

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
MAY 5, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Byrd read the Open Public Meetings Act 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

Mayor Byrd led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman David Gonzalez, present; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. and Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Regular Action minutes of April 21, 2021. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING APRIL 21, 2021

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to approve the Regular Action minutes of April 21, 2021 as written seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (TWO)

Mayor Byrd read Ordinance No. 3 - 2021 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 363 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, ENTITLED "RENTAL DWELLINGS" SPECIFICALLY CREATING SECTION 363A-1 SHORT TERM RENTALS OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 3 - 2021.

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

There being no comments, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close Public Hearing.

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

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3 - 2021 on final reading.

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

Mayor Byrd read Ordinance No. 4 - 2021 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 4 - 2021

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION AND CONFIGURATION OF A NEW SERVER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) THEREFORE

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 4 - 2021.

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

There being no comments, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close Public Hearing.

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

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 4 - 2021 on final reading.

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

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 entered into the record his conflict with regard to payable #21-00281 to South State, Inc.

There being no further questions and or conflicts, Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 88 - 2021 and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 88 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$921,304.99

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 88 - 2021 seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes, but abstained on payable #21-00281 for South State, Incorporated.

Mayor Byrd read the Consent Agenda into the record. Mayor Byrd explained Resolution No. 91 - 2021 in to the record 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. 89 - 2021 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 91 - 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. 89 - 2021

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

PERMIT NO. 8 - 2021 / INSTALLATION OF GAS MAIN / HAWTHORNE AVENUE [597' TO 743' EAST OF C/L OF FINLAW AVENUE]

PERMIT NO. 9 - 2021 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 413 CLARKS POND ROAD [485' WEST OF C/L RAMAH ROAD]

PERMIT NO. 10 - 2021 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 405 CLARKS POND ROAD [665' NW C/L RAMAH ROAD]

RESOLUTION NO. 90 - 2021

TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO 100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN AND CANCELS 2021 TAX AMOUNT / BLOCK 31, LOT 38.03

RESOLUTION NO. 91 - 2021

EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION

On a motion by Committeeman David Gonzalez to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman David Gonzalez had no Old Business at this time.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. had no Old Business at this time

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. had no Old Business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. announced that the Cumberland County Health Department will be hosting a vaccination clinic on Monday, May 10, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Gouldtown Volunteer Fire Company situated on Route 49. He advised that you can pre-register and welcomed walk-ins. The COVID-19 clinic is open to the community as well as all other locals within Cumberland County.

Mayor Byrd announced that Johnson & Johnson will be the vaccine administered at the Gouldtown Volunteer Fire Company scheduled on May 10, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm which is administered as a one - time shot vaccination as an FYI if anyone is interested, the opportunity will be available on May 10, 2021.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT / REMARKS

Committeeman David Gonzalez reported that he was administered the Moderna vaccine approximately a month ago and that he did not experience any side effects. He encouraged the public to get their vaccination and if they knew someone in the community or outside of our community situated in Cumberland County that needs the vaccine, the opportunity will be held on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and he also thanked everyone for taking their time to join tonight's teleconference meeting.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. echoed the same remarks issued by Committeeman David Gonzalez and thanked everyone for tuning in tonight's teleconference meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd recapitulated the Committee's remarks. He announced that this opportunity of course is optional and it is available to the community if they would like to partake. Mayor Byrd thanked Deputy Mayor Pierce for having the Gouldtown Volunteer Fire Company as a location for the community to obtain their vaccination hosted by the Cumberland County Board of Health and he also thanked everyone who attended via teleconference tonight's meeting.

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.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda M. Gonzales". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" and last name "Gonzales" clearly legible.

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk