.

Windel Williams, of Roselle, stated that he was a student athlete in Roselle. He stated that he is an EMT in Roselle and spoke of the difficult task of responding to a call regarding a 17 year old that has been shot; wondering if it is a kid he knew or coached. He stated that this is the result of not having a place for children to go. He stated that he has two children; a five year old and a one year old. He stated that there is no place to train his son.

Deborah Williams, of Roselle, stated that Windel (previous speaker) is her son. She stated that we are obligated to save our children, not a dollar, and that we need to care for our children while we are here.

Madena Ali, Talora Watson, Destiny (inaudible), students at Roselle High School, spoke in support of the project.

Tameka Hopson, of Roselle, stated that she has one child, but seems to have five at all times because there is no place for the other children to go. She stated that the community center would be good for them. She said she is tired of hearing about how children are hanging on the streets and getting into mischief due to boredom. She stated that the project would also help her mother with physical therapy in a pool; something that she cannot afford otherwise.

Jeanne Marie Ryan, Roselle Public Library Director, stated that of all the communities she worked in, Roselle has the greatest sense of community she encountered. She stated that the children have an interest in the library, noting that the children visit the library in great numbers. She stated that they do not have a program room, and that they limit their computer usage to give as many children access to the computers as possible. She stated that even if she had a 3-D printer, she wouldn't have a room for it.

Councilman Samuel Bishop, of Roselle, stated that the Board can see and hear the passion of the residents of Rahway. He stated that the Borough needs to invest in the Borough. He stated that they are here tonight to ask for help in alleviating the debt. He quoted the late Robert Kennedy: *"Most people look at things as they are and ask why...I see things that was, and ask why not?"*

Councilwoman Andrea Staten, of Roselle, stated that she serves as chair of the Recreation Committee, and is a mother of a thirteen year old student athlete. She stated that she watched her daughter and her teammates run up and down the hallways to train for the national championship in Delaware and Maryland. She stated that Roselle's children need somewhere to go. She stated that the cheerleaders were kicked outside to practice because they needed to utilize the gymnasium for a basketball game, noting that there is no other place for such a practice. She spoke to the long waiting list for the computers at the library. She offered a heartfelt plea for help with this project.

Board of Education President Candy Young, of Roselle, stated that her child is in college, but noted that she had to spend a considerable amount of money to find opportunities for him when he was a youth. She stated that when he talks about his career, he talks about how he wants to give back to the Roselle community.

Assemblyman Jamel Holley, of Roselle, thanked the Board for their support over the years, and asked the Board to help the Borough build the Mind and Body complex. He thanked the group of professional: the architects, engineers, the attorneys and financial consultants that have met with him to bring this project into fruition. He stated that as a young African American male who grew up in the borough, there is a need. He stated that he does not know how he would have survived had it not been for the efforts of his grandmother and those sitting behind him and who spoke tonight. He explained that the "child that I was, is not the child today". He spoke on the obstacles he has personally endured in seeing this project come to fruition. He stated that he is asking the Board to provide the same guarantee for this project as it has for other towns' firehouse projects, library projects and school projects.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to move Ordinance 777-2016.

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Fiscal Committee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 777-2016 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

A motion was made by Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Fiscal Committee Chairman, to move Ordinance Number 777-2016 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Carter. Roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Freeholders Jalloh (recused) and Freeholder Estrada abstaining.

Chairman Bergen asked the Clerk of the Board to let the record reflect Freeholder Jalloh re-joined the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open to the public for the purpose of commenting on Resolutions being offered for adoption only.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments and/or inquires on a number of resolutions. Relative to Resolution Number 2016-689 & 2016-690, he made comments relative to political donations. Relative to Resolution Number 2016-691, he stated that they appear to be a new vendor and asked what the dollar amount is for the resolution. Relative to Resolution Number 2016-699, he asked how much it is per ton. Relative to Resolution Number 2017-707, he asked what happened to Union County Educational Services. He noted that the total amount decreased by approximately \$130,000 from last week's Agenda Meeting, and asked why and asked what the cost was last year. Relative to Resolution Number 2016-715, he asked for a general overview explaining the resolution. Relative to Resolution Number 2016-716, he noted that the increase represents approximately 36% and questioned if this goes against the County's bylaws, and asked why there is a need for such an increase. Relative to Resolution Number 2016-720 & 722, he made comments about political donations; he asked why the county couldn't administer the grants themselves. Relative to Resolution Number 2016-726, he asked questions relative to the health insurance involved and if there were benefits for life awarded as per the agreement. Relative to Resolution Number 2016-737, he made comments relative to the award recipient.

Chairman Bergen advised the speaker to refrain from making personal attacks.

With reference to Resolution Number 2016-691, Director Graziano advised that there is no cost to the County. With Reference to Resolution Number 2016-699, he advised that the price was \$69.90 per ton.

With reference to Resolution Number 2016-707, Chairman Bergen advised that the prior vendor no longer wished to continue its contract with the County.

With reference to Resolution Number 2016-715, County Manager Faella advised that the position controls involve filling vacancies within the Office of the Sheriff.

With reference to Resolution Number 2016-716, County Counsel Barry advised that there is nothing in the County's bylaws or administrative code that deal with change orders. He

added that this is a professional services contract, and assured that the County is within compliance with the Local Public Contracts Law.

With reference to Resolution Number 2016-722, Director Wagner advised that these are grant funds that go directly to residents for home repairs. She added that there is a loan portion of the grant and advised that if this was brought in-house, the county would not save any funds.

With reference to Resolution Number 2016-726, County Manager Faella advised that there is no life-time health benefits awarded through this agreement.

John Burry, of Kenilworth, asked what the reason was for the 36% increase in Resolution Number 2016-716. He asked if this resolution was supposed to be presented in May.

Armando Sanchez, Director of Golf Operations, stated that the project was never scheduled to be completed by May of 2016. He advised that they experienced delays in the early parts of the project and anticipates opening on April 1, 2017. He added that the hockey arena will be ready for the upcoming season and listed the improvements. He advised that the need for the increase was due unforeseen conditions on the ice floor (which required a redesign) and with the new building upon the demolition of the old building (pertaining to the stabilization of the foundation) and some design changes as requested by the water company. He added that the overall construction cost is approximately \$7.6 million, noting that the \$888,000 represents 12% of total soft costs on the project.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2016-687 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union, the Township of Cranford and the City of Linden to repair the Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Raritan Road / DeWitt Terrace / Moen Avenue.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2016-688 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, Division of Engineering; Smith-Sondy Asphalt Construction Company of Wallington, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing 2016 Road Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$892,998.80.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2016-689 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER: Authorizing the County Manager to award a Professional Engineering Service Contract, through a Request for Proposal (RFP)

Process, to T&M Associates of Middletown, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Intersection Improvement at Chestnut Street and Fifth Avenue, Borough of Roselle, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$63,451.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2016-020)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-690 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-525, a Professional Architectural Design and Construction Management Service Contract with Netta Architects, of Mountainside, New Jersey for additional architectural/engineering services associated with the Union County Justice Complex Phase III - Oriscello Correctional Facilities Interior Alterations, in an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,536,030.00. This request also includes an additional 60 days of additional design time required to complete all work.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-691 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Developer's Agreement between the County of Union and Sciarretta Enterprises, LLC of Far Hills, New Jersey regarding the proposed County road construction improvement "widening of west bound South Avenue at Intersection with Central Avenue, City of Westfield, New Jersey". (Union County Engineering Project Number 2015-036)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-692 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSa 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Division of Parks Maintenance, National Fence Systems, Inc., for the purpose of providing Fencing Systems, twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in an amount not exceed \$239,003.98.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-693 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract extension originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSa 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Work & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Davl'd Fire Systems Inc., for the purpose of providing Fire Alarm Services, twenty-four (24) consecutive months, in an amount not to exceed \$564,560.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-694 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities: Division of Facilities Management; Division of Park Maintenance; Spruce Industries, for the purpose of providing Janitorial Supply products, for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision of one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, in the amount of \$541,260.84.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-695 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Amending Resolution 2015-794, BA 57-2013, a contract with FM Generator, Inc, for the purpose of providing Emergency Generator Repair, Maintenance and Installation Services, to adjust budgetary account number allocation for the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities; Division of Facilities Management, in the amount not to exceed \$125,000. (No Change in Contract Amount)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-696 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution concurring with the Borough of Fanwood granting permission to the Fanny Wood Day Committee, to close Martine Avenue from South Avenue to La Grande Avenue and South Avenue, from First Street to Second Avenue on Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to hold the 2016 Fanny Wood Day Celebration and to display a banner across Martine Avenue announcing the event.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-697 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Springfield granting permission to the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Township of Springfield to close Mountain Avenue between Morris Avenue and Caldwell Place on Sunday, October 2nd from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, October 16, 2016 for the Fall Festival and Car Show. Also, granting permission to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue at the intersection of North Trivett Avenue from August 24, 2016 to October 17, 2016.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-698 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution concurring with the City of Linden granting permission to close Wood Avenue, between Elizabeth Avenue to Gesner Street from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. for the Street Fair "A September to Remember" which will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016, with a rain date of Sunday, September 25, 2016. Also, concurring with the City of Linden granting permission to hang banners across North Wood Avenue, between Curtis Street and Gibbons

Street and one at Elizabeth Avenue from August 20, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-699 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management; Atlantic Salt, Inc., 134 Middle Street, Suite 210, Lowell, MA 01852, for the purpose of providing Rock Salt for an extended twelve month (12) contract in the amount of \$699,000.00

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-700 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Laws, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; to Louis Barbato Landscaping, 1600 Railroad Avenue, Holbrook, NY 11741 (BA-UCCP# 36-2016) for the purpose of providing and planting trees throughout Union County Parks and Roadways for the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Public Works in the amount of \$39,750 and Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance, in the amount of \$35,975 for a twelve month (12) contract amount not to exceed \$75,725.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-701 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Resolution concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park to close Chestnut Street from Webster Avenue to Grant Avenue and Grant Avenue to Charles Street on September 24, 2016 for the Roselle Park Loves Arts event and also to hang a banner on Chestnut Street from September 16th to September 24th for the Roselle Park Loves Arts Events.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-702 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract, through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, to Lorco Petroleum for the provision of motor oil and filter recycling services for the contract period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-703 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with The Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth Branch, to rent

space for the Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) education classes to be held at 1564 Irving Street, Rahway, New Jersey, at a rate of \$520 per day, for a minimum of 52 scheduled days scheduled during the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the total amount not to exceed \$27,040.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bergen abstaining.

- 2016-704 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the FY2017 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) agreement in the amount of \$307,191 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) for the grant period of October 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 for the purpose of providing community programming for low income residents of Union County; and to recognize and accept that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from NJDCA, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-705 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2016-129, pursuant to a Request for Proposal awarded subcontracts under the 2014 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) competitive grant award, to reflect an increase of \$5,888.98 in funding award for a new grand total of \$4,246,618.98 and to extend the one year time frame for three projects to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified on the spending plan; all other terms remain the same.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Chairman Bergen abstaining.

- 2016-706 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Jacqueline Napper, PsyD, MSCP, Plainfield, New Jersey, to provide psychological services to the patients of Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital for the period of August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$9,600.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-707 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission, Fairfield, New Jersey, to provide state mandated education programs for the residents housed in the Union County Juvenile Detention Center for the period of September 19, 2016 through August 31, 2017 in the total amount not to exceed \$833,055.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2016-708 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$489,653 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Services Block Grant - CSBG.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2016-709 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA: Resolution Modifying the 2016 Union County Adopted Budget in the amount of \$166,644 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a Program Entitled: Gangs, Gun and Narcotics Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2016-710 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the African American Heritage Day Parade Committee, for their efforts in promoting African American heritage and culture, in the amount of \$4,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2016-711 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the Ruth Fellowship Ministries, Inc., for their "Triumph Over Tragedy" event aimed at providing information on family services and promoting anti-bullying, mental health, literacy services and positive relationships with law enforcement, in the amount of \$1,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2016-712 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE THE THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring Groundwork Elizabeth's Farm Fun Days, for their efforts in promoting urban agricultural experiences, in the amount of \$200.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2016-713 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution sponsoring the General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee of St. Theresa, for their efforts in promoting Polish American heritage and culture, in the amount of \$4,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

2016-714 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Resolution co-sponsoring the Linden Halloween Committee's for their efforts with the City of Linden's Annual Halloween Parade to be held on October 30, 2016, and authorizing

funding the in the amount of \$4,000 for their efforts associated in benefiting the general welfare of the City's youth and community at large.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-715 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Authorizing the County Manager to adjust and/or change the Internal Position Control Schedule.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-716 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-1075, a Professional Architectural Service contract with Netta Architects of Mountainside, New Jersey, for additional architectural and engineering services associated with the improvements to the Warinanco Ice Rink Project in an amount not to exceed \$233,600.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$888,600.00; and further extending the construction administration and inspection services for an additional twelve (12) month period from May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-021)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-717 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the use of the competitive contracting process for the procurement of "Recreation Facilities Management and Operations Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:11-4.3(a).

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-718 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the use of the competitive contracting process for the procurement of a "Doctor of Veterinary Medicine" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:11-4.3(a) for the horses at the Watchung Stables.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-719 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Rec1 of Alpharetta, Georgia for a Cloud Based Recreation Management Software System, pursuant to a competitive contracting process (RCCP#3-2016) for the period of 48 months, with an option to renew for an additional 24 months in an amount of \$93,500.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-720 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2014-727 adopted on September 11, 2014, a Professional Service Contract awarded through an RFP process to USA Architects Planners & Interior Designers, PA of Somerville, New Jersey associated with the Wheeler Park Pool Renovation Project located in

Linden, New Jersey. This amendment reflects a new scope of work in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$201,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-029)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed eight members voting in the affirmative, with Freeholder Estrada voting in the negative.

- 2016-721 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2015-1025, (BA#48-2015) a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the local Public Contracts Law NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., to Ralph Checchio, Inc., of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for the Parking Lot Improvements at the Baseball Field in Nomahegan Park, Cranford. This change order (No. 1) will reduce the original contract amount by (\$4,400.00) for a new contract amount not to exceed \$113,743.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2014-022)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-722 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Development Directions LLC, Rahway, New Jersey, for administration of the Union County Home Improvement Program and Senior Home Improvement Grant, which provide assistance to lower income homeowners for repair and rehabilitation of their homes, through a fair and open process for the procurement of services in the form of an RFP issued on June 1, 2016 and responses received on June 23, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$335,000 for the period of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, with the potential for two one-year extensions.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-723 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Union County College for the period of September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, to provide computer literacy, adult education, and English as a Second Language training to a minimum of twenty-four (24) participants in an amount not exceed \$24,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-724 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Amending Reso 2016-489 and further authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend funds from the New Jersey Department of Health for the ZIKA Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) project in the amount of \$5,000 to support Zika prevention activities and mosquito source reduction campaigns in Union County for a new amount of \$288,970 in the LINCS Grant.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-725 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** A resolution appointing Bauch Zucker Hatfield, LLC of Springfield, New Jersey, as special counsel to represent the Union County Police Department in the matter entitled: Stephen Repella v. UC Police Department, et al, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-726 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manger to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Parks Foremen Association, effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-727 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension c/o Cook College of New Brunswick, New Jersey, for the purposes of utilizing the educational services of certain members of the Rutgers faculty and staff of Cook College for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$95,209.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2016-728 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating Southern Bistro, Plainfield, upon their Grand Opening on September 15, 2016 and wishing them the best of luck.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-729 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Congratulating the Plainfield Commission of Hispanic Affairs and this year's award recipients.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-730 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Clement M. Curry, Sr. who passed away on September 3, 2016.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-731 FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Carl Reed, of ERA-Reed Realty in Plainfield, upon his passing on September 13, 2016.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-732 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA & VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Proclaiming September 15, 2016 through October 15, 2016 as Hispanic Heritage Month throughout the County of Union and congratulating Union County College for being one of five county colleges in the State of New Jersey that has been designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-733 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Congratulating the United Methodist Church of Linden upon their 150th anniversary celebration.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-734 FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Congratulating the OMG Tea Party on their 7th Annual OMG Signature Tea Experience and its award recipients: OMG Trailblazer Award - Maggie Haney; OMG Change Agent Award - Alicia R. Alston and OMG Star Award - Gianna Malecki.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-735 FREEHOLDER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA:** Congratulating the Outreach Ministry of St. John's Baptist Church on celebrating their 8th annual Back to School Community Fair on September 17, 2016.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-736 FREEHOLDER VERNELL WRIGHT:** Proclaiming the month of September as Recovery Month throughout the County of Union.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-737 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating City of Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage upon being selected for the Boy Scouts of America 2016 Leadership Award.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-738 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulates and commends Challenged Athletes Foundation's (CAF)- Operation Rebound Racing Team and Captains: Michael D. Boll, Brandon Holiday and David Tyms for their efforts and support.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-739 VICE CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Congratulating Jersey Express Men's Professional Basketball Team on their accomplishments and Marsha Blount, Owner & President/CEO for staying involved in the community, and for being a positive role model in the lives of youth in Union County.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-740 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Freeholder Alexander Mirabella on being honored by the Italian Tribune with the prestigious Christopher Columbus "Man of the Year" Award on Friday, October 7, 2016.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-741 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Congratulating Michaline "Marge" Elko of Clark upon her 100th birthday celebration on September 11, 2016.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-742 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Congratulating Robert Carroll and Frances Louise Bresenham upon their 60th wedding anniversary on September 7, 2016.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

- 2016-743 CHAIRMAN BRUCE H. BERGEN:** Congratulating the Home for Good Dog Rescue on their 6th annual Bark-A-Que celebration.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Granados and seconded by Freeholder Mirabella, roll call showed nine members voting in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

This meeting is open to the public for the purposes of commenting on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Bruce Patterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to why he disagreed with Freeholder Mirabella receiving the "Man of the Year" award (Resolution Number 2016-740).

Chairman Bergen advised Mr. Patterson advised the speaker not to make personal attacks. He informed him that he was out of order and advised him to sit down.

Councilman Armando Medina, of Linden, thanked the Board and Director Graziano for addressing a safety concern on DeWitt and Raritan Road and on Lowen and Raritan Road. He advised that this has been an issue for two years and applauded the Board for approving the resolution.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Wright made comments relative to a Home Health Aide Training program offered through the County's Department of Human Services, which has been offered to the public since 1986 to ensure that the County's residents are up to date on the skills and information they need to obtain their State certification.

Freeholder Kowalski thanked all the residents for attending the night's meeting and for speaking to the Board. She thanked the Chairman for his leadership with the Community Garden grants.

Freeholder Carter thanked the residents for attending the night's meeting and to those for speaking in a respectful manner without attacking unnecessarily. She made comments relative to a number of fall events offered by the county; including Union County Means Business Expo, the annual 4-H Open House, the popular haunted hayrides and pumpkin sale, and the 35th Annual Harvest Festival.

Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to his abstention from the Ordinance vote regarding the Mind and Body complex. He made comments relative to the number of bonded projects the Board has already guaranteed and the fact that Roselle has, in his opinion, failed in addressing the needs of its residents; noting that these needs often cannot be addressed all at once. He spoke to the tax implications relative to this project, and hoped that the citizens truly wanted this entire project. He wished the residents the best with the project. Freeholder Estrada made comments relative to his negative vote of the Wheeler Park resolution, noting that a pool (not a spray park) provides a necessary outlet for a certain age group of youth, and is much needed in the community.

Freeholder Mirabella welcomed back Paul Payton and wished him well. He thanked the residents of Roselle for speaking at the night's meeting. He stated he sees the County's guarantee as a mechanism to save Roselle residents money over the cost of the bonding.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to Freeholder Kowalski joining him in honoring Union Catholic High School student Sydney McLaughlin, the youngest US Track & Field member in over 40 years. He noted that it was nice to see the entire community come together and support one of their own.

Freeholder Mirabella made comments relative to another performance of the Sensory Friendly Series; "Art Rageous". He noted the Sensory Friendly Theatre is designed to offer a relaxed and safe environment for audiences with autism and other sensory sensitivities.

Vice Chairman Granados made comments relative to Family Fun Day at Mattano Park, which includes the ribbon cutting for the County's first inclusive playground.

Vice Chairman Granados congratulated Freeholder Mirabella on his recognition as “Man of the Year”, and stated all on the Board appreciate his work and guidance as Freeholder; noting that he is a true asset to the Board. He added that Freeholder Mirabella is someone all residents can look up to.

Chairman Bergen commented on a Newsweek publication that listed the top 500 public high schools in the country, which listed a number of Union County high schools: #4 Vocational-Technical Magnet High School, #21 Vocational-Technical Academy of Allied Health, #23 Vocational-Technical Information Technologies, #57 Westfield High School, #76 Summit High School, #189 Union County Vocational-Technical High School, #192 Governor Livingston High School, #203 Vocational-Technical Academy of Performing Arts, #210 Scotch Plains/Fanwood High School, and #377 Cranford High School.

Chairman Bergen made comments relative to participating in the celebration of the completion of a joint dredging project of the Army Corp of Engineers and the Port Authority. He made comments relative to the project being vital to the local economy.

Chairman Bergen made comments relative to the Union County Hero Initiative benefiting the County’s veterans. He spoke of the “Thank You for your Service” documentary, a touching film about PTA. He thanked Bobby Jeans for setting up a meeting with veterans at the Kenilworth VFW, which is designed to reach out to veterans to inform them of the services provided by the County and to hear from them of what other needs they may have. He advised the public that the Annual POW/MIA celebration will be held on November 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Carter, a voice vote showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

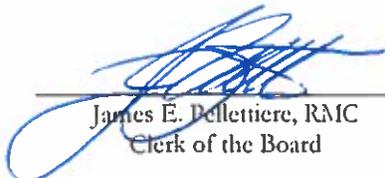
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REORGANIZATION MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016 at 12:00 pm Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 14, 2016	January 21, 2016
February 4, 2016 February 18, 2016	February 11, 2016 February 18, 2016
March 3, 2016 March 17, 2016	March 10, 2016 March 31, 2016
April 7, 2016 April 21, 2016	April 14, 2016 April 28, 2016
May 5, 2016 May 26, 2016*	May 12, 2016 May 26, 2016
June 2, 2016 June 16, 2016	June 9, 2016 June 23, 2016
July 14, 2016	July 21, 2016
August 11 2016	August 18, 2016
September 8, 2016 September 22, 2016	September 15, 2016 September 29, 2016
October 6, 2016 October 20, 2016	October 13, 2016 October 20, 2016
November 10, 2016	November 22, 2016 (Tuesday)
December 1, 2016 December 15, 2016	December 8, 2016 December 22, 2016

* As per Resolution Number 2016-372, the May 19, 2016 Agenda Setting Session was rescheduled to be held on May 26, 2016 at 7:00pm.


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