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In RE: Nutley Board of Commissioners

Transcript Of Proceedings

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Reorganization Meeting



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TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ONE KENNEDY DRIVE
3RD FLOOR COMMISSION CHAMBERS
NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY 07110

*** REORGANIZATION SESSION ***

DATE: May 19, 2020
TIME: 12:00 P.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

- MAURO G. TUCCI, MAYOR
- JOSEPH P. SCARPELLI, COMMISSIONER
- ALPHONSE PETRACCO, COMMISSIONER
- THOMAS J. EVANS, COMMISSIONER
- JOHN V. KELLY, III, COMMISSIONER

Also Present:

- ELENI PETTAS, TOWNSHIP CLERK
- ALAN GENITEMPO, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

ALL PRESENT VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

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1 (Recording begins)

2 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Everybody ready?
3 Everybody ready?

4 MAYOR TUCCI: Yes.

5 THE CLERK: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: We've got a -- we
7 have a little echo, and I don't know where it's coming
8 from, but there's a little echo.

9 THE CLERK: Hold on one second, I'm going to
10 close the door.

11 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: All right, Madam
12 Clerk (indiscernible).

13 THE CLERK: Okay, I closed the door. That
14 might have been the echo. We ready, Mayor? Mayors?
15 We ready?

16 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: We're ready. Read
17 the Sunshine Notice.

18 THE CLERK: Thank you. Pursuant to --

19 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Mayor Tucci, you
20 ready?

21 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci's on mute.

22 MAYOR TUCCI: Unmuted.

23 THE CLERK: Okay. We're ready? Board of
24 Commissioners Reorganization Meeting, Tuesday, May
25 19th, 2020. The time is now 12:10. Pursuant to the

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1 requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act,
2 Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, notice of this meeting
3 was published in the November 28th, 2019 issues of the
4 Nutley Sun, the Herald News, and the Star Ledger. In
5 an effort to prevent further spread of COVID-19
6 pandemic, the public meetings of the remainder of the
7 year 2020 have been changed to Zoom webinar or
8 teleconference meetings until further notice. The
9 public will be able to listen to the Board of
10 Commissioners and practice during -- and participate
11 during the designated public comment portion of the
12 meeting by utilizing access through a URL link or
13 dial-in numbers provided on the township website.
14 Commissioner Kelly?

15 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Present.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

17 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Here.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

19 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Here.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

21 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Here.

22 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

23 MAYOR TUCCI: Here.

24 THE CLERK: All present.

25 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Would everybody

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1 please stand for the flag salute? Please stand for the
2 flag salute.

3 (Pledge of Allegiance)

4 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Father Tom, if
5 you're on, can you do the invocation for us please?
6 Alan, make sure that Father Tom is unmuted?

7 THE CLERK: Okay. Alan, I see Father Tom,
8 but he's not unmuted.

9 MR. GENITEMPO: Here he is.

10 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Father Tom, you're
11 on.

12 FATHER NICASTRO: Let us pray. Almighty and
13 Eternal God, You revealed Your glory to the nations.
14 God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through You
15 authority is rightly administered, and laws are
16 enacted, judgment is decreed.

17 Assist Your spirit of counsel and fortitude
18 that these men who today take the oath of office as
19 commissioners here in the town of Nutley, and Mauro
20 Tucci, who will govern as mayor of this township,
21 beginning today, for the first two years, and Dr.
22 Joseph Scarpelli for the final two years. Watch over
23 them and their families. Protect them, bless them with
24 wisdom, honesty, integrity, right judgment, good health
25 and fairness to all. May they always execute laws with

1 justice and mercy. Keep to restrain crime, vice, and
2 immorality as elected officials. Guard our political
3 welfare. May they be enabled by Your guidance and
4 powerful protection, to discharge their duties with
5 honesty and ability.

6 We pray for our township after a period of
7 campaigning, with the hope that all elected will lead
8 in every level, and work for the common good of all
9 people who dwell here. Heavenly Father, God of Wisdom,
10 as we gather on this day of inauguration and new
11 beginnings, imbue these elected officials with an
12 abundance of wisdom, patience, and right judgment, and
13 the necessary strength of character to do the right
14 thing and make wise and unselfish, sound choices. May
15 they avoid making any erroneous decisions that will
16 adversely affect the welfare of all. As they begin to
17 meet and organize and plan for the years ahead, which
18 will be filled with projects that can bring prosperity
19 and financial security to this township, aid them to be
20 patient, and refrain from discord and malice, seeking
21 harmony in effective compromise.

22 This afternoon, we pray for wisdom, not
23 rhetoric, generosity, not indifference, and justice,
24 not patronage. May they not erect barriers by harsh
25 words, but build bridges to bring many together,

1 through kindness and charity. We pray for leaders
2 gifted in diplomacy, with character and integrity.
3 Leaders who know that our security comes from
4 relationships of trust and not divisiveness.

5 Father, we reflect and recall the words of
6 First Timothy in the Holy Book. It speaks about
7 praying for those in authority. First of all, I ask
8 supplication, prayer, petition, and thanksgiving for
9 everyone and for all in authority, that they lead a
10 quiet and tranquil life in devotion and dignity. For
11 our part, give each of us patience, that we in turn
12 give our officials a chance to govern with compassion
13 and grace, justice, love, support, to celebrate sage
14 decision making.

15 Likewise, we commend to your unbounded mercy
16 all constituents of the Township of Nutley. May they
17 reserve in union that peace which the world cannot
18 give, and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be
19 admitted to those which are eternal. We make our
20 prayer through Christ our Lord. In the name of the
21 Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.
22 Congratulations.

23 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Amen.

24 THE CLERK: Amen.

25 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Thank you, Father

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1 Tom. We already swore in everybody this morning, so
2 it's my pleasure to move the first resolution, which
3 will appoint Mauro G. Tucci as our new mayor. It's my
4 honor to proceed with this resolution.

5 Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners
6 of the Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of
7 New Jersey, that Mauro G. Tucci be appointed as Mayor
8 of the Township of Nutley serving for two out of the
9 four-year term, from May 19th, 2020, to May 17th, 2022.
10 I proudly move this resolution.

11 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

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13 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

14 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

16 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Congratulations, Mauro.

17 Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

19 MAYOR TUCCI: Thank you, Tom.

20 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

22 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

24 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. Thank you, everyone.

25 Thank you so much. I appreciate your confidence and

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1 your trust, and together, we will continue to lead this
2 township forward.

3 Okay. Now we will have the swearing in.
4 Judge Cocchiola is with us.

5 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: I, Mauro G. Tucci.

6 MAYOR TUCCI: I, Mauro G. Tucci.

7 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Do solemnly swear.

8 MAYOR TUCCI: Do solemnly swear.

9 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: That I will faithfully.

10 MAYOR TUCCI: That I will faithfully.

11 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Impartially.

12 MAYOR TUCCI: Impartially.

13 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And justly.

14 MAYOR TUCCI: And justly.

15 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Perform all the duties.

16 MAYOR TUCCI: Perform all the duties.

17 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Of the office of Mayor.

18 MAYOR TUCCI: Of the office of Mayor.

19 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Effective May 19th, 2020.

20 MAYOR TUCCI: Effective May 19th, 2020.

21 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Through May 17th, 2022.

22 MAYOR TUCCI: Through May 17th, 2022.

23 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: In the Township of Nutley.

24 MAYOR TUCCI: In the Township of Nutley.

25 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: County of Essex, New

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1 Jersey.

2 MAYOR TUCCI: County of Essex, New Jersey.

3 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: According to the best of my
4 ability.

5 MAYOR TUCCI: According to the best of my
6 ability.

7 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: So help me, God.

8 MAYOR TUCCI: So help me, God.

9 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: I, Mauro G. Tucci.

10 MAYOR TUCCI: I, Mauro G. Tucci.

11 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Do further solemnly swear.

12 MAYOR TUCCI: Do further solemnly swear.

13 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: That I will support.

14 MAYOR TUCCI: That I will support.

15 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: The Constitution of the
16 United States.

17 MAYOR TUCCI: The Constitution of the United
18 States.

19 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And the Constitution of the
20 state of New Jersey.

21 MAYOR TUCCI: And the Constitution of the
22 state of New Jersey.

23 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And that I will bear true
24 faith and allegiance.

25 MAYOR TUCCI: And that I will bear true faith

1 and allegiance.

2 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: To the same.

3 MAYOR TUCCI: To the same.

4 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And to the governments
5 established in the United States.

6 MAYOR TUCCI: And to the governments
7 established in the United States.

8 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And in this state.

9 MAYOR TUCCI: And in this state.

10 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Under the authority of the
11 people.

12 MAYOR TUCCI: Under the authority of the
13 people.

14 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: So help me, God.

15 MAYOR TUCCI: So help me, God.

16 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Congratulations.

17 MAYOR TUCCI: Thank you. Thank you, Judge.
18 Thank you.

19 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Congrats.

20 MAYOR TUCCI: Thank you. Thank you to
21 everyone. Judge Cocchiola, thank you so much. We have
22 -- we got history here today. We've -- number one, we
23 have never had a tie. I believe in the history of the
24 Township. Mayor Scarpelli and myself have in fact
25 tied. Judge Cocchiola and I started 20 years ago, all

1 right, we were the young kids on the block. We're
2 still the young kids on the block, but we're in
3 different roles, and I just want to thank everyone
4 again for your trust, for your support, and again,
5 together, we're going to keep this township the way it
6 should be. We're going to continue to move it forward,
7 and we're going to do everything in our power to make
8 sure that our people are taken care of. So thank you
9 all, and we'll continue. Thank you so much.

10 Okay. I guess I'm moving the agenda now?

11 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Yes, sir.

12 MAYOR TUCCI: Okay. We'll move on to
13 appointments. Resolution 91-20, Commissioner Evans?

14 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor. Be it
15 resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of
16 Nutley, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that John
17 V. Kelly, III be appointed as Director of Public Affairs.
18 John, great to have you on the board. Welcome aboard.

19 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: I second it.

20 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Thank you.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

22 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

24 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

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1 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

3 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

5 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. Congratulations, John.

6 THE CLERK: Congratulations.

7 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Thank you, everyone.

8 MAYOR TUCCI: Moving right along -- John, do
9 you want to say a few words before we move on?

10 COMMISSIONER KELLY: I said a few words at
11 the swearing in. I'm fine with just moving on.

12 MAYOR TUCCI: Okay, thank you.

13 Resolution 92-20. Commissioner Kelly?

14 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Be it resolved by the
15 Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley,
16 County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that Thomas J.
17 Evans be appointed as Director of Revenue and Finance.

18 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

19 MAYOR TUCCI: Second.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

21 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

23 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye. Mayor do we want
24 to do comments on each one, or do you want to just hold
25 them to the end?

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1 MAYOR TUCCI: We can hold them till later.
2 Till we first vote, you can say a few words, or you
3 want to hold your statements until later on, when we
4 all make a statement. Statements.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

6 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

8 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

10 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. Next resolution, 93-20, I
11 will read. Be it resolved by the Board of
12 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
13 Essex, State of New Jersey, that Alphonse Petracco be
14 appointed as Director of Public Safety. I proudly move
15 that resolution.

16 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

17 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

18 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

20 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

22 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye, and thank you
23 all.

24 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

25 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

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1 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

2 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. Resolution 94-20.

3 Commissioner Petracco?

4 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Be it resolved by the
5 Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley,
6 County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that Joseph P.
7 Scarpelli be appointed as the Director of Public Works.
8 I move the resolution.

9 THE CLERK: I need a second.

10 MAYOR TUCCI: Second.

11 THE CLERK: Okay. Commissioner Kelly?

12 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

14 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

16 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

18 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

20 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. Resolution 95-20.

21 Commissioner Scarpelli?

22 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Be it resolved by
23 the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley,
24 County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that Mauro G.
25 Tucci be appointed as Director of Parks and Public

1 Property. I move the resolution.

2 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Second.

3 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

4 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

6 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

8 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

10 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

12 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. We will now move into
13 department assignments. Department of Public Affairs,
14 introduction by Commissioner Evans?

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor. That
16 it is hereby determined by the Board of Commissioners
17 of the Township of Nutley that executive,
18 administrative, judicial, and legislative powers,
19 authorities and duties relating to the following
20 positions and committees and other items as listed in
21 the Public Affairs department in the budget of 2020,
22 except as modified by this resolution shall be
23 exercised and performed by the Public Affairs
24 department, and that all the executive and
25 administrative, judicial, and legislative powers,

1 authorities, and duties relating to the said positions
2 and committees as listed hereafter be and the same are
3 hereby assigned to the Public Affairs department,
4 namely; Assistant to the Director, Health Officer,
5 Registrar of Vital Statistics, Sanitary Inspectors,
6 Graduate Nurses in Public Health, Town Physician,
7 Health Physician, Town Pediatrician, Clerk Typist,
8 Secretary to the Director, Civic Pride Committee, Care
9 Committee, Community Mental Health Services of
10 Belleville, Bloomfield, and Nutley. Deputy Registrar
11 of Vital Statistics, Senior Clerk, Court Typists,
12 Director of Consumer Affairs, Garbage and Trash
13 Removal, Dog Regulation, Mental Health Programs,
14 service -- excuse me. Mental Health Program, Services
15 of the Nutley Family Service Bureau, Aid to New Jersey
16 Association for Retarded Children, Air Pollution, Health
17 Clinics, Nutley Veteran's Council, Women's Initiative
18 of Nutley, and all other jobs and titles as listed in
19 the salary ordinance.

20 Be it further resolved that all resolutions
21 or parts of resolution inconsistent with the provisions
22 of this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed.
23 So move.

24 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Second.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

1 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

5 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

7 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

9 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. Next resolution, 97-20,
10 will be introduced by Commissioner Kelly.

11 COMMISSIONER KELLY: That it is hereby
12 determined by the Board of Commissioners of the
13 Township of Nutley that all executive, administrative,
14 judicial, and legislative powers, authority, and duties
15 relating to the following positions and committees, and
16 to other items as listed in the Department of Revenue
17 and Finance, in the budget of 2020, except as modified
18 by this resolution, shall be exercised and performed by
19 the Department of Revenue and Finance; and

20 That all the executive, administrative,
21 judicial, and legislative powers, authority, and duties
22 relating to said functions and committees as listed
23 hereafter be, and same are hereby assigned to the
24 Department of Revenue and Finance, namely, Municipal
25 Clerk, Deputy Municipal Clerk, Keyboarding Clerk (one),

1 Clerk/Typist, Tax Collector, Assistant Municipal Tax
2 Collector, Cashiers three, Treasurer/CFO, Executive
3 Assistant, Clerk I (seven), Clerk II (two), Account
4 Clerk (three), Purchasing Agent, Senior Purchasing
5 Assistant, Tax Assessor, Assistant Tax Assessor, Senior
6 Clerk/Typist, Construction Code Official/Zoning
7 Building Subcode Official, Plumbing Subcode Official,
8 Electrical Subcode Official, Building Inspectors,
9 Keyboarding Clerk (one), Clerk II (two), Clerk I
10 (one), Water Billing, Water Billing Supervisor, Water
11 Billing Account Clerk, and all other job titles as
12 listed in the salary ordinance.

13 Be it further resolved that all resolutions
14 or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this
15 provisions of this resolution be, and the same are
16 hereby repealed. So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Second.

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19 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

20 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

22 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

24 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

1 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

2 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

3 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. Resolution 99-20.

4 Department of -- I'm sorry, yes. Department of Public
5 Works introduction -- I'm sorry, Department of Public
6 Safety. Introduction by myself.

7 That it is hereby determined by the Board of
8 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley that all
9 executive, administrative, judicial, and legislative
10 powers, authorities, and duties relating to the
11 following positions and committees and other items as
12 listed in the Public Safety Department in the budget of
13 2020 except as modified by this resolution shall be
14 exercised and performed by the Public Safety
15 Department, and that all executive, administrative,
16 judicial, and legislative powers, authorities, and
17 duties relating to the same functions and committees as
18 listed hereafter be and same are hereby assigned to the
19 Public Safety Department, namely, Assistant to the
20 Director, Municipal Court Administrator, Deputy Court
21 Administrator, Violations Clerk, Assistant Violations
22 Clerk, Police Records Clerk, Recorder/Operator,
23 Clerk/Typist, Superintendent of Weights and Measures,
24 Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad, Municipal
25 Magistrate, Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police.

1 Captain, Lieutenants and Detective Lieutenants,
 2 Sergeants and Detective Sergeants, Police Officers and
 3 Detectives, Special Officers and Detectives, Special
 4 Officers for School and Traffic Guards, Special
 5 Officers for Elections, Secretarial Assistant Typing,
 6 Secretary to the Police Chief, Municipal Alliance,
 7 Management Assistant, Fire Department Chief, Assistant
 8 Chiefs Fire Department, Fire Department Secretary,
 9 Police and Fire Signal Systems Superintendent, Fire
 10 Department Volunteers, Fire Subcode Official, Mechanic,
 11 Mechanic Helper, Police Matron, Clerk/Stenographer,
 12 Senior Clerk/Stenographer, Senior Clerk/Typist, Clerk,
 13 Clerk Part-Time, Emergency Management, CERT, Police
 14 Youth Organization, Junior Police, Highway Traffic
 15 Coordinator Committee, Communications Operators,
 16 Traffic Safety Coordinator, Community Health Measuring
 17 Program, Deputy Chief of the Fire Department, Fire
 18 Captains, Lieutenants, and Firefighters, and all other
 19 titles as listed in the salary ordinance.

20 Be it further resolved that both resolutions
 21 or part of resolutions inconsistent with the provisions
 22 of this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed.
 23 I proudly move this resolution.

24 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

25 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

1 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

5 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

7 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci.

9 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. And now Resolution 99-20,
10 introduction by Commissioner Petracco.

11 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Thank you. That it
12 is hereby determined by the Board of Commissioners of
13 the Township of Nutley that all executive,
14 administrative, judicial, and legislative powers,
15 authority, and duties relating to the following
16 positions and committees, and to other items as listed
17 in the Public Works Department in the budget of 2020,
18 except as modified by this resolution, shall be
19 exercised and performed by the Public Works Department,
20 and that all executive, administrative, judicial, and
21 legislative powers, authority, and duties relating to
22 the said functions and committees as listed thereafter
23 be the same and are hereby assigned to Public Works
24 Department, namely, Municipal Engineer, Engineering
25 Coordinator Inspector, Clerk/Typist, Account Clerk,

1 Administrative Clerk, Assistant Street and Sewer
2 Superintendent, Superintendent of Mechanical Equipment
3 and Repair, Mechanic and Welder, Equipment Operations
4 Assistant, Road Supervisor, Sewer Foreman, Assistant
5 Water Superintendent, Laborer, Municipal Parking Lots,
6 Parking Lot Attendant, Street Lighting, Recycling
7 Program, Senior Traffic Maintenance Work, Clerks and
8 Stenographers, Street and Sewer Foreman, Road
9 Supervisor, Road Repairman, Sewer Maintenance Workers,
10 Water Department Foreman, Water Repair Groundskeeper,
11 Nutley Environmental Conservation Committee, Passaic
12 Valley Sewer Commission, Traffic Maintenance Worker,
13 On-Street Maintenance Worker, Water Meter Readers,
14 Computer Operator, Go Green Initiative, Secretary to
15 Department Head, Public Works Superintendent, Mechanic,
16 Senior Engineer Aides, and all other jobs titled as
17 listed in the salary ordinance.

18 Be it further resolved that all resolutions
19 or parts of resolutions inconsistent with the
20 provisions of this resolution be and the same are
21 hereby repealed. I move the resolution. We need a
22 second, I believe.

23 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Second.

24 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

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1 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

5 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

7 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

9 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. Resolution number 100-20,
10 introduction by Commissioner Scarpelli.

11 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: That it is hereby
12 determined by the Board of Commissioners of the
13 Township of Nutley that all executive, administrative,
14 judicial, and legislative powers, authorities, and
15 duties relating to the following positions and
16 committees, and to all other items as listed as
17 Department of Parks and Public Property in the budget
18 of 2020, except as modified by this resolution shall be
19 exercised and performed by the Department of Parks and
20 Public Property; and

21 That all executive, administrative, judicial,
22 and legislative powers, authority and duties relating
23 to the said functions and committees as listed
24 hereafter, be and the same are hereby assigned to the
25 Department of Parks and Public Property, namely,

1 Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Secretary
2 Administrator to the Director, Secretary/Board
3 Operator, Senior Clerk/Typist, General Parks
4 Supervisor, Parks Supervisor, Garage Attendant,
5 Clerk/Typist, Principal Clerk/Typist, Benefit
6 Coordinator, Automotive Mechanic, Supervisor of
7 Buildings and grounds, Building Maintenance Worker,
8 Senior Building Maintenance Worker, Mason, Shade Tree
9 Supervisor, Tree Climber, Tree Trimmer, Senior
10 Clerk/Typist, Shade Tree Division, Recreation Director,
11 Senior Citizens Director, Senior Citizen Transportation
12 Program --

13 THE CLERK: Can you hear okay?

14 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: -- Recreation
15 Evening Director, Bus Drivers, Recreation Leaders,
16 Information Technology. Recreation Center Directors,
17 Assistant Recreation Director, Account Clerk, Events
18 Coordinator, Adult Daycare Supervisor, Daycare Leaders,
19 Adult Daycare -- Adult Care Aides, all insurance
20 liability matters, including but not limited to the
21 Joint Insurance Fund, the Municipal Excess Liability
22 Fund, Group Insurance for Employees, Health Insurance
23 and Dental Insurance.

24 Carpenter, Sports Officials, Recreation
25 Supervisors, Special Recreation Education Instructor,

1 Gymnasium Supervisors, Nutley Memorial Parkway
2 Committee, Shade Tree Committee, Laborer (Seasonal),
3 Human Resources, Special Transportation Programs,
4 Jitney Transportation Programs, and all other job
5 duties as listed in the salary ordinance.

6 Be it further resolved that all other
7 resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with
8 the provisions of this resolution be and the same are
9 hereby repealed. I move the resolution.

10 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

11 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

12 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

14 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

16 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

18 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

20 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. Resolution 101-20,
21 introduction by Commissioner Scarpelli?

22 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Whereas, the
23 so-called Commission Government Act, or as it's
24 sometimes known as the Walsh Act, entitles an act
25 relating to regulating and providing for the government

1 of cities, towns, townships, boroughs, villages and other
2 municipalities governed by Board of Commissioners, or
3 Improvement Commissioners in the state, approved April
4 25th, 1911. It was duly adopted by the voters of the
5 Township of Nutley in May, 1912; and

6 Whereas, by the mandatory provisions of said
7 act and acts supplementary thereto and then mandatory
8 thereof, it becomes the duty of the Board of
9 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley to determine the
10 executive, administrative, judicial, and legislative
11 authority and duties in the Township of Nutley into and
12 among the departments of the Board of Commissioners, and
13 its judgment seems appropriate; and

14 Whereas, in the judgment of the Board of
15 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, by determination
16 of powers and duties to be performed by each department
17 and the assignments thereof to departments, public service
18 will be benefited; and

19 Whereas, the executive, administrative,
20 judicial, and legislative control of certain offices and
21 their powers and duties are now vested in the Board of
22 Commissioners.

23 Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of
24 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley that all
25 executive, administrative, judicial, and legislative

1 powers, authority and duties related to the following
2 positions and committees be -- shall be exercised and
3 formed by the mayor, and that all the executive,
4 administrative, judicial, and legislative powers hereby
5 and duties related to the said position of committees
6 as listed hereafter be and the same are hereby assigned
7 to the mayor, namely, Public Defender, Community
8 Development Block Grant Program, Zoning Board of
9 Adjustment, and Board of Adjustment Attorney, Rent
10 Leveling Board and Rent Leveling Board Attorney,
11 Brotherhood Committee - Civic Celebrations Committee,
12 Citizens Advisory Group, Senior Citizen Housing
13 Program, Library Board of Trustees, Planning Board and
14 Planning Board Attorney, Holiday Tree Lighting
15 Committee, Essex County Government Mayor's Conference,
16 and here, and all other job titles as listed in the
17 salary ordinance.

18 Be it further resolved that all resolutions
19 or parts of the resolutions inconsistent with the
20 provisions of this resolution be, and the same are
21 hereby repealed. I move the resolution.

22 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Second.

23 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

24 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

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1 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

2 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

4 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

6 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

8 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. Resolution 102-20. Be
9 it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the
10 Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of New
11 Jersey, that all resolutions heretofore voted upon and
12 passed by the individual commissioners are hereby
13 ratified and passed subsequently to the members being
14 duly sworn into office. I move the resolution.

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

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17 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

19 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

21 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

23 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

25 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

1 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

2 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. Okay. Moving right
3 along. Bank depositories. Resolution 103-20.
4 Commissioner Evans?

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.
6 Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 mandates that the governing
7 body of the municipal corporation shall, by resolution,
8 ask by a majority of vote of the full membership
9 thereof, designate a depository for its monies a bank
10 or trust company, having its place of business in the
11 state, and organized under the laws of the U.S. or this
12 state; and

13 Now therefore be it resolved on May 19th of
14 -- May -- 2020, by the Board of Directors of the
15 Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of New
16 Jersey, that the following banks are hereby designated
17 as depositories for the Township of Nutley: Capital One
18 Investment Bank, TD Bank, Valley National Bank, New
19 Jersey Cash Management Fund.

20 Be it further resolved that prior to deposit
21 of any municipal funds in the above-mentioned
22 depositories, said banks shall file with the Chief
23 Financial Officer a statement indicating that the bank
24 is covered under the Government Units Deposit Program
25 Act, or R.S. 17:9-41. So moved.

1 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

2 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

3 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

5 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

7 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

9 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

11 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. Commissioner, would you
12 like to continue?

13 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Yes, Mayor, thank you.

14 Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the
15 Township of Nutley, County of Essex, New Jersey, that
16 the following Township officials are hereby authorized
17 to sign checks or withdrawal slips, where a combination
18 of three municipal signatures are required; Mayor, or
19 Director of Revenue and Finance, and Township Clerk or
20 Clerk I, and Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer. Be it
21 currently resolved that signature cards with the
22 signatures of the persons authorized to sign before
23 issued to all township depositories, so move.

24 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Second.

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1 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

2 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

6 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

8 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

10 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Alan, the next two
12 resolutions, can I consolidate those?

13 MR. GENITEMPO: Yes, you can, Commissioner.

14 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you. Whereas, for
15 the convenience of the Township of Nutley, it is
16 deemed advisable that checks drawn on T.D. Bank and
17 Valley National Bank, be signed or affixed in a --
18 signed by affixing a facsimile signature.

19 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board
20 of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
21 Essex, New Jersey, that TD Bank and Valley National
22 Bank are hereby authorized to honor for the account of
23 and to debit of the Township of Nutley each check or
24 draft for the payment of money, inclusive of any such
25 as may be payable to any of the officers

1 herein specified -- hereinafter specified, bearing a
2 facsimile signature of the following: Mayor, Director
3 of Revenue and Finance, Township Clerk, Chief Financial
4 Officer, so long as said clerks contain -- excuse me.
5 So long as said checks contain one manual authorizing
6 -- authorized signature.

7 Be it further resolved that the bank may rely
8 on this resolution until the receipt of the bank of a
9 certified copy of the resolution by the Board of
10 Commissioners revoking the same, the Township expressly
11 assuming all risks involved in any unauthorized uses of
12 such facsimile signatures.

13 Be it further resolved that the Township
14 Clerk be and is hereby directed to furnish TD Bank and
15 Valley National Bank with a certified copy of this
16 resolution. So move.

17 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

19 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

21 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

23 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

25 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

1 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

2 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Whereas, it is desirable
4 that idle funds of the Township of Nutley be invested
5 in legal investment vehicles at all times;

6 Whereas, it is occasionally necessary to
7 transfer funds for the purpose of meeting current
8 township expenses or for the purpose of effecting
9 investments.

10 Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of
11 Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of
12 Essex, New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the
13 Chief Financial Officer to request bids and to place
14 orders for the investment of idle funds solely in
15 legally authorized investment vehicles, such
16 investments be made to the investing institution, and
17 be it further resolved that the above mentioned --
18 named Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to
19 transfer funds by wire solely for the following
20 purposes, and subject to all pertinent regulations: to
21 or from Township checking account to other Township
22 accounts. To or from Township checking or saving
23 accounts to or from accounts specified by banks or
24 state -- or the State of New Jersey Cash Management
25

1 Fund solely for the purpose of investing for the
2 account of the Township of Nutley. From Township
3 checking account solely for the purpose of making
4 payment of current township expenses which have been
5 approved for payment.

6 Just to clarify, these are -- these
7 investments are only in money markets type accounts.
8 They're -- we're not investing in risk create --
9 accounts that could create volatility on municipal
10 monies. So moved.

11 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

12 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

13 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

17 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

19 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

21 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor.

23 MAYOR TUCCI: Next resolution involves the
24 appointment of our Municipal Attorney, Alan Genitempo.
25 I'm very proud and honored to present this.

1 Be it resolved by both the Commissioners of
2 the Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of New
3 Jersey, that Alan J. Genitempo, Esquire, be appointed
4 Municipal Township Attorney for the Township of Nutley
5 through May 21st, 2024. I move the resolution.

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7 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

8 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Second.

9 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

10 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

12 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

14 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

16 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

18 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye.

19 MR. GENITEMPO: Mr. Mayor, the Judge is here
20 to swear us in, if that's okay at this time.

21 MAYOR TUCCI: That's fine.

22 MR. GENITEMPO: You want me to stand?

23 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: I, Alan J. Genitempo.

24 MR. GENITEMPO: I, Alan J. Genitempo.

25 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Do solemnly swear.

1 MR. GENITEMPO: Do solemnly swear.
2 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: That I will faithfully.
3 MR. GENITEMPO: That I will faithfully.
4 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Impartially.
5 MR. GENITEMPO: Impartially.
6 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And justly.
7 MR. GENITEMPO: And justly.
8 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Perform all the duties.
9 MR. GENITEMPO: Perform all the duties.
10 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Of the office of Municipal
11 Attorney.
12 MR. GENITEMPO: Of the office of Municipal
13 Attorney.
14 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Effective May 19th, 2020.
15 MR. GENITEMPO: Effective May 19th, 2020.
16 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Through May 21st, 2024.
17 MR. GENITEMPO: Through May 21st, 2024.
18 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: In the Township of Nutley.
19 MR. GENITEMPO: In the Township of Nutley.
20 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And the County of Essex,
21 New Jersey.
22 MR. GENITEMPO: And the County of Essex, New
23 Jersey.
24 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: According to the best of my
25 ability.

1 MR. GENITEMPO: According to the best of my
2 ability.

3 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: So help me, God.

4 MR. GENITEMPO: So help me, God.

5 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: I, Alan J. Genitempo.

6 MR. GENITEMPO: I, Alan J. Genitempo.

7 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Do further solemnly swear.

8 MR. GENITEMPO: Do further solemnly swear.

9 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: That I will support.

10 MR. GENITEMPO: That I will support.

11 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: The Constitution of the
12 United States.

13 MR. GENITEMPO: The Constitution of the
14 United States.

15 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And the Constitution of the
16 State of New Jersey.

17 MR. GENITEMPO: And the Constitution of the
18 State of New Jersey.

19 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And that I will bear true
20 faith and allegiance.

21 MR. GENITEMPO: And that I will bear true
22 faith and allegiance.

23 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: To the same.

24 MR. GENITEMPO: To the same.

25 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And to the governments.

1 MR. GENITEMPO: And to the governments.

2 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Established in the United
3 States.

4 MR. GENITEMPO: Established in the United
5 States.

6 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And in this state.

7 MR. GENITEMPO: And in this state.

8 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Under the authority of the
9 people.

10 MR. GENITEMPO: Under the authority of the
11 people.

12 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: So help me, God.

13 MR. GENITEMPO: So help me, God.

14 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Congratulations.

15 MR. GENITEMPO: Thank you everyone, and
16 Mayor, thank you.

17 MAYOR TUCCI: Congratulations, Alan.

18 MR. GENITEMPO: Thank you very much.

19 MAYOR TUCCI: Okay. Our next resolution. Be
20 it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the
21 Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of New
22 Jersey, that Angelo Servidio, Esquire, be appointed the
23 Municipal Township Attorney, Prosecutor -- I'm sorry.
24 Municipal Township Prosecutor for the Township of
25 Nutley through May 21st, 2024. I proudly move the

1 resolution.

2 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Second.

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4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly?

5 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

7 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?

9 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?

11 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci?

13 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye.

14 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: I'll swear him in now. I,
15 Angelo Servidio.

16 MR. SERVIDIO: I, Angelo Servidio.

17 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Do solemnly swear.

18 MR. SERVIDIO: Do solemnly swear.

19 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: That I will faithfully.

20 MR. SERVIDIO: That I will faithfully.

21 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Impartially.

22 MR. SERVIDIO: Impartially.

23 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And justly.

24 MR. SERVIDIO: And justly.

25 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Perform all the duties.

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1 MR. SERVIDIO: Perform all the duties.

2 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Of the Office of Municipal
3 Prosecutor.

4 MR. SERVIDIO: Of the Office of Municipal
5 Proscutor.

6 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Effective May 19th, 2020.

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10 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: In the Township of Nutley.

11 MR. SERVIDIO: In the Township of Nutley.

12 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And the County of Essex,
13 New Jersey.

14 MR. SERVIDIO: And the County of Essex, New
15 Jersey.

16 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: According to the best of my
17 ability.

18 MR. SERVIDIO: According to the best of my
19 ability.

20 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: So help me, God.

21 MR. SERVIDIO: So help me, God.

22 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: I, Angelo Servidio.

23 MR. SERVIDIO: I, Angelo Servidio.

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25 MR. SERVIDIO: Do further solemnly swear.

1 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: That I will support the
2 Constitution of the United States.

3 MR. SERVIDIO: That I will support the
4 Constitution of the United States.

5 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And the Constitution of the
6 State of New Jersey.

7 MR. SERVIDIO: And the Constitution of the
8 State of New Jersey.

9 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And that I will bear true
10 faith and allegiance.

11 MR. SERVIDIO: And that I will bear true
12 faith and allegiance.

13 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: To the same.

14 MR. SERVIDIO: To the same.

15 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And to the governments.

16 MR. SERVIDIO: And to the governments.

17 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Established in the United
18 States.

19 MR. SERVIDIO: Established in the United
20 States.

21 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: And in this state.

22 MR. SERVIDIO: And in this state.

23 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Under the authority of the
24 people.

25 MR. SERVIDIO: Under the authority of the

1 people.

2 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: So help me, God.

3 MR. SERVIDIO: So help me, God.

4 JUDGE COCCHIOLA: Congratulations.

5 MR. SERVIDIO: Thank you.

6 MAYOR TUCCI: Congratulations, Mr. Servidio.

7 All right. Now we're at the point where we have
8 statements by the governing body. How do we start
9 this? Do we start from five to one, Mayor, or do we go
10 one, five?

11 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: You're the mayor.

12 MAYOR TUCCI: All right. So in the interests
13 of having someone steal my material, I will proudly go
14 first. I'm glad to begin.

15 COMMISSIONER EVANS: I was going to say that.

16 MAYOR TUCCI: Okay. Thanks, Tom. I say
17 thank you again to all of the people in this township
18 of Nutley. For the past 20 years, we've had a
19 relationship that continually matured as we've worked
20 together to improve the town that we love. I come
21 before you today, honored and humbled, to serve as your
22 mayor. This election was like none we have ever
23 experienced. A total vote-by-mail event, producing a
24 tie for what I believe is a history making result.
25 Mayor Scarpelli and I being of the same mind, agreed to

1 share the mayoralty in the best interests of the
2 township. This is no time for petty politics or
3 divisiveness, but rather a time to reassure our
4 residents that their government stands ready to work
5 together to protect and serve them the best way humanly
6 possible. This is what sets us apart from just about
7 any other place I know. Thank you, Mayor Scarpelli.

8 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: You're welcome,
9 Mayor.

10 MAYOR TUCCI: Former mayor, Commissioner
11 Petracco. Your dedication and love for this township
12 is second to none, and as one of the top three
13 candidates, any one could have challenged the results
14 and caused confusion and uncertainty at a time when we
15 needed it the least. I thank you for your
16 consideration, and for your honor, and for your
17 friendship. Thank you, former mayor and Commissioner
18 Petracco.

19 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Thank you so much,
20 Mauro.

21 MAYOR TUCCI: You're welcome. The financial
22 challenges before us require complete attention. Your
23 expertise is required now more than ever, and I believe
24 the people of this township recognized that, and saw to
25 it you were re-elected. I extend my congratulations to

1 you.

2 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mauro. Thank
3 you.

4 MAYOR TUCCI: To our newest commissioner,
5 Commissioner Kelly. I wish you nothing but success in
6 your role as Director of Public Affairs. Your family's
7 dedication to this township has been recognized, and I
8 know you will serve in the tradition of your
9 grandfather, former Assemblyman and Mayor John V.
10 Kelly, and honor his legacy. Congratulations,
11 Commissioner Kelly.

12 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Thank you, Mayor.

13 MAYOR TUCCI: To outgoing Commissioner
14 Rogers, who is not on this Zoom, but I'm sure he's
15 listening somewhere. The energy and enthusiasm you
16 brought to the Department of Public Affairs will never
17 be rivaled. Your creation of the first ever Department
18 of Veteran Affairs continues to assist those who
19 served, and for that, we are thankful. Continued
20 success to you.

21 At this point, I need to thank my family for
22 their support over the last 20 years. My wife Linda,
23 who allowed me to serve by taking care of our family,
24 while I was on town business. Our daughters, Gina and
25 Josephine, our son, son-in-laws, sisters, brothers,

1 nieces and nephews and everyone else whose advice and
2 support proved invaluable, I love and thank you all.

3 To my Parks Department family, the finest
4 group of individuals ever assembled in a governmental
5 agency, without you, I am nothing. I'm honored to work
6 beside you, and thank you for the care and love for our
7 Parks and Recreation programs. You are the reason we
8 are successful on so many levels. Thank you so much.

9 As I have previously mentioned, this election
10 was like none other. We had to balance getting our
11 message out, while being sensitive to those suffering
12 from the Novel Coronavirus, and the families that lost
13 loved ones without being disrespectful. Unfortunately,
14 I was one of five family members who contracted the
15 disease, and was out of commission for several months.
16 The mastermind and chief strategist behind our campaign
17 who kept it all together, and kept things moving, was
18 none other than my business partner and confidante,
19 Gerard. Chrissy (phonetic), Frank, Anthony, Jason,
20 Linda, Mary, Teresa, Lois, all my guys in the back,
21 Frankie DiP (phonetic), you all share in this victory.
22 I thank you for your dedication and loyalty to this
23 township. Assemblyman Caputo who was with us earlier,
24 Michael Cortese (phonetic) who's home ill, Jim
25 Callahan, Michael Locascio (phonetic) and one of my

1 favorite mentors, Jim Piro, you've been with me from
2 the beginning, and your counsel and assistance in
3 everything governmental is appreciated.

4 In closing, while 2020 will be challenging to
5 say the least, I truly believe our best days are ahead
6 of us. Our work continues, and we will get through
7 this together. Thank you, and God bless Nutley,
8 New Jersey.

9 Commissioner Scarpelli?

10 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Thank you, Mayor.
11 Mayor Tucci, fellow commissioners, honored guests,
12 reverend clergy.

13 This was a very unique election. We are in
14 the midst of a global pandemic. There was no
15 traditional way to campaign. A mail-in ballot only
16 election, the first in New Jersey history, and after
17 more than 8,000 votes, there was a tie for the first
18 spot. Can someone check to see if the Earth is still
19 on its axis?

20 I would like to thank my committee for all
21 their hard work throughout the campaign. My immediate
22 family, Sal, Harry, Gianna (phonetic). And of course
23 my wife, Sue. I could not do what I do without her
24 holding down the fort. My mom, my sister Trish, my
25 Uncle Vito. My nephew Anthony and my extended family,

1 my in-laws, Bob, Vicky, Ann, and Al. Kitty and all my
2 friends for their love, hard work, and support.

3 Thank you to the men and women of the DPW
4 Department who make me look good every day.
5 Congratulations to Mayor Tucci and my fellow
6 commissioners on their re-election. John Kelly,
7 congratulations and welcome to the board. Your
8 grandfather who is looking down is certainly proud of
9 you, and your continuation of a family tradition of
10 public service.

11 Thank you also to Maria Hamlin, Dan
12 Carnicella, Sam Fleitell, Chris Cullari, Larry
13 Marchese, Frank Contella, Carmen Alessio for their
14 time and efforts.

15 Special thanks to my guardian angels, who
16 have guided me throughout the campaign. My dad, my
17 grandfather and grandmother, my brother Mike, my Uncle
18 Ralph, and Kevin Harkins. I found out in this
19 election, there's also a downside to having guardian
20 angels. They don't vote anymore.

21 But seriously, I miss you all. You all Zoom
22 in daily, but I know you are really Zooming in today.
23 It is obvious from the election results that people
24 like the direction the town is going, with all four
25

1 commissioners handily being re-elected.

2 Let me compliment our new mayor, Mauro Tucci.
3 Within five minutes of the County Clerk posting the
4 results on Friday night, we had talked and agreed to
5 split the four-year mayoral term, taking two years
6 apiece. In these unprecedented times, we found a
7 unique way to keep a Nutley tradition, of choosing the
8 top vote-getter, in this case, the top vote-getters, as
9 mayors. Thank you for your graciousness and class.

10 I also want to recognize Commissioner Rogers.
11 Thank you for your service to our community. He's a
12 real leader. He had a vision to start a Veteran's
13 Affairs Bureau. It has become a model for all
14 communities. I know you're not finished with community
15 service, and it's been my pleasure of serving with you
16 in the last eight years, and I look forward to working
17 with you in the future. Godspeed, my friend.

18 Over the last four years, the former Roche
19 property was transformed from a shuttered campus to a
20 vibrant innovation hub, with the Hackensack Meridian
21 School of Meridian at Seton Hall acting as a
22 centerpiece of the campus, we have worked together to
23 have Modern Meadow, Hackensack-Meridian Center for
24 Discovery and Innovation, Wymax and Ralph Lauren
25 filling four of the five once vacant buildings. We now

1 have a bustling campus that is fueling our local
2 economy, producing quality jobs to our residents, an
3 increase to our property values, and there is more to
4 come. That more to come will also present some
5 challenges. We must continue with smart redevelopment
6 that replaces our lost revenues and takes into
7 consideration the inability of our schools to
8 accommodate additional children. Smart development,
9 that complements rather than competes with our
10 downtown, and smart development that plans for and
11 mitigates any potential impacts of that redevelopment.

12 We have other challenges ahead. Improving
13 our schools, and finding viable long-term solutions to
14 the overcrowding issue, revitalizing our downtown, and
15 the redevelopment of the Ciccolini property. These are
16 big ideas -- these are big issues. They need big
17 ideas.

18 I'm very excited about the future of our
19 town. Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving
20 the people of Nutley as your 18th mayor. I look
21 forward to working with all of you to accomplish all
22 those goals. Thank you.

23 MAYOR TUCCI: Well said, Joe. Commissioner
24 Petracco?

25 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Yes, thank you Mayor

1 Tucci. I usually don't write anything down as we all
2 know, but I put some bullet points down, because I
3 definitely want to thank my wife first. I want to
4 thank my wife, my kids, my father, my brothers. I want
5 to thank everybody in Public Safety. I want to thank
6 everybody in every department, because as we all know
7 how tight this race was. I especially want to thank
8 the people in Public Safety. The police officers, the
9 ambulance squad, the firemen, with the virus going on,
10 for all the hard work that they've been going through
11 and putting themselves in harm's way.

12 I want to thank my committee. Everybody on
13 my committee, I don't want to name anybody, because I
14 always forget someone, but everybody worked very hard
15 in this unique, extraordinary election. Thirty-seven
16 votes, boys, it's not far off, in this untraditional
17 election. Thirty-seven votes. I remember when I
18 became the mayor, and Joe, I'll never forget
19 (indiscernible) is that the people in the stands. You
20 couldn't get me 13 more votes? Right? But I have to
21 tell you, there will not be any challenges from Al
22 Petracco, because I am confident in the two men that
23 will be serving as our mayor the next four years. You
24 guys have -- there -- there has been bumps in the road,
25 I'll never say there wasn't, but these are good people,

1 these are great people, and you have my confidence, and
2 if you didn't, I would have challenged it, obviously.
3 But these are two great leaders, and I wish both of you
4 the best of luck.

5 Mauro, you've been my partner up here, a
6 mentor to me. We started the Roche bad news in 2013.
7 We made a lot of headway. It is very, very well
8 deserved, and I am very happy for you, your department,
9 your family especially, and your beautiful, lovely
10 wife, that they finally get to see their grandfather,
11 their boss, their husband, sit in that chair that you
12 waited so long for. So congratulations, it's well
13 deserved.

14 MAYOR TUCCI: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: I also -- you're very
16 welcome. I also want to thank Commissioner Rogers. I
17 had the privilege of handing some notes back and forth
18 to him during commission meetings. To know Steve is to
19 love Steve, and I have to tell you, he has a very
20 comical side to him as well. But Steve was the one
21 that really brought God closer to me in my heart.
22 Going through that with my mother, and I know my mom is
23 watching over all of us, and there's a reason why
24 everything happens. And I want to thank all of you
25 again. Father Tom, you were there. I want to thank

1 you all. That was very -- a very pressing time in my
2 life. I said this when I got sworn in this morning,
3 that if I had one wish, it wouldn't be to be the mayor
4 today, it would be to have my mom back here.

5 Also, I have to say something to Commissioner
6 Kelly. I have always been the kid on the block here
7 until now. So I want you to know that you're working
8 with a great group of people. Your genes speak for
9 yourself, I was your grandfather's newspaper boy. He
10 was very outspoken, your grandfather, and he did a
11 great -- he did a great job with our town. I want to
12 welcome you aboard. Any help that I can give you, or
13 we all can give you, I can tell you, the one goal we
14 have here on our board of commissioners, is no matter
15 what, to push the town forward.

16 In closing, gentlemen, I'd just like to say,
17 I didn't get the mayor's seat, which will give me a
18 little bit more time, and I really, really believe we
19 need to fix these schools in this town. So I'm going
20 to be committed to the Nutley children for the next
21 four years of moving a referendum forward, working hand
22 in hand with my colleagues on the board and hopefully
23 the Board of Education can make sure that we pass
24 something which is affordable to the taxpayers, and
25 beneficial to our children. God bless you all.

1 Congratulations again to everyone. Thank you so much.

2 MAYOR TUCCI: Thank you, Commissioner
3 Petracco. Commissioner Evans?

4 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Thank you, Mayor. Let
5 me first start by saying thank you to all of the voters
6 for returning me to office. This was a very
7 challenging election. There was a lot of fine
8 candidates in the race. I congratulate all the
9 candidates for their desire to want to contribute to
10 the well-being of our township. So thank you everyone
11 for your continued support in returning me to office.
12 Like Al, I was only 1200 votes behind (indiscernible)
13 to challenge, so I just want to let you know guys, I'm
14 just not going to challenge first, but I thought about
15 it for a moment.

16 I want to congratulate my fellow
17 commissioners in a couple of ways. One, for sitting on
18 the board for as long as I have, and working through
19 the many situations that we have had to deal with as a
20 board, I congratulate you and I thank you for your
21 single focus, and the unity around doing first, what's
22 best for the township, both in the short-term and in
23 the long-term. I congratulate you for that, and I look
24 forward to continuing that relationship that is built
25 on honor (indiscernible) as we face the challenges in

1 front of us.

2 I want to extend a special welcome to
3 Commissioner Kelly. It is as defined, we have many
4 challenges that we will face, and the commissioners
5 have been speaking of, the ON-3, the Ciccolini
6 property, the schools, as well as, you know, looking at
7 our aid and converting it to permanent aid as we start
8 to step through the next period of time. There are
9 many things that we have to address, including now,
10 because of the COVID environment, the social
11 challenges, and certain of the economic challenges that
12 our community will face. So I welcome you to the
13 board, and I look forward to working with you.

14 I want to extend a thank you to Commissioner
15 Rogers as well. Steve, wherever you are, I know you're
16 not finished, and I know that you will surface with
17 your next great adventure, and I wish you much success
18 in the next. Number two, I have some other people who
19 work on (indiscernible). Like Al, I have quite a few
20 people that I wish to thank, which I acknowledge
21 broadly, but for a few, like Barbara Hirsch, Mike
22 Evangelista, Don Povia (phonetic), Jim Kuchta, to -- and
23 my brother Ted, I want to extend a very special thank
24 you. This was very difficult, very challenging, and
25 your guidance and your resourcefulness

1 is so greatly appreciated by me.

2 I want to thank my children and my family for
3 their unwavering support, especially my grandson, Jack,
4 who was always (indiscernible) in the picture with
5 Baba, and since (indiscernible) for me. I made a
6 commitment to work hard every day for the residents of
7 Nutley. That commitment began back in the year 2003,
8 and I have never wavered in my desire to bring the very
9 best that I have to the table, to offer my insights, my
10 advice, my guidance, in a shared way with the Board of
11 Commissioners, and collectively working with them to
12 drive to the right decision. I'm unwavering in that
13 commitment. I've promised to all of you that I will
14 continue to do that, and that to be clear, that as a
15 commissioner, I, along with this board, we represent
16 all of the residents of our town in a very inclusive
17 way.

18 Each day, I will be guided by values that I
19 have lived with my entire professional career.
20 Integrity, teamwork, mutual respect, and personal
21 accountability. Simply stated, tell the truth, work
22 together, respect one another, and be accountable for
23 the things that we -- I say I will be able to do and
24 deliver on that.

25 As I mentioned earlier, we face a very, very

1 difficult time. The challenges are economic, in terms
2 of the society around us. The challenges are
3 financial, given the state of the environment with --
4 starting at any level, the county level, and here at
5 the (indiscernible) level. We have to recognize the
6 hardships that our residents face, and continue to do
7 our best to manage to provide the services for the
8 health, welfare, and safety of the community with the
9 most frugal dollar that we can identify, and I will
10 continue to drive that.

11 I continue to hold the responsibility for
12 sending out the tax bills, all right, that I
13 collectively work with my Board of Commissioners to
14 make sure that what we achieve is one that we can
15 collectively be proud of. Together, I believe we will
16 work through the challenges that we face, and I believe
17 we'll be stronger when we face the other side of this
18 stormy period.

19 And I want to extend a special thank you to
20 my Revenue & Finance team and Code Department. Working
21 with these people every day, getting to know them and
22 understanding their passion and dedication for the
23 township. And it's extraordinary to work around them,
24 and I'm grateful that the township has the benefit of
25 their ability. I look forward to, Alan, your continued

1 advice and counsel to the Board, to Eleni as the
2 Municipal Clerk, your counsel to the Board as well.

3 And in closing, just a special thank you to
4 Eleni, Jason, Sal, Alan and the -- all the work that
5 was done to organize this meeting for all of us. I
6 thank you.

7 MAYOR TUCCI: Thank you, Commissioner.
8 Commissioner Kelly?

9 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Thank you, Mayor. My
10 old college rugby coach used to say, gents, you have to
11 play like it's 15 versus 16. You, the other team, and
12 the referee. That bit of advice is great guidance for
13 all of us, not only through sports, but through life.
14 You've got to take on the unexpected challenges, and
15 always live like you're down for the count, but never
16 quit, and always persevere and overcome all of life's
17 obstacles. One thing about this past election. I
18 couldn't help but think about my old rugby coach's
19 words. We were forced to run through a global health
20 crisis, with the polls closed, in an all vote by mail
21 election, and it ended in a photo finish.

22 But the analogy doesn't end there. Part of
23 what makes rugby great is that the teams come together
24 at the end of the game and celebrate the match, and
25 that's part of what makes Nutley great as well. This

1 community has come together, and I've been overwhelmed
2 by the outpouring of support from, not only the current
3 commissioners, but everyone in the community, even the
4 people who didn't necessarily make it across the finish
5 line in the top five slots.

6 But as we close the book on this past
7 election, I'm excited to start this new chapter as your
8 newest commissioner. I know that I will face
9 challenges, and I know I will be supported in those
10 challenges by my teammates, Commissioner Evans,
11 Commissioner Petracco, Commissioner Scarpelli, Mayor
12 Tucci, and all the citizens of Nutley, because we're
13 all one team, Team Nutley. And we're going to overcome
14 those challenges, and we're going to get through
15 anything together. And to that end, if you think of,
16 there's a great idea that could help Nutley, I want to
17 hear about it. If you think we're doing something
18 wrong, I want to hear about it, and if you think
19 there's something we can do better, I also want to hear
20 about it.

21 This moment would not be possible, though,
22 without all of the support from so many throughout the
23 course of my life, and I'm not going to be able to
24 thank everyone here, but I do want to thank some people
25 in particular, starting with my parents, John and Cindy

1 Kelly. They have given me everything, and I can't
2 thank them enough. My grandparents -- and I note that
3 I'm stepping into a position that my grandfather once
4 held, and that moment is not lost on me. While I
5 intend to blaze my own path, I can't help but think of
6 a personal note that was given to me by a donor four
7 years ago when I ran for this office. It was -- it
8 meant a lot to me, and it was a very simple note. All
9 it said was, be like your grandfather, a great man.
10 And I promise, I will live up to that request.

11 I want to thank my sisters, Lauren, Elise,
12 Deandra, Alexa, and Christa, they're always there for
13 me. My brother-in-laws, Brad, Zack, and Tom. My
14 nephews, Lincoln, Jackson, Calvin, Carter, and my
15 niece, Anastasia. To all of my aunts and uncles and
16 great-aunts and uncles, and to all of my cousins. You
17 guys have been a tremendous support for me. And the
18 support and thanks doesn't end with my family, it only
19 starts there. The preparation and guidance didn't end
20 with my family, it started there.

21 I'd like to -- I would not be here today
22 without the countless educators and teachers from all
23 of the schools that I've attended. Yantacaw School,
24 Good Shepherd Academy, St. Peter's, Georgia Tech, and
25 Seton Hall Law School. I'd like to thank the coaches

1 who have taught me to not only be gracious in victory,
2 but learn from defeat, the mentors whose guidance has
3 led me through all different sorts of challenges over
4 the years. The many various bosses and leaders and
5 commanders that I've had, who have shown me what true
6 leadership is like. My friends in the Army who have
7 shown me what true loyalty is like. And all of my
8 friends who I've met over the years. You guys have
9 shown me such tremendous support. Our lives have been
10 turned upside down in the midst of this crisis, and you
11 guys stepped up and helped me, and the -- and run a
12 campaign in the midst of a health crisis, and I can't
13 thank you enough.

14 I also want to thank in particular,
15 Commissioner Rogers. I'm sure he has set me up for
16 success, and I'll definitely be working with him, even
17 though he's not an elected official anymore, I want to
18 continue some of the successes that he's had. And last
19 but not least, I want to thank all of you. If I've met
20 you, you've definitely had some impact in my life, and
21 if I haven't met you yet, I'm looking forward to the
22 impact that you will have on my life. Thank you so
23 much, and I'm excited to serve you as your newest
24 commissioner.

25 MAYOR TUCCI: Thank you, Commissioner Kelly.

1 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Thank you.

2 MAYOR TUCCI: Madam Clerk, do we have any
3 presentations today?

4 THE CLERK: We do not.

5 MAYOR TUCCI: We do not. Okay. Before I
6 entertain a motion for adjournment, one final
7 statement. Thank you to our Clerk, Eleni Pettas, for
8 putting this together today.

9 THE CLERK: Thank you.

10 MAYOR TUCCI: Jason Kirk for putting all of this
11 technology together and stuff, Sal for always being
12 here for us, and just one last message to the people of
13 the Township of Nutley, our beloved citizens. Alone,
14 any one of your commissioners will do good things.
15 Together, we are going to do great things. You are
16 always our top priority. We look out for you, and we
17 will protect you to the best of our ability. So thank
18 you all. I will entertain a motion of adjournment.

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20 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Move it.

21 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Second.

22 THE CLERK: Commissioner Kelly.

23 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Commissioner Evans?

25 COMMISSIONER EVANS: Aye.

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1 THE CLERK: Commissioner Petracco?
2 COMMISSIONER PETRACCO: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Commissioner Scarpelli?
4 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Mayor Tucci.
6 MAYOR TUCCI: Aye. Thank you very much.
7 THE CLERK: And the time is 1:17.
8 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: (Indiscernible).
9 THE CLERK: Sorry.
10 COMMISSIONER SCARPELLI: See you at 7.
11 THE CLERK: See you all at 7.
12 COMMISSIONER KELLY: Take care, everyone.

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