

SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAYONNE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON,
NEW JERSEY, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 630 AVENUE C,
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

The Council met at 6:00 P.M.

The Council President LaPelusa announced: “I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE ALL THOSE
PRESENT THAT NOTICE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024 HAS BEEN
PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC
MEETING ACT OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE
MEETING WAS POSTED AND FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK AND WAS FORWARDED TO THE
JERSEY JOURNAL AND THE STAR LEDGER BY FAX AND REGULAR MAIL ON FEBRUARY 5,
2024.”

The Special Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne is now in session.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present were: Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, Weimmer and President LaPelusa.

The Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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- 01.** Council Member Perez moved the following communication be received and filed,
seconded by Council Member Carroll

February 2, 2024

Madelene C. Medina
City Clerk
630 Avenue C
Bayonne, NJ 07002

Re: Special Meeting – February 7, 2024

Dear Ms. Medina:

Please be advised that it is necessary to call a special meeting of the Municipal Council on
Wednesday, February 5, 2024 at 6:00 A.M, in the Dorothy E. Harrington Municipal Council
Chambers.

The purpose of this special meeting is as follows:

1. From the Honorable JAMES M. DAVIS, Mayor calling a Special Meeting of the
Municipal Council for Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. immediately
following by the Council Caucus.
2. A public hearing on a resolution authorizing the Mayor and/or his designee to submit
an application in the NJDEP Green Acres Program for funding in the amount of
\$500,000 from the state to fund the following project Newark Bay Waterfront Access
Park-Phase 2 at a cost of \$2,642.996.00
3. A public hearing on a resolution authorizing the Mayor and/or his designee to submit
an application in the NJDEP Green Acres Program for a grant \$526,000 grant with
\$175,000 match from Green Acres Urban Park Program for Improvements to the North
Street Mini Park as of \$701,000.

Very truly yours,
James M. Davis
Mayor
(signed)

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, Weimmer and President LaPelusa.

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Un-adopted Minutes

- 02.** The Council as a whole moved the following resolution, which was read by the Clerk and adopted.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN ACRES URBAN PARKS APPLICATION AND PARK DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), is providing grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bayonne desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding from the Urban Parks Program in the amount of a \$500,000.00 grant from the State to fund the following project: Newark Bay Waterfront Access Project – Phase 2 at a cost of \$2,653,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bayonne desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding from the Green Acres Park Development Program in the amount of \$2,153,000.00 in the form of a \$2,153,000.00 grant from the State to fund the same project: Newark Bay Waterfront Access Project – Phase 2 at a cost of \$2,653,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that:

1. James Davis or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:
 - a. make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
 - b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$0.00;
3. In the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Madelene Medina, Municipal Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Bayonne City Council at a meeting held on the 7th day of February 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and the official seal of this body this 7th day of February, 2024.

Madelene C. Medina, Municipal Clerk

Prior to the vote a hearing was held on the Project entitled: NEWARK BAY WATERFRONT ACCESS PROJECT-PHASE 2.

The hearing was conducted by the City Planner – Sue Mack

Also present at the hearing were 50 members of the general public and 30 Boy Scouts representing the Bayonne Nature Club, developing attorneys.

Ms. Mack presented the Council and member of the public with breakdown on the Elements of the project, anticipated construction time and construction cost analysis. Following Ms. Mack's presentation the hearing was opened to public comment.

The following persons spoke:

Council Member Carroll expressed the issue of the potential of a dog park to be included in this project at some point of development.

Questions were raised concerning the construction of the boat ramp and the walkway.

Michael Ruscigno representing the Bayonne Nature Club – 42 West 23rd Street
Richard Metalski – 87 West 3rd Street

ADA Accessible issue was raised in regards to the inclusion of the connections to street ends.

Prior the closing of the hearing the Council again expressed interest in the project for this area and thanked the NJDEP Green Acres on behalf of the City of Bayonne.

The hearing concluded at 7:30 P.M.

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, Weimmer and President LaPelusa.

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Item #3 on the agenda was withdrawn for a later date.

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At 7:30 P.M. Council Member Carroll motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council President LaPelusa, which motion was adopted.

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, Weimmer and President LaPelusa.

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President – Gary LaPelusa

Clerk – Madelene C. Medina