

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING  
MAY 1, 2024

The Work Session Action Meeting of the Township Committee of Fairfield Township was held on May 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference with Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. called the meeting to order.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024 is held pursuant to notice having been submitted to The South Jersey Times and The Daily Journal on January 8, 2024 and duly posted on the Township website and Bulletin Board.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF PRAYER

The flag salute was led by Mayor Pierce followed by a moment of prayer provided by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeewoman Julia Burrus, yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING APRIL 17, 2024

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to approve the Regular Action minutes of April 17, 2024 as written seconded by Committeewoman Julia Burrus. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) (ONE)

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 5 - 2024 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 5 - 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FIXING THE SALARIES AND / OR WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 5 - 2024 on first reading.

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

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (TWO)

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 3 - 2024 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 3 - 2024.

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

There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close Public Hearing.

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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3 - 2024 on final reading.

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

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 4 - 2024 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 4 - 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 326 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, ENTITLED "NOISE"

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 4 - 2024.

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

There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close Public Hearing.

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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 4 - 2024 on final reading.

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

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. There were none.

RESOLUTION

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 77 - 2024 into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 77 - 2024

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$878,440.35

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved seconded by Committeewoman Julia Burrus. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeewoman Julia Burrus had no report or remarks to make at this time.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked everyone for calling in tonight.

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson had no report or remarks to make at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Pierce thanked everyone for taking the time out on this beautiful day to join tonight's teleconference meeting.

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. Please step up at the appropriate time and state your name and address for the record.

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

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved seconded by Committeewoman Julia Burrus. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Burrus, yes, Committeeman Byrd, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

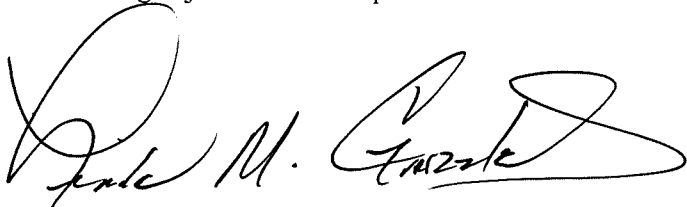
There was no need for an Executive Session.

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 Committeewoman Julia Burrus. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Municipal Clerk