

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 6, 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 6th day of September 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 roll call was recorded as follows:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman and Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING AUGUST 16, 2023

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY THE 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 with payable No. 00031 to South State, Incorporated. There being no further conflicts or questions, Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 137 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 137 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,430.41

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 137 - 2023 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Byrd, yes, but abstained on payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated, Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

Mayor Pierce read the Consent Agenda into the record and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. stated that he would have to abstain on Resolution No. 139 - 2023.

Mayor Pierce recommended pulling Resolution No. 142 - 2023 from the Consent Agenda to allow time to review the findings by the Planning & Zoning Board and asked the Township Committee if they had any

objections in deferring said Resolution. There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to pull Resolution No. 142 - 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 142 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE FINDINGS OF THE MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION REPORT

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved to pull Resolution No. 142 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Byrd, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

There being no further objections or abstentions, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Resolution No. 138 - 2023, Resolution No. 139 - 2023, Resolution No. 140 - 2023 and Resolution No. 141 - 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 138 - 2023, RESOLUTION NO. 139 - 2023, RESOLUTION NO. 140 - 2023 AND RESOLUTION NO. 141 - 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. 138 - 2023

A RESOLUTION A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND SOLICIT RFP/RFQ FOR 2024 MUNICIPAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 139 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF A CANNABIS LICENSE TO BLAZIN BUDDIEZ, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 140 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIRING WESLEY G. SAVAGE AS FULL TIME PUBLIC WORKS LABORER

RESOLUTION NO. 141- 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR A CONTRACT WITH CAPRI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED FOR THE PHASE 3 ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING RESULTING IN AN INCREASE OF \$1,380.32 SERVICES TO THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 138 - 2023, Resolution No. 140 - 2023 and Resolution No. 141 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Byrd, yes, but abstained from Resolution No. 139 - 2023; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESIGNATION LETTER FROM MEMBER OF THE CANNABIS REVIEW BOARD

Mayor Pierce reported on the resignation letter received from member of the Cannabis Review Board. The Township will seek a new member to fill the unexpired vacancy.

No New Business to report from the Township Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked everyone for joining tonight's teleconference meeting.

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson also thanked everyone for calling in tonight's meeting and to be cautious as COVID is still within.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Marvin Pierce reiterated the same remarks provided by Committeeman Byrd and Deputy Mayor Peterson. Mayor Pierce stated that he hopes everyone is staying safe and cool as the weather has been hot the past few days and another day of hot weather is forecasted.

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

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

There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close Public Comment on Current Agenda and Non-Agenda Items.

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

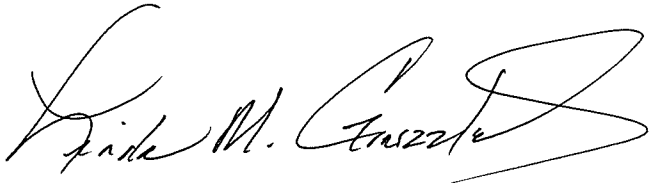
ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. announced the next Township Committee will be held via teleconference at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk