



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kowalski presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski, Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri – Mouded, Freeholder Rebecca Williams were present; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Christopher Hudak and Freeholder Andrea Staten absent.

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Human Services Advisory Council: Susan Luckman, Alison Millan, Karla Spivey and Morgan Thompson.

Chairman Kowalski called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD

A resolution presentation was made by Chair Kowalski and Vice Chairman Mirabella to Son's Collision of Garwood for donating four (4) cars, in coordination with the NJ Veterans Network, to Veterans in need.

Chairman Kowalski noted that the Board has taken great pride in helping Veterans over the years, noting initiatives like UC HERO through the Office of Veteran Services, among others. She thanked Son's Collision for their efforts and contributions.

Vice Chairman Mirabella commended the Veterans, noting their invaluable sacrifice and heroic service to our country. He thanked Son's Collision of Garwood for their efforts and for providing this essential service to Veterans in need.

Paul Brunda, General Manager of Son's Collision, thanked the Board for the recognition. He noted his strong support of those that serve in the armed forces, noting his grandfather who was a Pearl Harbor survivor. He expressed his excitement at being able to partner with the U.C. Veterans Network to provide these well-deserved Veterans with reliable transportation upon returning home from service. He noted the company's desire to continue and grow this initiative in the future.

Mike Moll of the NJ Veterans Network recognized the invaluable annual contributions made by Son's Collision and thanked them for their efforts and continued commitment to the initiative.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

807-2019 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY ADOPTING THE 2019 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, FEES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as follows:

1. That the schedule of fees attached hereto, hereby amends the official fees for the Department of Parks and Recreation Facilities for 2019. All fees not included herein will remain as previously adopted.
2. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the time and manner provided by law.
3. That the Clerk of the Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and of a public hearing on June 20, 2019 and shall forward one certified copy, upon final passage, to each Clerk of all Municipalities located within the County of Union.
4. That the fee schedule pertinent to this Ordinance is on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened to the public for the purpose of commenting on the Ordinance being offered for adoption only.

Seeing no speakers, Chairman Kowalski closed this public comment portion of the meeting.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 807-2019 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Williams, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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

Seeing no speakers wishing to comment, Chairman Kowalski closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

- 2019-477 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Amending Resolution 2019-112 awarding various contracts, pursuant to a Request for Proposal in accordance with the 2019-2021 Area Plan, to reflect an increase in funding only in the amount of \$491,116 for a new grand total not to exceed \$5,117,281 to be allocated as outlined and charged to account numbers specified for the same contract year one period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 with no other changes to the 2019-2021 Area Plan.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moudey, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-478 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution #2018-1004, a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving Street, Rahway, New Jersey to provide services necessary for the execution of the 2018-2019 season of the Sensory Friendly Theater program, to change the ending date to December 31, 2019. There is no fiscal impact.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moudey, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-479 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award Discover Our Parks grants to four (4) municipalities in the County of Union, in accordance with the Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant criteria, through and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moued, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-480 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Springfield to provide fire and medical basic life support dispatch services for a ten (10) year term with an annual 2% increase, not to exceed \$528,515.80.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moued, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-481 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with MACK Camera & Video Services, Springfield, NJ for the purchase and installation of a CaseCracker Premium System for investigative interviews in an amount not to exceed \$26,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moued, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-482 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Keystone Precision Instruments, Allentown, PA, for the purchase of forensic accident investigation equipment not to exceed \$26,209.90.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moued, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-483 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUED:** Authorizing the County Manager accept FY2018 SuperNOFA Continuum of Care (CoC) competitive grant award Tier 2 funds in the total amount not to exceed \$151,264 from the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), and authorizing the County of Union to enter into a contract with HUD for the administration of funds, as specified on the Spending Plan.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moued, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-484 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the City of Plainfield w/Hyacinth Aids Foundation - Plainfield Pride Festival to be held on June 22, 2019 in the amount of \$1,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-485 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Scotch Plains Independence Day Celebration to be held on June 29, 2019 in the amount of \$4,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-486 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Township of Cranford 4th of July Celebration to be held on July 2, 2019 in the amount of \$6,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-487 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the New Providence Borough and Business Community 4th of July Celebration to be held on July 3, 2019 in the amount of \$800.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-488 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the City of Plainfield Independence Day Concert & Fireworks to be held on July 4, 2019 in the amount of \$3,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-489 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution sponsoring the Peruvians for Progress Flag Raising and Parade to be held on July 21, 2019 in the amount of \$3,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-490 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2018-584, a contract with the Musial Group, of Mountainside, New Jersey to provide a survey of

the existing filing system, reconfiguration, shelving design, drawings and specifications for the record room of the County Clerk's Office, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey for a total an additional amount of \$29,985, for a new total amount of \$273,985.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-491 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manger to enter into an Affiliation Agreement with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Child and Adolescent Outpatient Unit, Department of Psychiatry and The Friends of the Child Advocacy Center of Union County as per the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-492 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding, BA#21-2019, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq: Thermo Electron North America LLC of Madison, Wisconsin, for the purpose of providing Spectrometers through Union County Prosecutor's Office in an amount not to exceed \$98,520.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-493 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing a payment to Beckerman & Company, County General Insurance Agent of Record, to obtain Cyber Security insurance coverage with ACE American Insurance Company, Philadelphia, PA for the period of June 26, 2019 through June 25, 2020 for a total amount not to exceed \$44,889.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-494 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a stop/loss insurance contract to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of Newark, NJ in an amount not to exceed of \$2,300,000 for a 12 consecutive month contract period of July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-495 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of Newark, NJ to perform the function of third party administrator under the terms of the original contract awarded by Resolution 2018-498 and exercising the first 12-month option to extend for a contract period of July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020, in an amount of not to exceed \$1,400,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-496 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Approving Claims Payment Authorization for Employee Health and Prescription Self-Insurance Program to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of Newark, NJ and CAREMARKPCS Health, L.L.C., Woonsocket, RI, the contracted Third Party Administrators.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-497 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution declaring various goods as surplus and no longer needed for use by the County, and further authorizing the County Manager to advertise and hold a public auction for said surplus goods.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-498 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract for printer repair services (BA No. 34-2017) with Rahway Business Machines of Rahway, NJ for an additional twenty-four months at the same pricing, in an amount not to exceed \$13,125.00 during the period of June 22, 2019 through June 21, 2021.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-499 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2018-418 to allocate additional Home Investment Partnership Program rehabilitation funds in the amount of \$25,973.09 to Premier Community Development Corporation for a total contract amount not to exceed \$265,228.80.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-500 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering, Public Works, & Facilities Management, Division of Engineering: T.R. Weniger, Inc., of Piscataway, New Jersey, for the 2018 Bridge Improvement Program, for an amount not to exceed \$876,970.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-026)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-501 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close Park Avenue from East Second Street to the corner of Front Street and portion of Front Street from Park Avenue to Senger Place to hold the Annual Race to Summer 5K on Thursday June 13, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. Also granting permission to hang a banner across Park Avenue from the end of May to June 14, 2019.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-502 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang two banners, one on Meisel Avenue and one on Mountain Avenue, from June 1, 2019 to June 24, 2019 to advertise the 225th Anniversary of the Township of Springfield Celebration.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-503 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights granting permission to the Mt. Carmel Society to close Springfield Avenue from the intersection of Snyder Avenue to the Somerset County Line from 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2019 to 2:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2019 for the annual festival and fireworks display.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-504 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution ratifying permission given to the Borough of New Providence to close Springfield Avenue from Central Avenue to Gales Drive for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 29, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Also, concurring with the Borough of New Providence for closures of the following events; South Street from Gales Drive to Springfield Avenue on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the Downtown Fireworks Spectacular; Sunday, October 27, 2019 Springfield Avenue from South

Street to Gales Drive from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Street Fair; Friday, November 29, 2019 Springfield Avenue, from South Street to Gales Drive from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the “Holiday Festival.”

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouged, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

2019-505 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Resolution granting permission to the City of Linden to hang banners and/or street closures for the following events: National Night Out Event--closing Wood Avenue from Blancke Street to Elm Street, on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.; Linden’s Cultural Committee Annual Festival – closing Wood Avenue from Elizabeth Avenue to Curtis Street on Saturday, September 28, 2019, with a rain date of Sunday, September 29, 2019, from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Also, to hang a banner across North Wood Avenue between Curtis Street and Gibbons Street and at Elizabeth and Wood Avenue from August 19, 2019 through September 30, 2019. Annual Fire Prevention and Life Safety Fair – closing Wood Avenue, from Elizabeth Avenue to Elm Street on Friday, October 4, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Annual Halloween Parade – closing Wood Avenue on Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony – closing North Wood Avenue from Elizabeth Avenue to Elm Street on Friday December 6, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m; and Linden’s Farmers Market - to hang a banner across Wood Avenue at the intersection of Elizabeth Avenue and between Curtis Street and Gibbons Street from June 10, 2019 to August 19, 2019.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouged, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

2019-506 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Exercising the County’s option to extend the contract awarded to Sage Landscape Contractors, Inc. Watchung, NJ (BA 48-2017) for a period of twenty-four (24) months starting August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2021 to provide Snow Removal Services for use by the Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Division of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$182,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouged, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

2019-507 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: 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; Engineering, Public Works & Facilities Management, Bureau of Recycling: Radiac Research Corporation-BA 13-2019- for the purpose of collecting packaging, transportation and proper disposal of all wastes collected at Union County household hazardous waste programs for a 24 month period in an amount not to exceed \$348,516.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-508 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2018-89, a contract for waste oil and filter recycling, to reflect a change in account number only.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-509 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2018-90, a contract for electronics recycling, to reflect a change in account number only.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-510 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2019-361 dated April 25, 2019 to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin of Teaneck, NJ in the matter entitled H.C. Equities v. County of Union. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$100,000.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2019-511 FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA:** Congratulating the Hispanic/Latino Alumni Council (HLAC) as they celebrate their 19th Anniversary Scholarship Luncheon; and further honoring their 2019 Undergraduate Scholarship Awardees: Nicole S. Gomez de la Torre, Francy S. Martinez, Santiago A. Hernandez, and Arileidy A. Bueno, and the HLAC Alumni Society of Scholars awardees: Evelyn Rodriguez-Salcedo and Jocelyn Rodriguez.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-512 FREEHOLDER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Resolution congratulating the First Baptist Church of Hillside as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary; evolving into its current multi-generational, multicultural church serving the communities of Hillside, all 21 municipalities of Union County, populations in Essex County, Hudson County, and beyond. And, further recognizing their dedication in meeting the needs of the under-served and the overlooked within in the church and its community.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moude, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-513 FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Juneteenth as the celebration commemorating the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery; and further celebrating the County of Union's Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony on June 19, 2019 and wishing a successful Juneteenth to all municipalities and organizations hosting a Juneteenth celebration recognizing individuals who are being honored for their outstanding service to the community.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moude, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-514 FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Thomas Solsky during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moude, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-515 FREEHOLDER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE & FREEHOLDER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution offering the Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Adele Albanese, Plainfield community leader and owner of Plainfield Dairy Queen, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moude, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-516 FREEHOLDER ANDREA STATEN:** Resolution commending Shop Rite of Clark for their continued support through their generous donations to the various countywide events including, but not limited to, the Union County Means Business, the Union County Performing Arts Center's Wine and Cheese Night, and the Pride in Park celebration.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moude, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-517 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, FREEHOLDER ANGEL G. ESTRADA, FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution congratulating the twenty-three (23) honorees of the United Way of Greater Union County's 2019 Annual Celebration as they celebrate individuals and

companies that dedicate themselves to the betterment of the communities in which they serve.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-518 VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Son's Prestige Collision, of Garwood for their outstanding contributions to Veterans in need.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-519 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution recognizing and congratulating the Literacy NJ Volunteers who have served 10+ years providing adults in Union County with an opportunity to read, write and communicate effectively in their daily lives.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-520 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution congratulating Timothy Garcia of Boy Scout Troop 80, Cranford, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-521 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, VICE CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER MIRABELLA & FREEHOLDER CHRISTOPHER HUDAK:** Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of long-time County employee Elizabeth "Peggy" Salisbury during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-522 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing the many events held within the Union County Park System as a means for promoting entertainment and healthy lifestyles for all residents; and to further officially designate the month of July, 2019 as "Parks and Recreation Month" throughout Union County as the nation celebrates the month of July as "National Parks & Recreation Month".

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moudey, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

- 2019-523 CHAIR BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Resolution congratulating Timothy Garcia and Frank Caldwell, of Boy Scout Troop 80, Cranford, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Palmieri-Moudey, roll call showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened to the public for comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Seeing no speakers wishing to comment, Chairman Kowalski closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Freeholder Williams made comments relative to the first ever U.C. Juneteenth Flag Raising ceremony that took place on the steps of the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth. She provided a brief history of the importance of June 19, 1865 as it relates to the long-delayed liberation of the enslaved following the Emancipation Proclamation. She thanked everyone for their participation as well as the Juneteenth Planning Committee for their hard work in facilitating the event. In particular, Freeholder Williams commended Elizabeth Board of Education Commissioner Charlene Bathelus for her emcee work at the event.

Vice Chairman Mirabella made comments relative to Pride Month, noting his recent attendance to the Light Up the Night- TEEN PRIDE event at UCPAC as well as Pride in the Park at Rahway River Park. He thanked Danni Newbury and her committee for their hard work in organizing and facilitating the various Pride events throughout the county. He also referenced PRIDE In A Box available through the county as a means to support the surrounding communities hosting Pride-related events. Freeholder Mirabella also spoke relative to the upcoming SAGE table at Plainfield's Cultural Center and the UC Pride with the Red Bulls event on June 28th at the Red Bulls Arena in Harrison. He closed by thanking WellCare Health Plans, Xfinity, and Atlantic Health System for partnering with the Board to provide these events to county residents.

Freeholder Garretson referenced the Pride in the Park event as well as the U.C. Juneteenth Flag Raising, noting how much she enjoyed the events. She also made comments relative to her recent attendance to Hillside's STEM and science fair events. She commended the teachers, staff, and families in Hillside and throughout the county for their strong support of STEM programs, noting the importance of science, mathematics, engineering and technology subjects. She noted the close of the primary election, congratulating Senator Nicholas Scutari for being re-elected as the Union County Democratic Committee

Chairman. Freeholder Garretson closed by congratulating her fellow female Freeholders for being honored with the Community Impact Trailblazer Awards by United Way of Greater U.C.

Freeholder Palmieri- Mouded made comments relative to the upcoming first ever sensory-friendly nature retreat at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Watchung Reservation. She also noted the recent Pride in the Park event at Rahway River Park, noting what a wonderful event it was. She closed by commended the Westfield Police Department for their response relative to the incident at Tamaques Elementary School.

Chairman Kowalski congratulated all the graduates throughout the county, paying special mention to students from U.C. Vocational – Technical Schools; noting the recent passing of one student whose mother accepted his diploma during the graduation ceremony. Chairman Kowalski closed by making comments relative to the incident at Tamaques Elementary School, noting that more work was required to address gun violence and ensure the safety of residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Vice Chairman and seconded by Freeholder Garretson, a voice vote showed five members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada, Freeholder Granados, Freeholder Hudak and Freeholder Staten absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2019 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 6, 2019 at 12:00 pm
Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

<u>AGENDA SETTING SESSION</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 17, 2019	January 24, 2019
February 7, 2019	February 14, 2019
February 21, 2019	February 21, 2019
March 7, 2019	March 14, 2019
March 28, 2019	March 28, 2019
April 4, 2019	April 11, 2019
April 25, 2019	April 25, 2019
May 9, 2019*	May 16, 2019
May 30, 2019**	May 30, 2019**
June 13, 2019	June 20, 2019
June 27, 2019	June 27, 2019
July 25, 2019	July 25, 2019
August 22, 2019	August 22, 2019
September 5, 2019	September 12, 2019
September 26, 2019	September 26, 2019
October 3, 2019	October 10, 2019
October 24, 2019	October 24, 2019
November 7, 2019	November 14, 2019
December 5, 2019	December 5, 2019
December 19, 2019	December 19, 2019

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2019 FREEHOLDER MEETING SCHEDULE

* The Agenda Setting Session of May 9, 2019 has been rescheduled to be held on May 2, 2019. Same time and location.

**The Agenda Setting Session and the Regular Meeting of May 30th has been rescheduled to be held on May 23, 2019. Same time and location.

James E. Pelletiere, RMC, MPA
Clerk of the Board