

.MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

October 4, 2016

The Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, met in the Second Floor Conference Room in the Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, for a Conference meeting at 7:05 P.M.

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE NOTICE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jackson, Deputy Mayor Hurlock, Councilors Baskerville, McMahon, Russo, Schlager and Spiller
Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Sorkin, 3 Marquette Road, proffered a question regarding the purchase of iPad and iPhone.

William Scott, 23 Cedar Avenue, asked about gravel being “dumped” on a Township site.

Bill Schaeffer, a resident thanked Councilor Baskerville for her assistance with addressing traffic safety problems at the intersections of Orange, High and Irving Streets.

RECEIVE: PSE&G representative

Tina Iordamlis, project administrator, Montclair Parking Utility

Re: “Reduction of Energy Consumption at the North Fullerton Deck.

Gary Bell, PSE&G, outlined a plan to replace existing lights at the North Fullerton Deck with LED lighting (10 year warranty). This action would save the Township 19.72 kilo watts of electricity per year at an annual savings of \$24,000 and an annual \$5,000 savings in maintenance costs.

Acting Township Manager, Timothy Stafford suggested that the Township Council move forward. A resolution will be presented at the October 18 regular Council meeting.

RECEIVE: Pedestrian Safety Committee

Kimberli Craft, Township Engineer, outlined the mission of this group. She was joined by Janet Sharkey, project engineer who described steps to improve pedestrian safety in the Upper Montclair area (Bellevue Avenue and Valley Road) and on Grove Street. One consideration was the implementation of the “Barnes dance which allows pedestrians to cross in every direction with all traffic signals stopped. Other options presented included prohibiting all left turns, banning all right turns on red lights, and implementation of the Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) which would provide pedestrians with a five second head start before traffic can proceed.

The Council expressed concern regarding possible backups on Valley Road and use of shortcuts on surrounding streets, The Traffic Safety Committee will continue to explore all options and report their findings to the Council at a future date.

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to make a Special Emergency Appropriation to meet certain extraordinary expenses incurred, or to be incurred, by Property Revaluation and,

WHEREAS, NJS40A:53 provides that it shall be lawful to make such appropriation, which appropriation and/or the “special emergency notes” issued to finance the same shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of an appropriation of at least one-fifth or one-third of the amount authorized pursuant to this act; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, (by not less than two-thirds of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of NJS 40A:4-55:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for the preparation and execution of a complete program of revaluation of real property including approved tax map updates in the total amount of \$1,000,000.

2. That the emergency appropriation shall be provided for in the budgets of the next succeeding years by the inclusion of not less than \$200,000

3. That an “emergency note”, not in excess of the amount authorized pursuant to law, be provided.

4. That such note shall be executed by the Chief Financial Officer

5. That said note shall be dated November 5th, 2016, may be renewed from time to time provided that such note and any renewals shall mature and be paid in the amount of not less than one-fifth of the total amount appropriated by this resolution in each year after the authorization

6. That the statement required by the Local Finance Board has been filed with the Clerk and a copy will be transmitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

7. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution will be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; however, no approval is required from the Division. **(R-16-180)**

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote.

WHEREAS, by Order to Implement a Municipal-Wide Revaluation dated November 5, 2015, issued by the Essex County Board of Taxation, and approved by the New Jersey Division of Taxation on December 17, 2015, attached hereto, the Township is required to implement a municipal-wide revaluation to be completed by October 1, 2017 and to be effective for the 2018 tax year; and

WHEREAS, the Order mandates that the “Governing Body of the Township of Montclair shall take all necessary action to enter into a contract for revaluation in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq., including, but not limited to, the preparation of the revaluation contract and the appropriation of monies to fund the revaluation contract”; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance O-16-034 adopted September 6, 2016, the Township Council authorized a special emergency appropriation of up to \$1,000,000 for the preparation and execution of a complete program of revaluation of all real property, including approved tax map updates; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution R-16-125 approved June 21, 2016, the Township Council authorized the Manager and Tax Assessor to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals to perform a municipal-wide revaluation of all real property; and

WHEREAS, two proposals were received in response to said Request for Proposals, of which Professional Property Appraisers, Inc. was deemed to best meet the criteria established by the Township; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Montclair that the Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with Professional Property Appraisers, Inc., of Cinnaminson, New Jersey, to undertake a complete program of revaluation of all real property in the Township, to be completed by October 1, 2017 and be entered in the 2018 tax roll, in accordance with the specifications developed by the Township, and all applicable laws and regulations, in an amount not to exceed \$886,508. **(R-16-181)**

Ayes: Councilor Baskerville, Deputy Mayor Hurlock, Councilors McMahon, Schlager, Spiller and Mayor Jackson
Nays: Councilor Russo

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice 2016-13 requires the municipality to submit by October 21, 2016 to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services a report describing the municipality’s compliance with the “Best Practices Inventory” established by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the report is required to be certified by the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Administrative Officer and Municipal Clerk and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have reviewed the Best Practices Inventory questions and the answers being submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Montclair has achieved a score of 77%, which would entitle the Township of Montclair to 100% of the State Aid to which it is entitled; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair that the Local Government Best Practices Checklist, as completed by the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, is hereby approved for submission to the Director of Local Government Services. **(R-16-182)**

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

WHEREAS, the Township of Montclair has received a report of audit for the year ending December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services requires that the Chief Financial Officer submits a Corrective Action Plan for all recommendations in the audit within 60 days of receipt of the report of Audit; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, in accordance with the requirements promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services, has developed a plan to address the recommendations listed by the auditor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Montclair, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that the Corrective Action plan for the 2015 Annual Audit is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution and its attachments to the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services. **(R-16-183)**

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

WHEREAS, the Township of Montclair submitted a 2016 CDBG application to the Essex County Community Development Program to make improvements to Willowdale Avenue; and

WHEREAS, it was necessary to improve Willowdale Avenue prior to the issuance of a CDBG contract; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Montclair continues to participate in the Essex County Community Development Program, and a resolution of the Township Council is required to submit an application to reprogram funds for the 2016 Community Development Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township has identified additional streets within the CDBG eligible area which are proposed for new milling and paving; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that the following 2016 Community Development Block Grant Reprogramming application be submitted by Montclair Township with the following designated priority and proposed funding allocation:

Rank	Organization	Description	2016 Amount Allocated
1	Township of Montclair	Milling and paving of Pierson Place, Marston Place, Tennis Place, Mission Street, Oak Place and Label Street.	\$143,825

(R-16-184)

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

WHEREAS, the Township Council, by Resolution R-15-116, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, declared the following parcels of land known and described on the Tax Maps of the Township of Montclair to be an area in need of redevelopment:

- Block 3106, Lot 13
- Block 3106, Lot 17
- Block 3106, Lot 10.01
- Block 3105, Lot 9
- Block 3105, Lot 1
- Block 3105, Lot 2
- Block 3205, Lots 26 and 27
- Block 3205, Lot 19.02
- Block 3205, Lot 21
- Block 3206, Lot 15

Block 3206, Lot 14
 Block 3208, Lot 1
 Block 3213, Lot 2
 Block 4202, Lot 4 (a/k/a Lot 4.02)
 Block 4202, Lot 4.01
 and

WHEREAS, by Resolution R-16-035, approved February 16, 2016, the Township Council, based upon a finding that the water and sewer infrastructure is at least 50 years old and in need of substantial maintenance, designated Block 3106, Lot 10 as an area in need of rehabilitation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14; and

WHEREAS, Resolution R-15-116 further stated that the Township intends to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain with respect to the above-designated properties, except that the Township does not retain the right to exercise the power of eminent domain for Block 3213, Lot 2 and Block 4202, Lot 4 (aka Lot 4.02); and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted July 11, 2016, the Planning Board forwarded the Seymour Street Redevelopment Plan (the "Plan") to the Township Council, with recommendation for approval pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(f); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, the Township Council on September 6, 2016 adopted Ordinance O-16-025, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SEYMOUR STREET REDEVELOPMENT," upon a finding that the specifically delineated project area is located in an area in need of redevelopment or in an area in need of rehabilitation, or in both, according to criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 or N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14, as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 22, 2016, BSREP II Wellmont Development JV LLC, ("BSREP II") by its attorneys, Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC, asked to be designated as redeveloper to implement the Plan; and

WHEREAS, BSREP II owns or is under contract to purchase the majority of privately owned property in the Seymour Street Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, BSREP II combines vast experience and success developing, owning and managing real estate development projects with local knowledge and a demonstrated commitment to the Township; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Montclair, that the Township designates BSREP II Wellmont Development JV LLC, ("BSREP II") as the redevelopment entity to redevelop the Seymour Street Redevelopment Area for the purposes set forth in the Plan, subject to the following conditions:

1. A development application for Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval is submitted to the Planning Board no later than 90 days from the date of this resolution; and
2. A Redevelopment Agreement is executed by all parties no later than 45 days after the Resolution granting Final Site Plan Approval is adopted by the Planning Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that BSREP II may transfer this designation on notice to the Township to an urban renewal entity or entities either wholly-owned by BSREP II or wholly-owned by the current owners of BSREP II.

RESOLVED, that if the parties cannot arrive at a mutually-agreeable Redevelopment Agreement in the specified time after good-faith negotiations, the redeveloper designation made pursuant to this Resolution may be voided by either party on written notice to the other. **(R-16-185)**

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

A RESOLUTION to authorize participation in the State Health Benefits Program and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Program of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Township of Montclair 22-6002094
CORPORATE NAME OF EMPLOYER STATE SOCIAL SECURITY I.D. NUMBER
 hereby elects to participate in the Health Program provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.26 and N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46.2) and to authorize coverage for all the employees and their dependents thereunder in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.
2. A. We elect to participate in the Employee Prescription Drug Plan defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.
 B. We will be maintaining CVS/Bollinger as our prescription drug plan.¹ This plan is comparable in design to the State Employee Prescription Drug Plan.
NAME OF PLAN
 C. We will not have a stand-alone prescription drug plan and understand that prescription drug coverage will be provided based on the medical plan chosen by the subscriber.
3. A. We elect to participate in the Employee Dental Plans defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission.
 B. We will be maintaining Delta Dental, Flagship, Healthplex as our dental plan.¹
NAME OF PLAN
 C. We will not have a dental plan.
4. We elect 30² hours per week (average) as the minimum requirement for full time status in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:9-4.6.
5. As a participating employer we will remit to the State Treasury all charges due on account of employee and dependent coverage and periodic charges in accordance with the requirements of the statute and the rules and regulations duly promulgated thereunder.
6. We hereby appoint Timothy F. Stafford, Esq., Acting Township Manager to act as
NAME/TITLE
 Certifying Officer in the administration of this program.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately and coverage shall be effective as of 01/01/2017
DATE
 or as soon thereafter as it may be effectuated pursuant to the statutes and regulations (can be no less than 75 or 90 days pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:9-1.4).

NOTE: AN INDIVIDUAL IS PERMITTED COVERAGE AS AN EMPLOYEE, RETIREE, OR DEPENDENT. MULTIPLE COVERAGE UNDER THE SHBP OR SEHBP IS PROHIBITED.

¹ If not electing prescription drug coverage and/or dental plan participation through the State Health Benefits Program or School Employees' Health Benefits Program, attach copies of the current prescription drug and dental plan contracts.

² As of 6/1/2010, may not be less than 25 hours per week for employees, or 35 hours per week for elected or appointed officials.

(R-16-186) Supersedes (R16-178)

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

A RESOLUTION to adopt the provisions of Chapter 48 (N.J.S.A. 52:14.17.38) under which a public employer may agree to pay for the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) coverage of certain retirees.

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Township of Montclair 22-6002094
CORPORATE NAME OF EMPLOYER - COUNTY SHBP/SEHBP ID NUMBER

hereby elects to adopt the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.38 and adhere to the rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission and School Employees' Health Benefits Commission to implement the provisions of that law.

2. This resolution affects employees as shown on the attached Chapter 48 *Resolution Addendum*. It is effective on the 1st day of January, 2017.
MONTH YEAR

3. We are aware that adoption of this resolution does not free us of the obligation to pay for post-retirement medical benefits of retirees or employees who qualified for those payments under any *Chapter 88 Resolution* or *Chapter 48 Resolution* adopted previously by this governing body.

4. We agree that this *Resolution* will remain in effect until properly amended or revoked with the SHBP and/or SEHBP. We recognize that, while we remain in the SHBP and/or SEHBP, we are responsible for providing the payment for post-retirement medical coverage as listed in the attached *Chapter 48 Resolution Addendum* for all employees who qualify for this coverage while this *Resolution* is in force.

5. We understand that we are required to provide the Division of Pensions and Benefits complete copies of all contracts, ordinances, and resolutions that detail post-retirement medical payment obligations we undertake. We also recognize that we may be required to provide the Division with information needed to carry out the terms of this *Resolution*.

(R-16-187) Supersedes (R-16-179)

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

A RESOLUTION to authorize participation in the State Health Benefits Program and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Program of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Township of Montclair Police/Fire Departments 22-6002094
CORPORATE NAME OF EMPLOYER STATE SOCIAL SECURITY I.D. NUMBER
 hereby elects to participate in the Health Program provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.26 and N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46.2) and to authorize coverage for all the employees and their dependents thereunder in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.
2. A. We elect to participate in the Employee Prescription Drug Plan defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.
 B. We will be maintaining _____ as our prescription drug plan.¹ This plan is comparable in design to the State Employee Prescription Drug Plan.
NAME OF PLAN
 C. We will not have a stand-alone prescription drug plan and understand that prescription drug coverage will be provided based on the medical plan chosen by the subscriber.
3. A. We elect to participate in the Employee Dental Plans defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission.
 B. We will be maintaining Delta Dental, Flagship, Healthplex as our dental plan.¹
NAME OF PLAN
 C. We will not have a dental plan.
4. We elect 30 hours per week (average) as the minimum requirement for full time status in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:9-4.6.
5. As a participating employer we will remit to the State Treasury all charges due on account of employee and dependent coverage and periodic charges in accordance with the requirements of the statute and the rules and regulations duly promulgated thereunder.
6. We hereby appoint Timothy F. Stafford, Esq., Acting Township Manager to act as Certifying Officer in the administration of this program.
NAME/TITLE
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately and coverage shall be effective as of 01/01/2017 or as soon thereafter as it may be effectuated pursuant to the statutes and regulations (can be no less than 75 or 90 days pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:9-1.4).
DATE

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² As of 6/1/2010, may not be less than 25 hours per week for employees, or 35 hours per week for elected or appointed officials.

(R-16-188)

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

A RESOLUTION to authorize participation in the State Health Benefits Program and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Program of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Township of Montclair Library 22-6002098
CORPORATE NAME OF EMPLOYER STATE SOCIAL SECURITY I.D. NUMBER
 hereby elects to participate in the Health Program provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.26 and N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46.2) and to authorize coverage for all the employees and their dependents thereunder in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.
2. A. We elect to participate in the Employee Prescription Drug Plan defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.
 B. We will be maintaining _____ as our prescription drug plan.¹ This plan is comparable in design to the State Employee Prescription Drug Plan.
NAME OF PLAN
 C. We will not have a stand-alone prescription drug plan and understand that prescription drug coverage will be provided based on the medical plan chosen by the subscriber.
3. A. We elect to participate in the Employee Dental Plans defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission.
 B. We will be maintaining Delta Dental, Flagship as our dental plan.¹
NAME OF PLAN
 C. We will not have a dental plan.
4. We elect 30² hours per week (average) as the minimum requirement for full time status in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:9-4.6.
5. As a participating employer we will remit to the State Treasury all charges due on account of employee and dependent coverage and periodic charges in accordance with the requirements of the statute and the rules and regulations duly promulgated thereunder.
6. We hereby appoint David Hinkley, Library Director to act as
NAME/TITLE
 Certifying Officer in the administration of this program.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately and coverage shall be effective as of 01/01/2017
DATE
 or as soon thereafter as it may be effectuated pursuant to the statutes and regulations (can be no less than 75 or 90 days pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:9-1.4).

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² As of 01/2010, may not be less than 25 hours per week for employees, or 35 hours per week for elected or appointed officials.

(R-16-189)

On motion made by Councilor Schlager and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that said bills be and they are hereby ordered paid and that warrants by drawn on the Treasurer to the order of such person for the amount respectively as hereinafter stated to wit: **\$1,486,401.90.**

ACTING TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT: Timothy F. Stafford

DISCUSSION/OCTOBER 18, 2016 AGENDA ITEMS

1. Resolution authorizing additional funding for Code Enforcement Legal Services
2. Resolution of the Township of Montclair authorizing refund of developer's escrow account balances
3. Ordinance to amend the Traffic Ordinance – Bloomfield Avenue speed limit
4. Ordinance to amend the Traffic Ordinance – Valley Road speed limit
5. Ordinance to amend the Traffic Ordinance – Grove Street speed limit
6. Resolution endorsing signal improvements at Valley Road intersections
7. Resolutions accepting maintenance responsibility for curb extensions to be installed at Orange-High-Irving
8. Resolution authorizing renaming field in Edgemont Park "The Howard Finney Field"
9. Resolution authorizing sale of surplus Township vehicles and equipment by online public auction
10. Resolution authorizing an increase in the Change Funds in the Tax, Water and Sewer Utility Offices
11. Proclamation congratulating Eagle Scout
12. Bill Resolution

Councilor Baskerville asked the procedure to secure a "block party permit". She suggested establishing certain standards for same.

PROCLAMATION

IN MEMORIAM
Bishop André L. Jackson

WHEREAS The Council of the Township of Montclair notes with sadness the passing of Bishop André L. Jackson, Montclair native, and Founder and Senior Pastor of New Vision Full Gospel Baptist Church located in East Orange, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS Bishop Jackson attended Montclair public schools and received his early Christian training at the Bright Hope Baptist Church. He began ministry at the age of 13, was licensed to preach at the age of 15 and ordained within the Pentecostal/Holiness and Baptist faith traditions. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies from Montclair State University, with a dual concentrated minor in Psychology and African-American Studies. He was engaged in graduate studies at Regent University Schools of Divinity and Education in Virginia in its joint degree program, working toward completion of a Master of Arts degree in Practical Theology and a Master of Education in Individualized Specialization in High Education. He also studied at Oxford University in England, the New School University in New York City and the Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS In November of 1990 Bishop Jackson was called as Pastor of the Beulah Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey where he served for three years. In 1993, Bishop Jackson founded and organized the New Vision Full Gospel Baptist Church in Newark and in November 1997 the congregation moved into their new worship complex in East Orange, New Jersey. After his consecration to the office of "Bishop" in our Lord's Church under the auspices of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship-worldwide, Bishop Jackson became the establishmentarian and pioneer for the work of Full Gospel in the State of New Jersey, advancing its cause and agenda and promoting growth and development among membership churches; and

WHEREAS In addition to pastoral ministry, Bishop Jackson served as an Educational Consultant, assisting the high school and college student population in pursuit and achievement of their educational goals by way of academic coaching, advisement, mentoring and consultation. He also held several civic, community, educational and religious affiliations and offices; and

WHEREAS Bishop Jackson was celebrated as a preacher who was able to unfold scripture in such a way that its relevance to contemporary reality was obvious; he delivered the Word with passion, precision and power sharing his gift of faith; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Montclair, expresses the thanks of a grateful community for the life and contributions of Bishop André L. Jackson and extend our sympathy to his family, congregation and many friends.

At 8:55 P.M. on motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed are as follows: Legal matters
3. We do not anticipate that the matters discussed will be made public.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

At 9:45 resumed to regular meeting.

Councilor Baskerville presented a request from the Senior Citizen Committee to take action on the mandates outlined in Senate Bill 2523. This bill allows municipalities to provide "senior friendly" parking spaces and to offer discount overnight parking fees for seniors. The Council requested additional information.

She also reported residents' concerns regarding spray painting on streets and sidewalks for the "Tour de Montclair."

Councilor Schlager stated that the Friends of Edgemont Park are concerned that the Edgemont Shelter House is now turning in to a center for senior activities only. They requested the following:

1. Issue a Council resolution officially changing the name to the Edgemont Park Shelter House.
2. Allow use by civic groups within the Township.

At 10:10 P.M. on motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the conference meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

ROBERT JACKSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDA S. WANAT, MUNICIPAL CLERK