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**MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 27th, 2023**

CM Matt Carlucci called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

CM Matt Carlucci began the discussion by inquiring about the boundaries of CM Mike Gay's district, with a specific interest in its extension to Nassau County and the diverse demographics it encompasses. CM Gay provided detailed insights into his district, highlighting its unique characteristics and the variety of constituents he represents.

The conversation shifted towards the pressing issue of infrastructure and development within the district. CM Gay underscored the necessity for improved infrastructure, lamenting that the roads in his district have remained unchanged since his childhood. He emphasized the significance of thoughtful development that benefits the community without causing adverse effects to existing residents and their dreams.

As the meeting progressed, both council members delved into the challenges brought about by rapid development. They discussed the impacts new subdivisions have on existing ones, focusing on issues such as water table changes and the resulting flooding problems. This part of the discussion illuminated the complexity and interconnectedness of urban development and environmental factors.

CM Carlucci reflected on his experiences from previous terms, stressing the importance of zoning and community engagement. He shared insights on the value of staying closely connected with community planners to remain informed about upcoming developments and to effectively address the needs of the community.

The economic impact of policies, such as the six-cent gas tax, was a significant point of concern, particularly its effect on independent drivers in the district. The council members discussed the real-world implications of such policies, underscoring the need for a balance between economic measures and their impact on the community.

The meeting then moved towards the topic of recreational facilities and parks. CM Gay advocated for more well-equipped parks and made comparisons with neighboring counties, suggesting that there's room for improvement in the planning and development of recreational spaces in his district.

Transportation and road safety were also high on the agenda. The council members expressed concerns about the current state of two-lane roads and the challenges they face in keeping up with the rapid pace of development. They discussed the need for better traffic management and road safety measures.

A public comment was made by John Nooney.

CM Carlucci and CM Gay reiterated their commitment to collaborative efforts aimed at addressing the challenges discussed. They emphasized the importance of working together and with other stakeholders to bring about positive changes in their respective districts.

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