

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. read the OPMA Statement into the record as follows:

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

This meeting of the Fairfield Township Committee shall come to order. The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meeting of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interests are discussed or acted upon. This meeting held on this 11th day of December 2019 at the Fairfield Municipal Building in Fairton New Jersey is held pursuant to notice of date, time and place of same having been submitted to The South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal, and The Press of Atlantic City on January 3, 2019 and also duly posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Township Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF PRAYER

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. led the flag salute followed by a moment of prayer given by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., present; Committeeman David Gonzalez, present and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present.

NOT PRESENT

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. and Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT

Acting Township Administrator Burden, Township Solicitor Carr and Township Clerk Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2019

CLOSED SESSION MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Regular Action Meeting and Closed Session minutes of November 13, 2019. There were none. Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr. entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to approve the Regular Action and Closed Session Minutes of November 13, 2019 as written seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote:

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. yes.

REVIEW OF BILL LISTS PROVIDED BY CFO

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the bill lists provided by the Chief Financial Officer. There were no questions.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 159 - 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 159 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$195,679.49

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 159 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. read the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items into the record as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS & NON AGENDA ITEMS

In order for the Committee to conduct the business of the Township in the most productive manner possible, meeting attendees will be given five (5) minutes, all-inclusive to comment on any agenda item(s) without comment or question from the Committee and any non-agenda items including all dialogue, questions and responses from both the speaker and the Committee for the designated public portion of the meeting. There may be no transference of a speaker's time to other attendees. Please step up to the microphone at the appropriate time, and state your name and address for the record.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. entertained a motion to open Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to open seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

There were no comments.

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. entertained a motion to close Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to close seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. arrived at 6:15 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. read the following Resolutions into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 160 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS - 2019 BUDGET

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 160 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 161 - 2019

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 158 - 2019 APPOINTING TYRONE DUPREE AS FULL TIME PUBLIC WORKS LABORER

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 161 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 162 - 2019

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT OF \$851.53 TO LEONARD W. CHAMBERS, SR.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 162 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 163 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE SALE, RECYCLING OR PROPER DISPOSAL OF VARIOUS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 163 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. announced that the Township Committee will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Resolution No. 164 - 2019 and that action is anticipated. Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. announced that the Township Committee will reconvene into Open Session after the Executive Session.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. read into the record Resolution No. 164 - 2019 and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 164 - 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(4) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5) REQUEST TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(6) BUILDING SECURITY

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8) EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 164 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. arrived at 6:20 p.m.

The Township Committee is now in Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session with all members present.

Township Solicitor Carr announced that the doors are now open at 6:58 p.m. after having discussed Union Contract, Request to Purchase Real Property, Building Security and Personnel Matters.

As a result of the Executive Session, Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. read the following Resolutions into the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 165 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A MECHANIC ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 165 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 166 - 2019

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT TO ACTING ZONING OFFICER

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 166 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 167 - 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP AND NJCSA CUMBERLAND COUNCIL #18

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 167 - 2019 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

Committeeman David Gonzalez wished everyone a Happy Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and to have a safe Happy Holiday.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd announced that we made it another year and that it's been a pleasure working with the members of the Township Committee and he thanked them for not giving up when situations arise that are and can be difficult. He stated this is not an easy job and is very tiresome at times. He thanked the staff for all they do and that we must continue to move forward.

Mayor Byrd thanked the residents for coming out tonight and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

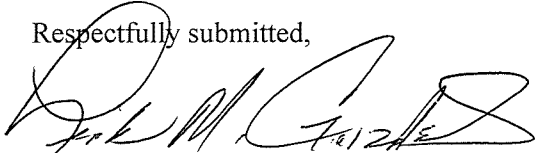
In closing, Mayor Byrd announced on the upcoming Employee Christmas Party at the Progressive Club on December 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda M. Gonzales', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk