

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
January 12, 2026**

A Worksession Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Council President Coyle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Coyle, Dima, Kentos, Patel, and Patil

Councilmember Brescher and Shmuel were absent.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Rainone, Business Administrator Alves-Viveiros, Director of Finance DeRoberts, Police Sgt. Mieczkowski, Fire Chief Toth and Cameraman Bhatti

The Township Clerk advised that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, has been provided by an Annual Notice sent to The Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger, Desi Talk and News India Times on November 17, 2025 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

This meeting is available on the following link:

<https://cablecast.edisonnj.org/internetchannel/show/3972?query=council+&fullText=false>

4. PRESENTATION 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR COUNTRY

Council President Coyle read into the record:

This year, 2026, communities all across the Country will be participating in America 250 the celebration of the 250 Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and the founding of the United States.

Tonight, Edison will kick off America 250-Edison. A celebration of unity in Edison, and pride in the United States. For months, a growing committee of Township employees, historic and community organizations have come together to plan a series of events that recognize Edison's Revolutionary heritage.

Events that Edison has traditionally done such as the Memorial Day Parade and the July 4th celebration will be enhanced to include America 250-Edison, and new events are being planned for all ages, and in all parts of the Township.

As a life-long Edison resident I know this will be an exciting year.

Edison TV has been hard at work creating a series of historic minutes that will be shown on Edison TV this year. From the settlement of this area in 1666 to the Edison we know today, these minutes will tell our history in a visual way.

Tonight, we will premier one of these minutes, and then there will be a presentation by the Edison High Drama Class of life in Edison in 1776, and a presentation of the America 250 flag to the township. So now without any more delay, let the celebration begin!

Council Vice President Kentos, he is part of Rev 250 Committee gave a brief overview of the Committee function and events.

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA
FROM MAYOR JOSHI:**

a. through m No comments were made

6. PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V, "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND AGENCIES," OF CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE.

No comments were made.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39, "LAND USE," SECTION §39-12.15, "TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE," OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON

Councilmember Patil asked because this won't be a public meeting, will those meeting minutes be documented and available on the website.

Mr. Rainone explained the way this is being redesigned and part of the reason why the changes is going on because the Technical Review Committee is really just that it's a technical review of the application. Once those notes are done that application then will go to the planning board, so yes, by that nature they would be publicly available. He explained the purpose is to streamline the process.

7. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. through u. Councilmember Patil is happy to see the change in contracts.

8. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. through e. No comments were made

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

a. No comments were made.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. through j. No comments were made.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

a. No comments were made.

12. ORAL PTEITIONS AND REMARKS:

Akhtar Nasser, passed out to all Councilmembers, Attorney and Administration a summary of questions, state statues and ordinances. He will meet with the Attorney after the meeting. The Attorney will review all his concerns.

Anthony DeAmorin suggested, as a point of recommendation the council to allow back and forth with the public.

Hearing no further comments, this public hearing was closed, on a motion made by Councilmember Patil seconded by Councilmember Patel, with all in favor.

13. POINTS OF LIGHT:

Council President Coyle announced the following upcoming events.

Clerk's office is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, January 15th in Council Chambers from 10:00am to 4:00pm, see flyer on website to sign up. Monday, January 19th, Township offices will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration In service day on January 20th at Minnie B, Veal open to public 5:00pm – 9:00pm

14. DISCUSSION ITEM:

Councilmember Brescher:

- a. absent

Councilmember Dima:

- a. None

Councilmember Kentos:

- a. None

Councilmember Patel

- a. None

Councilmember Patil

- a. None

Councilmember Shmuel

- a. Absent

Council President Coyle

- a. If anyone has any concerns, please reach out to Council President by email jcoyle@edisonnj.gov.

On a motion made by Councilmember Patil seconded by Councilmember Kentos with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm

Joseph Coyle
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk