

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EDGEWATER MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD ON JUNE 10, 2024, IN THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 55 RIVER ROAD, EDGEWATER, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor McPartland, Councilman Gutierrez, Councilwoman Lawlor, Councilman Vidal, Councilman Martin and Councilman Bartolomeo.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Borough Administrator Franz and Borough Attorney Travers Attorney Ray Wiss.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Monte. Deputy Borough Clerk Nikki D’Anna

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

Mayor McPartland read the following statement into the Record:

In compliance with the New Jersey’s Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, I hereby declare that adequate notice of this Special Meeting has been provided specifying that this meeting would be held on this date of June 10, 2024, in the Municipal Building, 55 River Road, Edgewater, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. This notice was published in the Record and Jersey Journal, posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall and posted on the Borough’s website.

**APPOINT CLERK PRO TEMPORE** – A motion to appoint Greg Franz as Clerk Pro Tempore was introduced by Councilwoman Lawlor, Second by Councilman Bartolomeo.

All council members present voted aye.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor McPartland opened the meeting up to the public. No one from the public wished to be heard, therefore Mayor McPartland closed the meeting to the public.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At this time Clerk Pro Tempore Franz read aloud the resolution authorizing executive session as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Edgewater desires to meet in private and/or Executive Session to discuss matters that are permitted by the exceptions to the Open Public Meetings Act as indicated herein:

#8. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council shall recess into private and/or Executive and Closed Session to discuss the aforementioned subject matter and the minutes of same may be disclosed at such time in the future as the Governing Body in its discretion may determine according to law.

A motion to enter into closed session was introduced by Councilman Martin, second by Councilman Bartolomeo. On roll call the vote was as follows:

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| Councilman Gutierrez | Yes    |
| Councilwoman Lawlor  | Yes    |
| Councilman Monte     | Absent |

Councilman Vidal Yes  
Councilman Martin Yes  
Councilman Bartolomeo Yes

At this time a motion to return to Open Public Session was made by Councilman Martin, Second by Councilman Bartolomeo. All council members present voted yes.

**PRESENT ON ROLL CALL:** Mayor McPartland, Councilman Gutierrez, Councilwoman Lawlor, Councilman Vidal, Councilman Martin and Councilman Bartolomeo.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Borough Administrator/Clerk Pro Tempore and Borough Attorney Travers and Ray Wiss.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Monte, Deputy Borough Clerk D'Anna.

At this time Administrator/Clerk Pro Tempore read aloud Resolution 2024-153.

**RESOLUTION 2024-153  
APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH CLERK**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 provides that each municipality within the State of New Jersey shall have a Municipal Clerk; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a vacancy in the position of Municipal Clerk due to the retirement of Annamarie O'Connor after serving 30 years with the Borough of Edgewater, 9 years as Municipal Clerk; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council advertised for the position with the New Jersey League of Municipalities and appointed a Municipal Clerk Committee who reviewed resumes and interviewed several applicants.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Edgewater Mayor and Council, that it hereby appoint Stephanie Evans to the position of Municipal Clerk effective June 24, 2024 for a term of three (3) years as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133(a).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the salary for the above referenced position shall be established within the yearly salary ordinance and be entitled to all benefits as provided within the policy manual of the Borough of Edgewater.

Introduced by: Councilman Bartolomeo  
Second by: Councilwoman Lawlor

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Gutierrez Yes  
Councilwoman Lawlor Yes  
Councilman Monte Yes  
Councilman Vidal Yes  
Councilman Martin Yes  
Councilman Bartolomeo Yes

**Motion to adjourn:**

Introduced by: Councilman Martin  
Second by: Councilman Bartolomeo

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Gutierrez Yes  
Councilwoman Lawlor Yes  
Councilman Vidal Yes  
Councilman Martin Yes  
Councilman Bartolomeo Yes

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Barbara Rae

For: Greg Franz, Clerk Pro Tempore