

AGENDA
FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
AUGUST 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Byrd 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 5th day of August 2020 via teleconference is held pursuant to notice of change of meeting location, time and format of same having been submitted to The South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal, and The Press of Atlantic City on July 29, 2020 and also duly posted on the Township website.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF PRAYER

Mayor Byrd 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; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., present; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Sr., present; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Burden, Township Solicitor Marmero and Township Clerk Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING JULY 15, 2020

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes for the Regular Action Meeting of July 15, 2020. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 2020 as written seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., abstained; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., abstained.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer. There were no questions.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 119 - 2020 into the record as follows and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 119 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$992,531.36

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 119 - 2020 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.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 120 - 2020 into the record and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 120 - 2020

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING A QUESTION TO BE PLACED UPON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 120 - 2020 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; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 121 - 2020 into the record and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 121 - 2020

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING A QUESTION TO BE PLACED UPON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 121 - 2020 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.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 122 - 2020 into the record. Mayor Byrd advised that the Township received two (2) responses to the RFP/RFQ for Township Solicitor, one from Warren, New Jersey and the other from Grace Marmero & Associates, LLP of Woodbury, New Jersey. He indicated that Grace Marmero & Associates, LLP are the Township's Labor Counsel, Tax Appeal Attorney and Tax Foreclosure Attorney and their services to the Township have been good and their office is located in Woodbury office much closer to Fairfield Township. Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. The Township Committee concurred that it would be in the best interest of the Township to appoint the firm of Grace Marmero & Associates, LLP as the Township's Solicitor. There being no further questions, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 122 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPOINTING A TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 122 - 2020 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; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Albert K. Marmero, Esquire entered into the record his gratitude for the appointment and the Township's confidence as their legal representative.

Mayor Byrd read the Resolutions under Consent Agenda and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Resolution No. 123 - 2020 through Resolution No. 124 - 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 123 - 2020 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 124 - 2020)

The Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial & do not require individual discussion. A motion approving the Consent Agenda is moved, seconded and voted upon as one item by the Township Committee. If any discussion is requested on a Consent Agenda item, it is removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 123 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 124 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ACTING PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda 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; Deputy Mayor Marvin

Pierce, Jr. yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman David Gonzalez gave the Township Committee an update regarding the Corona Virus at the Fairton Federal Prison. He advised that he would keep the Mayor abreast as they continue to monitor the situation.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman David Gonzalez thanked those who joined our teleconference meeting tonight and to always wear a face mask and keep practicing social distancing. He reported that the numbers have spiked up again in New Jersey and for the residents and the staff to be safe.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. advised everyone to please keep practicing social distancing and wear your face masks in public places.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. thanked those for being a part of tonight's teleconference meeting and he hopes that everyone made it through the storm safely.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. gave thanks to those who took the time out in order to join our teleconference meeting tonight. He reported that the recent storm affected a lot of parts of the Township. He stated that there are still many residents without power and most likely will be out for several days and hope that the power will be restored shortly.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd reiterated the same comments from the members of the governing body and for taking this COVID-19 seriously. He reported that this storm was a devastating one. He urged residents in need to visit the churches who are giving out food and water. He also gave thanks to those who joined our teleconference meeting tonight and for everyone to be safe.

Mayor Byrd 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 state your name and address for the record at the appropriate time.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved and 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.

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue inquired as to what is the Public Question on Resolution No. 120 - 2020.

Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Ridgeway that the Public Question to be printed on the ballot is for the formation of a 24/7 paid Ambulance Service. Ms. Ridgeway thanked the Mayor and that she hopes that everyone is doing well and that she hopes that we will all see each other in person one day soon and for everyone to have a nice evening.

There being no further comments, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items.

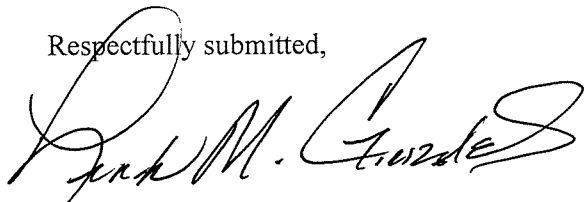
Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda M. Gonzales". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "G".

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk