

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AND PLANNING BOARD

October 29, 2008

The Special Joint Meeting of the Township Council and Planning Board of the Township of Vernon was convened at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at the Metairie Corp. Legends Hotel, 410 Route 517, Vernon, New Jersey with Mayor Austin Carew presiding for the Township Council and Chairman Gornstein presiding for the Planning Board.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Township Clerk advised that adequate notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 was provided to the newspapers on October 27, 2008 and a copy of the notice was posted at the Municipal Building.

The Planning Board secretary advised that adequate notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 was provided to the New Jersey Herald and Star Ledger on October 27, 2008 and a copy of the notice was posted at the Municipal Building.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Mayor led the assemblage in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS - TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Present were Council members Richard Carson, Gary Grey, and Mayor Austin Carew. Glenn McLaughlin notified the Clerk he would be arriving late to tonight's meeting. Also present was Township Manager Melinda Carlton and Township Engineer, Louis Kneip.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS - PLANNING BOARD

Present were Planning Board Members, David Gornstein, Chair; Martin Theobald, Vice Chair; Mayor Austin Carew; Sam Lewin, Alt #1; and Vincent Zinno. Andy Borisuk notified the Board Secretary he would be arriving late. Also present were Board Attorney, Patrick McNamara, Esq.; Board Engineer, Louis M. Kneip, P.E.; and Board Secretary, Debra J Perry.

OPENING COMMENTS – TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Mayor Austin Carew thanked Mr. Al Warrington and his staff for the opportunity to tour the newly renovated areas of the Legends Hotel with Township Council and Planning Board officials. He stated everyone looks forward to seeing first-hand the property improvements completed to date and learning what improvements, including the addition of an extensive interior water park, are scheduled for completion. Mayor Carew further stated that with increasing regulatory and economic constraints, it is important more than ever for public and private interests to work together to create greater outcomes. The Legends and facility potential to create a year-round recreation destination point for the tri-state area.

Mayor Carew thanked Chairman Gornstein and members of the Planning Board for attending tonight's joint meeting with the Township Council and participating in the site visit with representatives of Metairie Corporation.

OPENING COMMENTS – PLANNING BOARD

Board Attorney, Patrick McNamara, Esq., introduced the Planning Board Chair, David Gornstein and the members of the Planning Board. The Chair thanked Mayor Austin Carew, Mr. Al Warrington and his staff for inviting the Planning Board to this site visit.

OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC – Township Council

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing and hearing no one from the public wishing to be heard, Mayor Carew closed the meeting to the public.

OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC – Planning Board

The Planning Board Chair opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing and hearing no one from the public wishing to be heard, Planning Board Chair closed the meeting to the public.

SITE VISIT

Mr. Tom Collins, Attorney for Metairie Corporation, introduced Mr. Stanley Forrest, Engineer for Metairie Corporation. Mr. Collins explained the completed renovations for the hotel and briefly outlined the conceptual plans and proposed renovations for the hotel facility, its amenities, and the water park. He then turned the site visit over to Mr. Al Warrington who led members of the Township Council and Planning Board on a tour of the newly renovated ballrooms, 6th floor of West wing and common lobby areas of the Legends Hotel.

ADJOURNMENT – Town Council

There being no further items of business to be conducted on the Meeting Agenda, a motion for Adjournment by the Township Council was made by Gary Grey, seconded by Richard Carson, with all members present voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT – Planning Board

There being no further items of business to be conducted on the Meeting agenda, a motion for Adjournment by the Planning Board was made by Sam Lewin, seconded by Vincent Zinno, with all members present voting in favor.

The Joint Meeting of the Township Council and Planning Board of the Township of Vernon adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin R, Kline, MAS, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved: December 1, 2008