

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
MAY 19, 2021

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 19th day of May 2021 via teleconference is held pursuant to notice having been submitted to The South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal, and The Press of Atlantic City on January 11, 2021 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 Mark K. Pierce, Sr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

MEMBER ABSENT

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Michael Burden, Township Solicitor Al Marmero and Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING MAY 5, 2021

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to table the Work Session Action Meeting minutes of May 5, 2021 to the next scheduled meeting.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to table the Work Session Acting Meeting minutes of May 5, 2021 to the next scheduled meeting seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

Committeeman David Gonzalez was on teleconference call at 6:05 p.m.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions and or conflicts on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer to please put them on the record.

Mayor Byrd and Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. entered into the record their conflict with regard to payable #00031 to South State, Inc.

There being no further questions and or conflicts, Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 92 - 2021 and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 92 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$360,738.24

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 92 - 2021 seconded by

Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes, but abstained on payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes, but abstained on payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 93 - 2021 into the record as follows and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 93 - 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 30, LOT 5

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 93 - 2021 seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., abstained, Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd read the Consent Agenda into the record and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 94 - 2021 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 96 - 2021)

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. 94 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S) TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS

PERMIT NO. 11 - 2021 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 398 CLARKS POND ROAD [993' TO C/L OF RAMAH ROAD]

PERMIT NO. 12 - 2021 / INSTALLATION OF GAS MAIN / SUNSET AVENUE [210' SOUTH C/L OF EAST COMMERCE STREET]

RESOLUTION NO. 95 - 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FODR THE ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 96 - 2021

A RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0605-33-003-002 TO TERRIGNO'S FAIRFIELD INN, LLC LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2021-2022 LICENSING TERMS

On a motion by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda 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 Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT / REMARKS

Committeeman David Gonzalez thanked everyone who called in to join our teleconference meeting and apologized for being a late tonight.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. gave thanks to all who took their time out to join our teleconference meeting and for everyone to be and stay safe.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked everyone for being involved tonight and for everyone to stay safe.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd thanked everyone that took their time out tonight to join our teleconference meeting and for everyone to use caution as many places are opening up from being locked down due to the pandemic.

Mayor Byrd read the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items 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. At the appropriate time, please state your name and address for the record.

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

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

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

There was no need for an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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

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 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk