

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006 – AGENDA MEETING

Present: Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Vice Chair Bette Jane Kowalski, Freeholder Adrian O. Mapp, Freeholder Rick Proctor, Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan and Freeholder Nancy Ward. Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon and Freeholder Chester Holmes were absent. Also present are the County Manager George W. Devanney, County Counsel Robert Barry, and Clerk of the Board Nicole L. DiRado

The following items were discussed:

1. Contract Negotiations Relative to the Union County Improvement Authority and the . . .

Guest: Jonathan Williams, Esq. and Kevin Cansella, DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick and Gluck, Legal Counsel to the UCIA

. . . The Board would like negotiations to continue and an information packet will be forwarded.

(Minutes redacted – discussion involves ongoing contract negotiations. See N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(7)).

2. Contract Negotiations Relative to the Union County Improvement Authority with respect to the Linden Theatre Project

Guest: Jonathan Williams, Esq. and Kevin Cansella, DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick and Gluck, Counsel to the UCIA

The UCIA is requesting a guarantee of additional bonds to pay for additional expenses owed to the contractor and architect in the amount of approximately \$1,250,000 for a fountain, lighting, and sound system changes. Although the UCIA is requesting an authorization for up to an additional \$1,450,000 of the Local Finance Board, the change orders are closer to \$1,250,000. The Board has requested additional information before the introduction of the Ordinance.

3. Contract Negotiations: Teamsters Local 102 Secondary Supervisors

Guest: Joseph Salemme, Labor Negotiator

A discussion relative to the negotiations with the Teamsters Local 102 contract for January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007 ensued. This contract affects 12 – 13 people. They are the main supervisors in the Division of Welfare. Additional information attached.

4. Contract Negotiations: FOP 103 Sheriff's Superior Officers
Guest: Joseph Salemme, Labor Negotiator

A discussion relative to the negotiations with the FOP 103 Sheriff's Superior Officers contract for January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2009. Additional information attached.

Joe Salemme recommends to allow retirees to be bought out of the county's health insurance policy and be insured under a spouse's policy, and if they need to come back to the policy. . . .

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5. Contract Negotiations: PBA 73 County Police & PBA 73A County Police Superiors
Guest: Joseph Salemme, Labor Negotiator

A discussion relative to the negotiations with the PBA 73 County Police & PBA 73A County Police Superiors contracts from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2009. The PBAs agreed to have officers work an additional 45 minutes per day which would add an additional 6,850 man hours per year, which represents the equivalent of 3.33 additional positions to the force. This is a cost effective way of putting additional officers on the streets and it should cut down on overtime significantly. Please see attachment.

6. Ongoing Litigation: Nwaka v. Union County: A participant in SLAP program did not fulfill the requirements. As a result of his actions, he was returned to Court and was sentenced to Jail. Now he is suing the County.
7. Attorney Client Privilege: Families First: Gang Counseling Initiative: A discussion relative to legal issues and policy as to whether or not County may provide an incentive to get kids to attend the counseling sessions took place and how to legally pay them or provide the incentive.
8. Potential Land Acquisition . . . :

Guests: Vikki Durbin, Trust Fund Administrator, Michael Brennan, Deputy Trust Fund Administrator, Charles Sigmund, Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities

. . . The County Manager requests permission to negotiate . . . The Board supports.

(Minutes redacted – discussion involves potential acquisition of real property).