

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
MARCH 2, 2022

Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Clark 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 ensure 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 2nd day of March 2022 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 10, 2022 and also duly posted on the Township website.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF PRAYER

Mayor Clark led the flag salute followed by a moment of prayer given by Committeeman Mike Peterson.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present; Committeeman David Gonzalez, present; Committeeman Mike Peterson, present and Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr., present.

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman.

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mayor Clark asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Regular Action minutes of February 16, 2022. There were none. Mayor Clark entertained a motion to approve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2022

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (TWO)

Mayor Clark read Ordinance No. 2 - 2022 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2 - 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTIES

Mayor Clark entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2 - 2022.

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark.

There being no comments, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2 - 2022.

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved and seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark.

Mayor Clark entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2 - 2022 on second and final reading.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

Mayor Clark read Ordinance No. 3 - 2022 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 18, LOT 5.02

Mayor Clark entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 3 - 2022.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

There being no comments, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 3 - 2022.

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark.

Mayor Clark entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3 - 2022 on second and final reading.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Mayor Clark asked the Township Committee if they had any questions and or conflicts on the Bill List provided by the Chief Financial Officer.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. entered his conflict on payable 00189 for Pierce Towing & Auto Repair. There being no further conflicts, Mayor Clark read Resolution No. 64 - 2022 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 64 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,429.52

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to adopt and seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes, but abstained on payable 00189; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 65 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALARY INCREASE TO THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR/PAYROLL/PENSION CLERK AND ZONING OFFICER

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to adopt and seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 66 - 2022 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 67 - 2022)

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. 66 - 2022

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF PUBLIC PROPERTY SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT VENDOR GOVDEALS, INCORPORATED

RESOLUTION NO. 67 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 18, LOT 5.02

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked everyone for joining tonight's teleconference meeting and to continue to try to be keep yourself and your families safe of COVID as the imposed restrictions have been lifted and to pray for the Ukraine and Russian people during the war and that it will be over soon.

Committeeman David Gonzalez mirrored the same remarks issued by Deputy Mayor Byrd and he also thanked those who joined tonight's teleconference meeting and their participation in our government democracy.

Committeeman Peterson echoed the same remarks and thanked God for our community for the peace that we have right now and to keep the Lord in prayer of what is going on in this world.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Clark echoed the same remarks from all the members of the governing body as we have a lot of things going on and some trying times with the Ukraine/Russian war and that he prays that the war will be over soon and less casualties and also to continue to be safe.

Mayor Clark 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 Clark entertained a motion to open the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non – Agenda Items.

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

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

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

There was no need for an Executive Session.

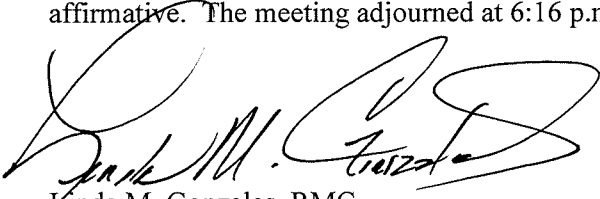
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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 Clark entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Byrd moved and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk