FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR ACTION MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE MARCH 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pierce 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 15th day of March 2023 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 5, 2023 and duly posted on the Township website.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF PRAYER

Mayor Pierce led the flag salute followed by a moment of prayer given by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman, present; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, present and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present.

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mayor Pierce asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Work Session Action minutes of March 1, 2023. There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to approve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING MARCH 1, 2023

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

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Mayor Pierce asked the Township Committee if they had any questions and or conflicts on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. entered his conflict on payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated.

There being no further questions and or conflicts, Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 68 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 68 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$484,931.84

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to adopt Resolution No. 68 - 2023 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes, but abstained on payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated, Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 69 - 2023 and Resolution No. 75 - 2023 into the record and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

At 6:05 p.m., Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 69 - 2023 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 75 - 2023)

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. 69 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF SALE

RESOLUTION NO. 70 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 71 - 2023

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 72 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A RAFFLE LICENSE TO WEST CUMBERLAND LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. RA1-2023 / ON PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE ON APRIL 15, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 73 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A RAFFLE LICENSE TO WEST CUMBERLAND LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. RA2-2023 / ON PREMISE SILENT AUCTION ON APRIL 15, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 74 - 2023

APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 75 - 2023

EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

On a motion by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 69 - 2023 through Resolution No. 75 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman had no report or remarks to make at this time. Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. had no report or remarks to make at this time. Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. had no report or remarks to make at this time. Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson had no report or remarks to make at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked everyone who called in and that he appreciates their time.

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

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

Hearing no comments, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close Public Comment on Current Agenda & Non-Agenda Items.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, 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)

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

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

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC

Township Clerk