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SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 19, 2016

This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was faxed to The Our Town, The Record, and The Community News newspapers on November 16, 2016. In addition, copies of this notice were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building at 15 Park Avenue, filed with the Borough Clerk and distributed to all persons, if any, requesting copies of same pursuant to said act.

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SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Special Meeting for the purpose of:

An authorizing resolution for Sustainable Jersey Certification, along with any other matters that may arise subsequent to this notice.

ROLL CALL

Members of the Governing Body present: Mayor Febre, Council members Padovano, Gervino, DeHeer, Messar, and Morrone. Also present were Borough Attorney Ronald A. Dario and Borough Clerk Jean M. Pelligra.

ABSENT: Council member Lindenau and Borough Administrator Roberta Stern

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (FIVE MINUTE TIME FRAME)

Mayor Febre opened the meeting to the public for any comments on or off the agenda.

Hearing none, Mayor Febre closed this portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE – CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING

RESOLUTION # 152-16

AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY - LAND USE PLEDGE

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and,

WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey, provides tools, training and financial incentives to support Municipalities as they pursue a sustainability program; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Jersey – Sustainable Land Use Pledge is a public affirmation of a Municipality's intent to maintain and adopt smart growth land-use policies; and,

WHEREAS, Given New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Maywood desires to further the public interest in smart growth land-use policies by committing to the long-term re-evaluation of current land use practices and planning policies; and,

NOW THEREFORE, we the Borough of Maywood, resolve to take the following steps regarding our municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making Maywood a truly sustainable community. It is our intent to include these principles in the next master plan revision and reexamination report and to update our land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Maywood pledges to hold regular meetings with the administrations of neighboring municipalities and the County of Bergen concerning land-use decisions and consider how development within the municipality impacts the entire region; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Maywood pledges to develop better transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach, offering access to all modes of transportation and creating connectivity among them. The Borough will continue to encourage the use of mass transit, carpooling and alternative means of commuter transportation. Within the Municipality, the Borough will continue its policy of no overnight street parking to limit congestion, provide clean streets and encourage alternative means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Maywood pledges to preserve, protect and plan for open space for its ecological, recreational, and agricultural value and avoid or mitigate development impacts to natural resources. The Borough will continue to utilize available resources to renovate its parks and other recreation facilities to provide residents of Maywood with numerous passive and active recreation opportunities. Further, we pledge to complete a Natural Resources Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land-use and open space planning; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Maywood pledges to use our zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for our municipality and the region, particularly in downtown and town center areas; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Maywood pledges to use our zoning and revenue generating powers, to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, including single and multi-family, for-sale and rental options, to meet the needs of all people at a range of income levels; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Maywood pledges to continue to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Maywood pledges to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bikability, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land-use types, and open space when locating new or relocated municipal facilities; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Maywood, that the municipality pledges to continue to adopt land use policies that promote the principles of sustainability as outlined in this resolution.

Council member Messar moved for the adoption, seconded by Council member Morrone; and so carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Febre read a statement from the Sustainable Jersey website regarding the purpose and benefits for certification.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Messar moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Council member Morrone and so carried at 10:12 a.m.

Borough Clerk