

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 1, 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 1st day of September 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 Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

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, Jr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Michael Burden, Charles Fiore, Marmero Law, LLC in place of 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 August 18, 2021. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING AUGUST 18, 2021

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to approve the minutes as written 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) (ONE)

Mayor Byrd read and explained Ordinance No. 5 - 2021 into the record and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions or concerns. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 5 - 2021 on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 5 - 2021

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VEHICLE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PURCHASE OF A SALTBOX FOR 2020 F-350 DUMP TRUCK AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE AND APPROPRIATING TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$22,000) THEREFORE

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.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions or concerns on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer. There were none.

RESOLUTION

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 118 - 2021 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 118 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,050.19

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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 119 - 2021 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 127 - 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. 119 - 2021

ADOPTION OF STATE MODEL CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR DCA SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 120 - 2021

IDENTIFYING SMALL CITIES FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 121 - 2021

APPROVING HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 122 - 2021

APPROVING PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 123 - 2021

APPROVING OF HOUSING REHABILITATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

RESOLUTION NO. 124 - 2021

APPROVING TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR APPROXIMATELY \$200,000 TO CARRY OUT A FISCAL YEAR 2022 HOUSING REHABILITATION FUND PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 125 - 2021

APPROVING TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR APPROXIMATELY \$400,000 TO CARRY OUT A FISCAL YEAR 2022 PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 126 - 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND SOLICIT RFP/RFQ FOR 2022 MUNICIPAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 127 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S) TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY PERMIT NO. 14 - 2021 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 27 HARTZ DRIVE (279' W C/L ROGERS DRIVE]

On a motion by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda seconded by Committeeman 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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT / REMARKS

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. had no reports or remarks at this time.

Committeeman David Gonzalez thanked everyone that is on tonight's call and to be safe as the weather is forecasted to be bad and also to be mindful that we are still in the COVID pandemic to keep social distancing and wear your face masks.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. echoed the same remarks as Committeeman Gonzalez.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked everyone that is on tonight's call for taking the time to tune in and reiterated the same remarks from his fellow committeemen.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd echoed the same remarks from the Township Committee. He advised that it has been reported that the COVID has accelerated up again and for everyone to be safe and stay safe during tonight's storm.

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. 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 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.

There were none. 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 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.

There was no need for an Executive Session.

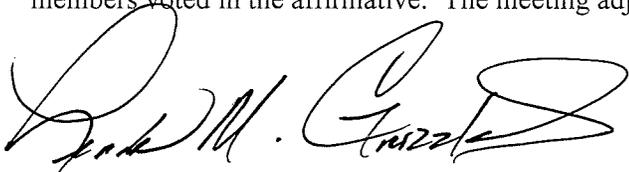
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk