



THE BOROUGH OF BRENTWOOD

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BOROUGH OF BRENTWOOD AUGUST 31 2015 – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 7:00 P.M.

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- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Vice President John Frombach. Mr. Frombach: Prior to the meeting the Council did not have an Executive Session.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- 3. Roll Call.**

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
Mr. Carnevale	X		Ms Fox	X	
Mr. Schubert	X		Mr. Frombach	X	
Mr. Trent		X	Mr. Vickless		X
Dr. Pasquantonio	X		Mayor Troy	X	
Solicitor Levine	X		Asst. Manager Peccon	X	

4. Communications. None.

Mr. Frombach: At this time, I request Solicitor Levine to address the ruling of Public Comment before the items on the Agenda we have this evening.

Solicitor Levine: I have three (3) active resignations submitted by Council members, received on August 24, 2015, and August 25, 2015. The resignations are from Mr. Dean Trent, Ms Stephanie Fox and Mr. Martin Vickless. They resigned from Council and the four remaining members of Council in a quorum called a meeting to act on the resignations under State Law that covers Borough Council may accept the resignations or not accept the resignation by obligation of law. The resignation becomes effective within 45 days after August 24, 2015 and August 25, 2015 when submitted. Council scheduled this meeting at this time and was obligated to reorganize Council as Mr. Martin Vickless is Council President. The two (2) items on Agenda this evening,



the resignation letters and the reorganization of Council, under the Code, the current Council members have the opportunity to fill the vacancies. Until the election in November, two (2) members Ms Stephanie Fox, Mr. Martin Vickless' terms expire December 31, 2015 and Mr. Dean Trent in a four (4) year term to expire December 31, 2017. Since this meeting was called Ms Stephanie Fox rescinded her resignation and after 4:00 p.m. Mr. Martin Vickless rescinded his resignation. He has the right to do so under the Borough Code. Since he is still Council President we will no longer reorganize based on a single member not being in office. It is now for consideration that Council accept the resignation of Mr. Dean Trent. Mr. Trent submitted a letter, indicating it was his pleasure to serve the Borough and for personal reasons he was simply going to resign. The public is entitled to engage in public comment to influence Council to make a decision. It is a vacant seat effective September 20, 2015 should Council accept the letter of resignation or not accept the resignation and let it go to the effective date September 20, 2015. We are not going to get into conversation regarding this as there are a lot of rumors, this is not the forum should we accept the Council resignation at this meeting.

Vice President Frombach: To speak, state your name, place of residence and what you wish to state.

a. Nancy Wright, Woodrow Ave., came before Council: Should Council decide not to vote on it does he have the time to rescind at that time?

Solicitor Levine: No. The resignation of Mr. Dean Trent was received on August 24, 2015 and the effective date is September 20, 2015. Council may accept the resignation or take no action. If no action is taken, it is not an open period until September 20, 2015. If you accept the resignation today you take that opportunity to rescind it.

Vice President Frombach: Are there any other comments or questions? None. We will now address Item No. 5 on the Agenda.

5. Consider accepting the August 25, 2015 Letter of Resignation from Councilman Trent.

Mr. Vice President, I move to accept the August 25, 2015 Letter of Resignation from Councilman Trent as submitted.

Motion By: M -1		Mr. Schubert			
Second By:		Dr. Pasquantonio			
Member	AYE	NAY	Member	AYE	NAY
Mr. Carnevale	X		Ms Fox	X	
Mr. Schubert	X		Mr. Frombach	X	
Mr. Trent		Absent	Mr. Vickless		Absent
Dr. Pasquantonio	X		Mayor Troy		

Vice President Frombach stated, "Motion carried." 5 AYES. 2 ABSENT.

Vice President Frombach: As the Solicitor stated, since the Council President rescinded his resignation there is no reason at this time to take any action to reorganize Council at this time. The other issue tonight to discuss the appointment for Mr. Dean Trent, the Council has 30 days to fill that vacant seat.

Mr. Carnevale: Solicitor, Council just accepted the resignation of Mr. Dean Trent and his resignation will take effect on September 20, 2105. He didn't offer this as an immediate resignation. Discussion was on the vote for the resignation of Mr. Dean Trent.

Per the previous discussion and announcement by the Borough Solicitor, the following four (4) items on the Agenda will not be addressed:

6. Nomination and Election of Council President

7. Nomination and Election of Council Vice-President

8. Nomination and Election of Council President Pro-Tem

9. Appointment of Council Committees

10. Discuss Process for seeking individuals to fill vacant Council Seat.

Vice President Frombach: We do not have another Council meeting until September 22, 2015. Does Council wish to decide to announce to the community that we will receive letters of application for a term to expire in 2017? We are already past the 60 days for filing of the municipal election. If appointed to this position they will serve until December 31, 2017. How does Council wish to proceed? Do you want applications from people in the community to fill the seat for the next year and a half?

Mr. Schubert: I think applications would be fine.

Mr. Carnevale: Anybody within the Borough, must be a citizen of the Borough for at least one year to be eligible as a candidate for the position. The Council would then review every application then make a decision.

Vice President Frombach: September 15th is the deadline (1) week prior to the scheduled Council meeting. We would review the applications and appoint a resident to Council on September 22, 2015, at the Regular Council meeting.

Solicitor Levine: This should be in writing with a resume attached expressing interest for the position.

Mr. Carnevale: After you review the application do you want to interview anyone?

Vice President Frombach: This should be in the newspaper for interested residents of the Borough of Brentwood residing within the Borough for at least one (1) year, are age 18 and over are eligible to apply for the vacancy. The paperwork must be submitted no later than September 15, 2015 at the close of business. (The letter of consideration and the resume).

Mr. Carnevale: That is okay with me.

Mr. Schubert: That is okay.

Dr. Pasquantonio: That is fine.

Ms Fox: That is fine with me.

11. Public Comment – Please try to limit remarks to 3 minutes. None.

12. Adjournment. Vice President Frombach: I will now call for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Motion By: M - 2		Mr. Carnevale			
Second By:		Dr. Pasquantonio			
Member	AYE	NAY	Member	AYE	NAY
Mr. Carnevale	X		Ms Fox	X	
Mr. Schubert	X		Mr. Frombach	X	
Mr. Trent		Absent	Mr. Vickless		Absent
Dr. Pasquantonio	X		Mayor Troy		

Vice President Frombach stated, "Motion carried." 5 AYES. 2 ABSENT.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Garase
Administrative Assistant

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BOROUGH OF BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT

The Borough of Brentwood is a unified, family-oriented community with a strong commitment to civic pride and traditions. While preserving these standards, ideals and traditions, the community shall strive to provide a high quality of life for all, a superior educational system and residential areas with a more suburban character. The community shall support established businesses while encouraging future economic development and effective local government, all within a safe and clean environment.