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The Re-Organization Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Carteret was called to order by Mayor Daniel J. Reiman on Thursday, January 5, 2017 6:00 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 61 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, New Jersey.

Re-Organization Meeting

ROLL CALL 2016 BOROUGH COUNCIL

Upon Individual Roll Call Vote the following were noted present:

Roll Call 2016

Councilmember Vincent Bellino

" Jorge Diaz

" Dennis DiMascio

" Ajmar Johal

" Randy Krum

" Susan Naples

Also noted present was Municipal Clerk, Kathleen M. Barney and Borough Attorney, Robert Bergen.

Also Noted Present

2016 COUNCIL ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE.

Mayor Reiman asked for a motion to adjourn the 2016 Borough Council Sine Die. There being no further business, the Borough Council of 2016 Adjourned, Sine Die upon MMS&C by Councilmember Diaz and Bellino, unanimous affirmative vote of the full membership present.

2016 Council
Adjournment Sine
Die

Adjourned

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION – Kathleen M. Barney, MMC

Councilmember-Elect Vincent Bellino

The Borough Clerk read the following statement: State of New Jersey, County of Middlesex, a statement of Determination of the Board of County Canvassers relative to an election held in the County of Middlesex on the eighth day of November in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and sixteen for the election of Borough Council. The said Board did determine that at the said election Vincent Bellino was duly elected Member of the Borough Council for the Borough of Carteret, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey. I do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the determination of the Board of County Canvassers as filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Middlesex.

Certification of
Election
Kathleen M. Barney, MMC

Vincent Bellino

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Councilmember-Elect Jorge Diaz

Certification of
Election
Jorge Diaz

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Councilmember-Elect Jorge Diaz

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Certification of
Election Jorge Diaz
Cont.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION – Kathleen M. Barney, MMC

Councilmember-Elect Ajmar Johal

The Borough Clerk read the following statement: State of New Jersey, County of Middlesex, a statement of Determination of the Board of County Canvassers relative to an election held in the County of Middlesex on the eighth day of November in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and sixteen for the election of Borough Council. The said Board did determine that at the said election Ajmar Johal was duly elected Member of the Borough Council for the Borough of Carteret, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey. I do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the determination of the Board of County Canvassers as filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Middlesex.

Certification of Election
Ajmar Johal

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Oath of Office

Councilmember-Elect Vincent Bellino

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember-Elect Vincent Bellino. At this time Councilmember Bellino took his seat on the dais.

Councilmember elect
Vincent Bellino

Councilmember-Elect Jorge Diaz

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember-Elect Jorge Diaz. At this time Councilmember Diaz took her seat on the dais.

Councilmember elect
Jorge Diaz

Councilmember-Elect Ajmar Johal

Councilmember elect
Ajmar Johal

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Mayor Daniel J. Reiman administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember-Elect Ajmar Johal. At this time Councilmember Johal took her seat on the dais.

ROLL CALL 2017 BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Roll Call 2017

Upon individual roll call vote the following were noted present:

Councilmember Vincent Bellino

Noted Present

" Jorge Diaz

" Dennis DiMascio

" Ajmar Johal

" Randy Krum

" Susan Naples

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE

The Clerk stated that notice of this meeting was mailed to The Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger and posted on the Bulletin Board on December 21, 2016 and December 22, 2016. Notice was also published in The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger December 28, 2016

Statement of
Meeting Notice

INVOCATION

For invocation Mayor Reiman then welcomed Reverend Chubenko from St. Demetrius Church

Invocation
Very Reverend
Taras Chubenko

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Krum.

Pledge of Allegiance
Councilmember Randy
Krum

ADOPTION OF 2017 RULES OF BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Mayor Reiman asked for a motion to adopt the 2017 Rules of Borough Council.

Adoption of 2017 Rules
of Council

Upon MMS&C by Councilmembers Diaz and Krum and unanimous affirmative vote of the full Council present, the 2017 Rules of Council were adopted.

were adopted

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ARTICLE III

BOROUGH CLERK

SECTION 1. The Clerk shall perform the duties enjoined upon him/her by revised Statutes of New Jersey and these By-Laws. (See R.S. 40A:9-133 et seq.).

SECTION 2. He/she shall keep the minutes and ordinance books properly and fully indexed and shall perform all the duties usually devolving upon such officer; and in addition, such other duties or services as the Mayor or Council may direct.

SECTION 3. He/she and/or the Deputy or Assistant Clerk shall be the liaison officer between the Civil Service Commission and the Borough of Carteret.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The Council shall hold an annual meeting on the first Sunday of January at Eleven O'CLOCK or, during the first seven days of January in any year (See R.S. 40A:60-3 and 40A:60-5) in the Council Chambers at the Memorial Municipal Building or such place as designated by the Mayor.

SECTION 2. That at the aforesaid meeting the Council shall fix the time and place for holding regular meetings during the ensuing year, which time and place shall be as set forth in the annual notice published by the Borough Clerk pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act and which shall include at least one Regular Meeting to be held each month at 6:00 P.M., at the Memorial Municipal Building, 61 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, New Jersey. The public shall receive due notice of the meetings pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act".

SECTION 3. At the annual meeting, the Mayor will appoint with advice and consent of Council one of its members as Council President to serve for the calendar year. (See R.S. 40A:60-3).

SECTION 4. The Mayor shall, when necessary, call special meetings of the Council, in case of his neglect or refusal, and four members of the Council may call such meetings at such time and place in such Borough as they may designate, and in all cases of special meetings reasonable advance notice

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considered to be of forty-eight hours except in case of emergency shall be given in person to all members of the Council, or left at their place of residence. (See R.S. 10:4-6).

SECTION 5. As provided for in the annual notice, preceding every regular Council Meeting the Council shall hold an Agenda Meeting at the Memorial Municipal Building at 6:00 P.M.. This shall be known as the official Agenda Meeting. At this meeting the agenda of that week's regular Council Meeting shall be planned. Resolutions, ordinances or other items of business being proposed by a Standing Committee or member of the Council shall be considered by the whole Council. If the majority of the Council agrees to put the proposal on the agenda for the business meeting, it shall then be turned over to the Borough Attorney to be put in its proper legal form. The Council shall be polled in alphabetic order to determine if any new business will be proposed and the nature of its subject matter. Any business not placed on the agenda shall be out of order and prohibited. Where, however, the majority of the Council present at a regular, special or adjourned meeting of the Council approve the matter not previously listed on the agenda, such matter may then be considered. The public shall receive due notice of the agenda meetings pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act". A portion of every meeting conducted pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act shall be set aside for public comment. The public will be permitted to speak on any issue of concern as it relates to any federal, state, county, school, municipal or local authority matter. No one may be allowed more than three (3) minutes when addressing the Council, and the public comment period on any matter before the Governing Body shall not extend beyond thirty (30) minutes. The Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to schedule the public comment period within the order of business for any agenda and/or special meeting as she/he shall determine in consultation with the Mayor and Council.

SECTION 6. A quorum shall be provided by the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, viz.; three Councilmembers and the Mayor, and in the absence of the Mayor, four Councilmembers (See R.S. 40:88-1).

SECTION 7. If no quorum be present at any meeting, those assembled shall have the power and are hereby authorized to set a new meeting date, and then adjourn.

SECTION 8. The following order of business shall be observed viz.:

1. Call the roll
2. Moment of silent prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes
5. Introduction of Ordinances
6. Public Portion on Resolutions and other Agenda items
7. Introduction of Resolutions
8. Payment of Bills
9. Presentation of communications, petition, etc.
10. Reports of committees and department heads (limited to 5 minutes per meeting)
11. Greeting of public and invitation of discussion and new business only
12. Adjournment

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SECTION 8.1. Any member of the public wishing to address the Governing Body during the public discussion portion of a meeting must request to do so by registering with the Borough Clerk in the official Borough log book. Registration is to include name, address, phone number, topic or purpose of discussion.

SECTION 9. The public shall be afforded the opportunity to speak on the contents of the proposed resolutions. The public shall not be allowed to address the Council while they are taking action on the resolutions. No one may be allowed more than three (3) minutes when addressing the Council, and the public comment period shall not extend beyond thirty (30) minutes.

SECTION 9.1. The Council may take action on the proposed resolutions either as individual resolutions, or grouped together as block or resolutions pursuant to a consent agenda. Any vote cast by a respective Councilmember on the proposed resolutions comprising the consent agenda will be recorded as that Councilmember's vote upon each resolution so listed on the consent agenda.

SECTION 10. Reports of committees shall be presented by alphabetic order of the members of Council.

SECTION 11. During the public discussion portion of a Council Meeting, each person recognized by the Chair shall be permitted to discuss matters of public concern at said meeting limiting their speaking to three (3) minutes per person, and the public comment period shall not extend beyond thirty (30) minutes.

SECTION 12. The aforesaid order of business at any meeting may be changed by the Mayor or a majority vote of the members of the Council present at such meeting.

SECTION 13. Except as otherwise required by the Statutes, or specially provided in the By-Laws, all action of the Council shall be by a majority vote of those present.

SECTION 14. Upon demand of one member of the Council, or when ordered by the Mayor or when directed by Statute, a roll call vote shall be taken and the yeas and nays entered in the minutes of the meeting.

SECTION 15. For all Council Meetings, members of the Governing Body, Officers and Officials of the Borough shall be dressed in a professional and businesslike manner. At the Council's Agenda Meetings, male Councilmembers shall wear either a necktie or a jacket. At the Council's Regular Meetings, male Councilmembers shall wear a necktie and a jacket. Female Councilmembers shall dress

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in a similarly appropriate manner. No jeans or slacks made of denim material shall be worn to any Council Meeting. This Dress Code shall be applicable to all Borough Boards and Commissions.

ARTICLE V

STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Mayor shall name all committees with such appointment subject to the concurrence of a majority of the Council. The Mayor shall see that all matters referred to the committees are acted upon and reported promptly. Should a majority of the Council not concur in the appointment by the Mayor or any Councilmembers to any committee, a majority of the members of said Council are hereby empowered to make such appointment.

SECTION 2. The following Standing Committees of the Council consisting of three Councilmembers, with the first named Councilmember to act as Chairperson shall be proposed at the annual Meeting, viz.:

1. Buildings and Grounds
2. Finance and Administration
3. Fire & Domestic Preparedness
4. Parks and Recreation/Public Property
5. Police & Public Safety
6. Public Works
7. Board of Education Liaison

Committee members shall meet and/or consult during the first and fourth weeks of each month as the need arises in order to conduct their respective committee business. They also shall coordinate their common efforts, so as to adhere to requirements of all local Ordinances and Resolutions, as well as purchasing practices and procedures for the benefit of the Borough. A Councilmember at the discretion of the Mayor with consent of the Council may head one or more committees.

SECTION 3. In addition to other responsibilities, the Standing Committees shall perform the following functions:

1. DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:
This committee shall be responsible for the proper maintenance and janitorial service of all Borough owned buildings.
2. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:
The primary function of this committee is to assist the Mayor and Council in the preparation of the annual

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budget to be prepared on or before February 15, of each year as well as providing assistance for the proper coordination of purchasing functions and needs of the departments and agencies which the Standing Committee of the Borough represents.

This committee shall be responsible for the personnel and equipment of the offices of the Borough Clerk, Assessor, Collection-Treasurer, Building Inspector, Engineer, Auditor, Attorney, and Senior Citizen Transportation.

3. FIRE & DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS:

This Committee shall be responsible for the personnel and equipment of the Fire Department, including all fire houses.

4. PARKS AND RECREATION/PUBLIC PROPERTY:

This Committee shall be responsible for the personnel and equipment of the parks, playgrounds, senior citizens' transportation and all recreation activities.

This Committee shall also be responsible for the implementation and administration of the Shade Tree Program.

5. POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

This Committee shall be responsible for the personnel and equipment of the Police Department and facility.

6. PUBLIC WORKS:

This Committee shall be responsible for the personnel and equipment of the Streets and Roads Department, Central Vehicle Maintenance, Recycling Department, Sewerage Department, including street cleaning and the borough dump.

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON:

This Committee shall be responsible for communicating and sharing pertinent information with the Board of Education.

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SECTION 2. Pursuant to the Borough's Purchasing Agent Ordinance, Resolution #89-300 and other formerly adopted resolutions of Council and State Statute, no vendor's request for payment, supplies or services rendered shall be honored unless properly completed. No Borough Officer, Official, Agency Head or any other Borough employee, may purchase any article, item, material, service or equipment for use by the Borough, except in accordance with the provisions contained in Borough Ordinance #05-67.

SECTION 3. The route of purchasing requisitions, purchase orders, vouchers, bills or claims to be paid by the Borough shall be in accordance with the Purchasing Agent Ordinance #05-67, et seq., which shall govern all purchasing within the Borough, and shall be the sole guide, subject to requirements of State Statute. The Finance Department, having confirmed compliance with the provisions of the Purchasing Ordinance, shall refer all verified bills, claims and vouchers recommended for payment to the Council. The Finance Department shall prepare a list of the total amount of the individual vouchers approved by each committee, and subsequently recommend for payment by the Financing Committee, according to budgetary appropriations. The Finance Department shall keep an accurate running total as to any appropriation for payment of any particular account or accounts, or for any particular services or supplies, so as to be available to provide this information readily. The Finance Department shall also maintain costs and/or a voucher trail as to all vouchers which have been paid and shall be paid. Authorization to draw checks and pay the amount of the approved vouchers by the Councilmembers shall be made by formal resolution of the Council, in compliance with applicable State Statute. The Chief Finance Officer may delegate the above duties/functions but in all cases shall be responsible for compliance.

SECTION 4. Corresponding vouchers, invoices, or bills shall accompany all checks drawn in payment thereof, when the said checks are presented to the Chief Financial Officer, Mayor and Borough Clerk for original and/or mechanical signatures.

SECTION 5. All bills, vouchers, invoices and paychecks shall be filed in a safe place in the Finance Department Office.

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SECTION 4. Standing Committees are appointed to expedite and facilitate the work of the Council, but only within statutory, Borough Ordinance and Rules of Council limits as the entire Council is held responsible for any or all of its acts.

SECTION 5. A Standing Committee shall:

1. Plan, study and control within budgetary and statutory limitations; carry on the routine activities for which it has primary responsibility.
2. Perform such acts as may be assigned to it by the Council.
3. Report and make recommendation to the Council regarding its responsibilities and activities.

SECTION 6. Special committees shall be appointed for purposes other than those included in the duties of the Standing Committees by a majority vote of the Council.

SECTION 7. The Chairperson of each Standing or Special Committee shall be prepared to report to the Council at each regular meeting on the principal activities and achievements of his/her Committee.

SECTION 8. All department heads in charge of Direct Supervision of Borough Employees, shall prepare and submit a monthly report on his/her department activities and achievements and a report on the conduct of his/her employees including sick leave, overtime and attendance. The report is to be submitted to the Mayor, Department Chairperson and the Municipal Clerk for proper filing.

ARTICLE VI

BILLS, CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

SECTION 1. All bills, vouchers, or claims against the Borough shall be in writing and certified by the vendor, fully itemized and on such forms as the Borough shall promulgate for that purpose through the Finance Department. As required by Statute, said forms shall be sworn to by the claimant before submission for approval and payment, verifying that the work or materials have been supplied, or services rendered, to the Borough, in accordance with specifications, plans or order. Borough Ordinance #05-67, et seq., sets forth the specific procedures in connection with bills, claims and vouchers, and the requirements thereto.

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ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. The Mayor may propose amendments to these By-Laws at any Regular Meeting. If the proposed amendments are listed on the formal agenda, a vote on said amendments may take place during that meeting. If not so listed, the proposed amendments may be listed for discussion at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting; the proposed amendments may then be voted upon at the next subsequently scheduled Regular Council Meeting. Any proposed amendments to these By-Laws must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the full membership of the Governing Body.

ARTICLE VIII

ADOPTION AND TERM

SECTION 1. The By-Laws shall be adopted by a resolution of Council concurred in by a majority of the Members of Council and approved by the Mayor. The By-Laws shall become effective immediately after adoption and shall remain in effect for no longer than December 31st of the calendar year in which the By-Laws were adopted.

ARTICLE IX

SECTION 1. Any Borough Employee violating any of these rules shall be subjected to disciplinary proceedings and may be suspended or removed.

ARTICLE X

All Department Heads and Supervisors shall The Borough Engineer, Borough Attorney, Borough Collector-Treasurer, Borough Auditor, Business Administrator and Police Director shall submit the following written reports to the Mayor and to the members of Council:

1. A monthly report summarizing the progress of all matters being handled or worked upon by each. This is a monthly "Progress Report" to be submitted prior to the first meeting of the next month.
2. Project or Case Report - Reports that will give in detail all facts about the projects or cases completed by either or both the Borough Attorney, Borough Engineer, Borough Auditor, Business Administrator and Police Director, to be presented before the meeting next following the completion of the case or project.

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3. Special Reports - To deal with any special information the Borough Council may need to be informed on any new case or project of either the Attorney, Engineer, Collector-Treasurer, or Auditor. To be presented as soon as needed and requested by majority vote of Borough Council.

4. Year End Reports - These will summarize work for the year by the Borough Attorney, Borough Engineer, Borough Auditor, Business Administrator and Police Director. They will be presented to the Mayor and Councilmembers prior to the first regular meeting of the Council in the next succeeding year. They will serve to acquaint new officials with prior and continuing activities of the Borough Attorney, Borough Auditor, Borough Engineer, Business Administrator and Police Director.

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RESOLUTIONS:

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| 1. #17-1 | Designating official to issue Certificates as to Liability for Assessments for Municipal Improvements. | Resolutions |
| 2. #17-2 | Designating Official to use Tax Searches for the Borough of Carteret. | |
| 3. #17-3 | Designating Official Newspapers of the Borough of Carteret. | |
| 4. #17-4 | Designating Official Depositories of the Borough of Carteret. | |
| 5. #17-5 | Fixing Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments. | |
| 6. #17-6 | Establishing a Petty-Cash Fund for the Borough of Carteret Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21. | |
| 7. #17-7 | Providing for a Temporary Budget for the Year 2017 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19. | |
| 8. #17-8 | Authorizing the Mayor to Execute any and all Grants Agreements, Donations/Endowments on Behalf of the Borough. | |
| 9. #17-9 | Authorizing Bids for the Marina Project – Phase II | |

Resolutions #17-1 through #17-9 were introduced by the Mayor and referred to the Council for action.

Mayor Reiman asked if there were any questions on any of the Resolutions. There were no questions.

Mayor Reiman then asked for a motion on the Consent Agenda

Upon MMS&C by Councilmembers Diaz and Krum and unanimous affirmative vote of the full Council present. The Resolutions #17 1-#17-9 were adopted. Upon Individual Roll Call Vote councilmembers Bellino, Diaz, Dimascio, Johal, Krum and Naples voted in the Affirmative.

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #17-1
DESIGNATING OFFICIAL TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES AS TO LIABILITY
FOR ASSESSMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS

Resolution #17-1
Designating official to issue
certificate as to liability
for assessments for municipal
improvements.

RESOLUTION #17-2
DESIGNATING OFFICIAL TO ISSUE TAX SEARCHES FOR THE
BOROUGH OF CARTERET

Resolution #17-2
Designating official to issue
tax searches for the borough
of carteret

RESOLUTION #17-3
DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
CARTERET

Resolution #17-3
Designating official newspapers
of the borough of carteret

RESOLUTION #17-4
DESIGNATING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE BOROUGH OF
CARTERET

Resolution #17-4
Designating official depositories
of the borough of carteret

RESOLUTION #17-5
FIXING RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUESNT
TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

Resolution #17-5
Fixing rate of interest to be
charged on delinquent taxes
and assessments

RESOLUTION #17-6
ESTABLISHING A PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE BOROUGH OF
CARTERET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21

Resolution #17-6
Establishing a petty cash fund
for the borough of carteret
pursuant to n.j.s.a. 40a:5-21

RESOLUTION #17-7
PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2017
PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-19

Resolution #17-7
Providing a temporary budget
for the year 2017 pursuant to
n.j.s.40a:4-19

RESOLUTION #17-8
AUTHORING MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL GRANTS,
AGREEMENTS, DONATIONS/ENDOWMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE
BOROUGH

Resolution #17-8
Authoring Mayor to execute any
and all grants, agreements,
donations/endowments on behalf
of the borough

RESOLUTION #17-9
AUTHORING BIDS FOR THE MARINA PROJECT PHASE II

Resolution #17-9
Authoring bids for the marina
project phase II

NAMING OF 2017 STANDING COMMITTEES.

Naming of Standing
committees 2017

Mayor Reiman read the members of the 2017 Council Committees into the record:

2017 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

2017 Council committees

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:	JOHAL, Krum, Diaz
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:	DIAZ, DiMascio, Bellino
FIRE & DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS:	KRUM, Diaz, Bellino
PARKS & RECREATION/ PUBLIC PROPERTY:	BELLINO, DiMascio, Johal
POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:	NAPLES, Diaz, Johal
PUBLIC WORKS:	DIMASCIO, Krum, Johal
BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON:	NAPLES, Bellino, Diaz

The first name in each case indicates CHAIRPERSON.

REMARKS: Councilmember's

COUNCILMEMBER AJMAR JOHAL: As committee chairperson of Buildings and Grounds he reported that the roof replacement on the park pl has been completed. Assessment of the library and community center waiting on the quote for repair. Retrofitting of the lighting at the library and the community center is completed and the new lighting is LED lighting. Retrofitting of the lighting at the police station has been completed wit LED lighting. The retrofitting of the lighting at the Fire Department has been completed with LED lighting. New flooring was installed in the West Carteret Fire House. Thank you

Remarks:
Councilmember Johal

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JORGE DIAZ: As committee Chairperson of Finance and Administration he thanked everyone for another 3 years. After 12 years serving on the council this job doesn't get any easier but it does get enjoyable every single year and that's

Remarks:
Councilmember Diaz

because we work as a great team and we take a team approach to everything that we do. Our team continues to govern in a fiscally responsible manner while employing all available resources to stimulate our local economy in enhancing our community appeal. During the tenure of this administration we have sought and been awarded \$120 million dollars in grants and public funding paving the way for many of the projects you see around town and at no cost to our tax payers. Under the finance office we continue to demonstrate strong fiscal responsibility. Our smart growth initiatives have proven to compliment our revenue by continuing to grow our borough tax base we are able to increase revenues without the need to place additional burden on our residential property owners. Our integrated approach to municipal planning and financial management has allowed us to offer the highest level of service in the most cost effective manner. Years ago we inherited a municipal government that had one of the highest aggagid property taxes in the region and today we have one of the lowest in fact, Carteret now has the third lowest property taxes in the central New Jersey area. Under economic development we continue to work with nonprofit economic development agencies to develop business retention grants, marketing assistance programs and small business loans seeking to attract new business in town. These incentives have successfully attracted millions in investment throughout the bureau and more specifically to Washington and lower Roosevelt Avenue. This past year we celebrated the ribbon cutting of the medical arts building on Washington avenue, the ground breaking of a 12 million dollar residential complex on Roosevelt avenue and the planned development of the Marriott Hotel in West Carteret, just to name a few. These public and private partnerships represent a forward thinking, had proven to create jobs, increase our ratables and restore our commercial backbone. I would like to take the time to thank our professional staff under the finance and administration that continues to do more with less. The success of this administration is due in part to your guidance and expertise. Our Municipal Clerk Kathy Barney, our Law Director Bob Bergen, Our Chief Financial officer Patrick DiBlasio, our Borough Engineer John DuPont, our Director of Information and Technology Laurent Mevs. As we look towards 2017 I want to congratulate Councilmember Vinnie Bellino and AJ Johal my running mate. I look forward to the continuation of the entire council working together to ensure that Carteret continues to be a great place to live, work, and raise a family. I

like to thank my family, my children, thank you all for coming and sharing this day with us, have a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RANDY KRUM: As committee chairperson of Fire and Domestic Preparedness he said Happy New Year and Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas everybody, thanks for coming tonight. Congratulations AJ, Jorge and Vinnie. It's great to be working with you guys. Our 2016 commissions report, first of all I would like to thank our career firefighters and our volunteers, our EMT division and also our OEM division for the great jobs you do and you make Carteret proud in what you do. This year we responded to 3,590 calls for assistance during the 2016 year. Our lockout assistant program helped 650 residents this year. We educated grammar school children throughout the bureau with the fire is program. We visited with Senior Groups to educate them in fire safety in the home and while traveling. We continued operation fire safety. Installed hundreds of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for residential homes throughout the bureau. Replaced 2 new ambulances serviced this year. The ambulances were purchased with grant money with no cost to borough taxpayers. We continue you our intensive training of all personnel in advanced firefighting operations, incident command, hazmat, and also safety. Under Chief Mark Hruska hopefully we will have a continued good year in 2017 and move forward. Thank you Mayor and Thank you Council.

Remarks:
Councilmember Krum

COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT BELLINO: As Committee Chairperson of Parks and Recreation and Public Property I would like to congratulate Jorge and AJ. For Jorge and myself it's the fifth term which speaks for itself of the people that support us so thank you so much and have faith in us to do our job. Again, now for yearend report also, I want to ask my family who showed up in force tonight thank you so much for coming. My wife, my sister, my sons and my grandkids. Thank you so much. Happy New Year and Merry Christmas. So we had concerts in the park and concerts by the bay on evenings were successful nights out for entertainment. Dredging at the waterfront at veteran's pier is complete and perimeter bulkheads are in place. Work is suspended until July due to the wildlife spawning regulations. The area will contain approx. 94 boat slips that will also accommodate state police patrol boats. We received a \$13.25 million dollar settlement with Oxford Chemical Company which was awarded

Remarks:
Councilmember Bellino

last month to Carteret Which will be used to extend the walk way path and parking area to the east side pier while continuing the phases of construction. We had the carnival and car show which generated funds for the Mayors Charity Fund. Memorial Day Parade, Independence Day Festival, Latin Festival, Fall Festival, Holiday Christmas Festival, Movies in the Park, Vietnam Travelling Wall Exhibit, which was absolutely mesmerizing. I want to thank the Veterans Alliance. The Parks Department distributed 12 pianos in various parks that were painted by local residents and students with varying themes. Also, 6 gazebos were installed to accommodate the pianos. A second spray park was added in Chrome. Electrical boxes were updated at the baseball fields. And Daniel's Garden was revitalized. The little Carteret League baseball, softball, and soccer teams are still flourishing in Carteret where our fields are still touted as one of the best in New Jersey. In closing I would like to Thank Tequilla Lowman for her energetic support and time that she has given to many of the programs mentioned. I would also like to congratulate Bob Kately on his retirement and welcome Ed Segata to the work force in a supervisory position. I would also like to thank department heads and employees for the continuing ad interdepartmental support during weather events and local disasters. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the fire department, EMT division, the police department, OEM and all our volunteer organizations that keep Carteret safe and protected. Continued progress and God Bless you all. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPLES: As Committee Chairperson of Police and Public Safety and Board of Education Liaison I would like to extend my congratulations to Councilman Diaz and Councilman Bellino on what I believe to be your fifth term and to Councilman AJ Johal on your first elected term along with Councilman Krum, Councilman Dimascio, and Mayor Reiman I am certainly proud to serve with each and every one of you. Thank you. Thank you and best wished to Chief Pacheski for his many years of service to the Carteret Police Department. He retired as of January 1st. My best wishes also to Deputy Chief Dennis Mcfadden as he assumes the role of being in charge of the department. Wish you much luck. Thank you to all the officers of the Carteret Police Department for your continued dedication and professional service. I look forward to working with you in 2017. 13 new police vehicles were added to the fleet updating the computers and equipment. Three full time police officers were hired and graduated Monmouth

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Councilmember Naples

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County Police Academy in December and are going through departmental training. Three special law enforcement officers (I) were sent to Ocean County Police Academy for Special Law Enforcement (II) training and are now patrolling our streets. Ten Special Law Enforcement Officers were hired and completed training in the Monmouth County Police Academy and are out patrolling out streets. We have the addition of a K-9 unit with Officer Antonio Dominguez and our borough dog Yukon. Completed training with the Middlesex County Training Academy in drug detection and patrolling our town actively. National Night Out was once again a success with the residents of our community and for the fourteenth consecutive year. Carteret received and outstanding participation award in our category we placed 12 out of 49 chosen winners. Only 4 were from New Jersey. I would like to thank Susan in specific for her hard work and dedication in this endeavor year after year. A program about Domestic Violence was put in Carteret High School for the students. Another program at the Carteret Library for students and adults on what to do when stopped by the police. This was given by Det. Lt. Robert Wargocki with the assistance of Officers Stentella and Nyes. Det. Lt. Wargocki with the assistance of Det. Freeman and Det. Cassens did a mock crime scene for students and adults at the Library. Explaining what officers look for when responding to a crime and a crime scene. Both Carteret Middle School and Carteret High School students were recipients of the NJDOE car grants for professional development. According to Commissioner David Hespey he has called CAR Grants the vision for teaching, leading and learning in New Jersey schools. CAR has been endorsed by the partnership for collaborative learning. CAR is a process of school improvement that brings coherence to the work of educators by connecting standard student learning assessment, professional learning, educator effectiveness, and school climate culture to the work of professional learning communities. To focus on educators can collaborate to assist students to reach the highest level of achievement. Guided by a common language CAR creates a coherent plan for a systematic implementation of effective practice and make curriculum development a priority. A shift from program to practice. We've had increase professional development opportunities from the New Jersey Stem grants through the New Jersey Department of Education and Rutgers. Introduction of new programs to the district include a gifted and talented program, new courses at the high school, Punjabi, Mandarin, Chinese, Computer programming and AP computer science principles. There is also an expansion of

our music and art offerings and clubs. Chamber music, we have an acappella group. Students represent Carteret at functions both in and out of the community. Aspire high mentoring and college readiness program offered to the ESL students and families in both Carteret High School and Carteret Middle School. Carteret high School Students were given the opportunity to test and receive the seal of bi-literacy. New student information system real-time and standard space report cards for grades k-5 have been implemented. With an increased use of technology we are having virtual field trips using Google cardboard, increased numbers of chrome books for our students, increased number of graphic calculators for students, an increased number interactive white boards in our classrooms. Recognition of Carteret High School as an advanced proficient school of honor continued to increase the number of students typically under presented in populations taking AP tests. Revision of the language arts, math and science art curriculum. Recognition of the district park scores 182 out of 371 in New Jersey for language arts. For individual students, Angelo Gollino won an \$1800 dollar grant as heart of a giant. Jayden Rivera won a \$1000 dollar grant for read 180 system 44 a national literacy award. Jaylen Harris the News 12 NJEA scholar athlete. Farit Khan outstanding wrestler at the Rahway wrestling tournaments and Amaya Morales was named artist of the week through artistonia studies. I would also like to acknowledge Joe Gasparro on the Board of Education. I was reading and I saw you sitting there. Thank you for showing up and for everyone else as well. Thank you. Happy and healthy New Year.

COUNCILMEMBER DENNIS DIMASCIO: As committee chairperson of Public Works I would like to thank everyone for coming tonight. I would like to congratulate Vinnie, Jorge, and AJ on your win. Another big win. Street and roads department, recycling department. In 2016 the streets and roads department continues to maintain approximately 51 miles of borough road ways. This includes patching pot holes and making necessary repairs. In addition to our department also continue to collect all the recycling for the borough. The streets and roads department also provides the snow removal and bulk trash removal for residents. The operation and maintenance of the boroughs facility is also the responsibility of the street and roads department. In 2016 the NJDEP commended the borough for an efficient and clean recycling yard. The borough again invested in the recycling yard by purchasing 6 new roll off containers for the use of our

Remarks:
Councilmember Dimascio

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NOMINATION AND ELECTION – 2017 Borough Council President

Mayor Reiman then asked for a motion to nominate the 2017 Council President.

Nomination of Council
President

Upon MMS&C by Council President Bellino and Councilmember Naples a motion was made to nominate Jorge Diaz as the 2017 Council President.

Nominated Councilmember
Jorge Diaz Council
President

Mayor Reiman then asked if there were any other nominations.

There were no more nominations.

Mayor Reiman then asked for a motion to close the nominations.

Upon MMS&C by Councilmembers Bellino and Naples and unanimous affirmative vote of the full Council present, the nominations for Council President were closed.

Councilmember Diaz was
elected Council President

Mayor Reiman then asked for a motion to appoint Councilmember Jorge Diaz as the 2017 Council President.

Upon MMS&C by Councilmembers Bellino and Naples and unanimous affirmative vote of the full Council present, Jorge Diaz was appointed Council President.

Mayor Daniel J. Reiman administered the Oath of Office for Council President to Councilmember Jorge Diaz. Councilmember Diaz respectfully took his place as Council President.

MAYOR DANIEL J. REIMAN: Mayor Reiman then recognized former member of the Board of Education Hardyl Singh, Former Council Joe Wutkowski, Judge Fiengold as former Council. Mayor Reiman congratulated Councilmember Diaz on becoming Council President, Councilmember Bellino and Johal on being elected to Council and thanked everyone for being here. We have a lot of work ahead of us this year. I was very fortunate to have these members of council working with me for these many years as we improve Carteret.

Remarks:
Mayor

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residents. The borough was just awarded a grant for \$35000 from NJDEP for recycling. Repaving began on the following roads parkview, lowell st., longfellow st., south whittier, and the round about on Terminal. Final paving for these streets will be completed spring 2017. The Noe st. drainage project is underway. This 7.8 million dollar project will provide significant drainage improvements to the entire Noe St. area. The project is approximately 20% complete. To date about 1750 of pipe has been installed. New outlet along industrial road is 80% complete and construction has begun on the pump station. New solar signs have been installed around town in an effort to reduce speeds on our local roads. We have installed flashing stop signs, speed limit signs, and slow signs. This was all done as a boroughs effort to calm traffic. The borough has already mailed out the garbage/recycling schedules for 2017. Residents have received them or will shortly. A new salt shed is designed and will be on line in 2017. Sewer Department continues to maintain the boroughs sanitary storm facilities. This includes regular maintenance, inspections at each pump station, man whole inlet, and along each section of pipe. The borough continues this very aggressive program of sewer line cleaning and tubing over 300 catch basins. Over 300 catch basins we labeled and storm water guards were installed as required by NJDEP. The department was commended again this year by the NJDep inlet and pipe cleaning program due on NJDEP's yearly inspection. The borough garage added several new vehicles to the borough fleet in 2016. These vehicles included an RPM 250 snow blower which can clear 1300 tons of snow and ice per hour and a john deer 534 front end loader and 2 F-450 trucks have been ordered. In addition to bring these vehicles online the borough garage also converted an old inactive street sweeper into a dump truck with a salt spreader. This truck will now become a part our fleet for snow removal operations. The borough garage also has to perform all the routine maintenance on the entire fleet. This work includes supporting the snow removal operations by repairing vehicles as required during snow storms. The borough will continue to pretreat the roads before snow storms. This helps to melt the snow on first contact and allows our crews to clear the roads to black top quicker. I would like to thank all the guys at the borough garage. I would like to thank John Riley and Mike Carnivale for the great job they do down there too. I would like to wish everybody a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you.

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BENEDICTION:

Benediction

Reverend Chubenko then led them in the Benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

After no further discussion, upon MMS&C by Councilmember's Diaz and Naples and unanimous affirmative vote of the full Council present, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


KATHLEEN M. BARNEY, MMC
Municipal Clerk

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The Re-Organization Meeting 2017