

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on June 22, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

Members of the Council and all those present gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Small: Please rise for our Flag Salute and a moment of silence for our men and women serving in our military.

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on December 18, 2020. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cory Spillar, Gregg Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Brian Small.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Drumm, Kyle Anderson

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Marta Lefsky-Darden, Director of Planning and Development
Robert Hubner, Director of Police
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq. (Arrived 6:50 P.M.)
Eric Lange, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from June 1, 2021?

Council Vice President Bauer moved the adoption of the following minutes seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council Meeting:

June 1, 2021

The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinances by title on Second Reading as Consent stating that copies of these Ordinances were posted on the bulletin board.

A. ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH R&O WOODBRIDGE URBAN RENEWAL II, LLC (BLOCK: 196.01, LOT: 10.01).

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council President Small moved the public hearing to be held on this Ordinance and carried unanimously.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Congratulated Councilwomen Drumm on winning her reelection and thanked Mr. Mitch, his staff, and all the poll workers for conducting a fair election. Spoke not in favor of giving tax breaks to new residents coming into Woodbridge when current residents are paying 100%. Asked the Council what is the expected assessed value of this property that is related to this ordinance? Continued speaking and asked if it's 48 million over 30 years at a reduced rate does that mean it would be 150 million if the rate wasn't reduced or 100 million? Addressed Mayor McCormac saying he must know what the full assessed value would be and what the property would pay over the next 30 years if we didn't give them a tax break. Said the Mayor owes the school board 60 cents on a dollar, when you give them 30 cents on a dollar you still owe them 30 cents. Continued addressing the Mayor: So you didn't shortchange them 5 million dollars and they had to transfer money out of their surplus into the regular account because you shortchanged them? Asked Mayor McCormac if the School Board transferred money out of their surplus to cover the 5 million dollars. Urges the Council to vote no. Asked if it's more or less than 150 units being put on this property.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Council President I do not know the assessed value all I know is we're making 48 million dollars over 30 years so when the word abatement is thrown out people might assume that abatement means they're paying no taxes. The Russo Development on the Hess site is paying 38 to 48 million dollars over 30 years. We can get the assessed value if Mr. Gardner wants to fill out a public information request. Continued: I said you can request the information on the assessed value. I don't have the information in front of me, I don't want to make a mistake, just fill out a public information request and you can have the information but keep in mind that we keep 95% of pilots and only 25% of regular taxes. Any pilot no matter what the discount provides more money to the Township budget than regular taxes on any other

property and that money was what was used together with the other apartments downtown to pay for a brand new Ross Street School and to pay for an almost brand new Woodbridge Middle School so that the taxpayers didn't have to pay for those two projects and they got the benefit of the increase in property values by the virtue of two brand new schools. Continued: "it's not true, it's inaccurate. The school board does their budget and they calculate the amount they need from taxation and they send us that amount and we bill it and send it to them. Regardless of what the assessed value of any property is in the town they get every dollar they need. If a new company comes to town without a pilot that value would go into the base and the tax rate would be lowered but the school board still always gets every dollar they ask for so we are never ever shortchanging the school district by having pilots. Responded: We didn't shortchange them Mr. Gardner and you know that. We still owe them the money and we're paying them in kind because we have to build an extra floor on our parking deck up in the Ross Street area to make up for the additional staff that they have, that might be close to 3 million dollars. We're doing work on Woodbridge Middle School, that's coming off the 5 million dollars. We paved parking spaces behind Ross Street School that's coming off the 5 million dollars. We bought 79 Grove Street next to Woodbridge Middle School and tore it down, that's coming off the 5 million dollars. I can assure you we never shortchange the school district anything or they would be here complaining and they're not because they know it's true, they know we agreed to pay 5 million dollars toward the 2017 referendum. We haven't literally cut them a check yet because we are doing it in other ways, we're giving them in-kind. Replied no, told Mr. Gardner to ask the School Board.

Director of Planning and Development Marta Lefsky-Darden: It's in the vicinity of about 200-250.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke not in favor of this ordinance. Spoke about Woodbridge only having a limited amount of space left: "it's a desirable piece of land and you're giving it away".

Mayor John E. McCormac: Council President. Can I just point out this is the same argument we had with Station Village in Avenel. There are generally four options anytime there is a piece of land available in Woodbridge. It could be retail; clearly there is no need for retail there because the retail in Woodbridge Center there's six anchors vacant so there's no real demand at all for retail space on the Hess site. It could be an office building; there's no demand for an office space on the Hess site no one's going to build an office on the Hess site. It could be a warehouse; the last thing we want on upper Main Street with trucks up and down Main Street is a warehouse. The fourth option is residences. The apartments are going to be filled by people who commute to the city or to Jersey City or to other places, it was the best option for us just like it was the best option in Station Village in Avenel. This is not a decision we came to lightly but of those four choices, residences are the least intrusive on the taxpayers, residents, and citizens of Woodbridge Township and that's why we chose that option. Thank you.

Tom Maras, Fords: Spoke not in favor of this ordinance. Asked where exactly will the 250 units be located on the old Hess site. Asked if there was a traffic study, fire study, storage implications. Is worried about the impact the new apartments will have on the community and the traffic congestion it is going to create. Asked if there is any provision that they are going to make recharging units for electric cars within this complex itself. Spoke about these apartment

complexes will give us less tax revenue, it increases the infrastructure, our sewage, our electric, our vehicular, and our schools especially. Urges the Council to vote no.

Director of Planning and Development Marta Lefsky-Darden: They're directly across from Wegmans and if you go out there now you can see where they are, they're there. That is what is under construction right now. Honestly that was in front of the board several years ago I really don't remember.

Council Vice President Bauer moved the public hearing closed and this Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

B. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XI, ANIMAL CONTROL, OF THE WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES.

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council President Small moved the public hearing to be held on this Ordinance and carried unanimously.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Asked the Council for a detailed explanation for what Ordinance B and C mean. Thanked the Mayor for the explanation of Ordinance B and said it sounds like a good Ordinance.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Back in the horrific incident in Carteret where the young child was mauled by a dog we decided to take a look at all of our animal related Ordinances to see if they were current enough to protect our citizens from something similar. What we found was many of them were very old written a long time ago; one even referred to a telegraph that's how old it was. We sat with our attorney's and we went through probably a 60 day process of line by line word by word and coming up with whatever changes would be necessary to give us the control we needed to try to prevent anything like that from ever happening in Woodbridge. Recognizing that much of it has to do with enforcement of the existing Ordinances not necessarily to change them, but to make sure we protect the citizens of the Township of Woodbridge.

Council Vice President Bauer moved the public hearing closed and this Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

C. AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES AND THE CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council President Small moved the public hearing to be held on this Ordinance and carried unanimously.

Mr. Mitch: Mr. Gardner to answer your question so you don't have to go back to the microphone, this follows the state law that was recently enacted, it sets forth all the classes of cannabis; cultivating, manufacturing, sales, and this is basically setting them as a conditional use and indicating where these operations can occur, mostly designated to the M1 light industrial zone.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked where the location is and what the cannabis business will be. Asked if Eric Lange was talking about the medical marijuana spot and if he or anyone else knew the kind of problems they have over there. Stated they have a problem with people driving into the property. Replied to Business Administrator Cimilluca: when you talk about recreational marijuana, it will not be sold there? Continued expressing his concern about the medical marijuana shop and how much traffic it is going to create with recreational retail.

Eric Lange Esq: There are various categories that are set forth in the State Statute including cultivation, manufacturing, warehousing, and retail. The Township is allowing all categories except for retail in the M1 and M2 zone. All those operations have to be at least 1,000 feet away from any residential property, parks, churches, several categories it has to be at least 1,000 feet away from to minimize any impact on those places. Continued: The state issues these licenses, all the township does is regulate where they go. Continued: We can't control what the state allows.

Mr. Mitch: Mr. Vrtaric I'm not sure we're understanding each other. There's no expansion of the medical marijuana facility proposed where it is now, that stays the way it is. What this Ordinance is, is regulating, again not the sale, this is the cultivating, the manufacturing, the wholesaling, and the distribution, there's no retail sales coming from this. The M1 and M2 business zones, you asked what property, it's not a specific property. These are light industrial zones that are throughout the area of the Township.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Council President. Mr. Vrtaric this Ordinance does not allow for any retail sales to be established other than what's already granted by the state law.

Mayor John E. McCormac: It will be sold there. The state has automatically grandfathered any medical marijuana facility and granted them an immediate license to sell recreational marijuana. That we have absolutely no control over. We did decide we don't want any other recreational marijuana facilities in town, we're 25 square miles, 100,000 people; there's 565 towns in the state if everyone had one there'd be way too many. So we're going to have one which we have no control over and we're leaving it at that. However, you can grow, you can cultivate, and you can do other things in industrial zones as long as you're not too close to homes, churches, libraries, schools, or parks. That's what this Ordinance does, we have no

control over the fact that recreational marijuana can be sold in that facility. Continued: That’s not what this Ordinance is about, we can’t deny them.

Council Vice President Bauer moved the public hearing closed and this Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

The Municipal Clerk called for a First Reading of the following Ordinances as consent:

D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-14 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.

E. AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING A PERMANENT EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF RIDGEWOOD AVENUE NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE.

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, June 25, 2021 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on July 6, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor’s Appointment of Steve Steinberg to serve as a member of the Main Street Special Improvement District Fulfilling for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2024.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor’s Appointment of Denise M. Anderson to serve as a member of the Human Rights Commission fulfilling an unexpired three (3) year term commencing June 22, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2023.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk, and Municipal Purchaser to execute a contract with P & A Construction, for Conrail Utility Relocation at Cypress Park Project in an amount not to exceed \$788,870.03.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby grants permission to Ed Kushpa to temporarily close Holly Street and Daniel Street/Hagaman Street on July 3, 2021 (rain date July 4, 2021) from 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for a block party; Mary Elmo to temporarily close Columbia Avenue on July 3, 2021 (rain date July 4, 2021) from 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for a block party; Barry Corpuz to temporarily close Creighton Court and Ford Avenue on July 11, 2021 from 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for a block party; Tiffany Hess to temporarily close Ira Avenue and Carson Drive/New Dover Avenue on July 10, 2021 (rain date July 11, 2021) from 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. for a block party.

- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Woodbridge Downtown Merchants Association c/o Carpet Maven, LLC to host their “Woodbridge Downtown Cruise” and temporarily close off a portion of Main Street from the corner of Amboy Avenue to Fulton Street on August 18, 2021 (rain date August 25, 2021) and September 15, 2021 (rain date September 22, 2021) from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Indian Business Association, Inc.’s request to host India’s Independence Day Celebration Parade on Sunday, August 8, 2021 from 1:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves 1947 Production & Entertainment Inc. to host their (5-day) annual Ganesh Festival from Sunday, September 16, 2021 through Thursday, September 16, 2021, in the parking lot at Woodbridge Center Mall.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of Estate of Elizabeth Baumle, for waiver of requirements for the installation of sidewalks, for Block 829, Lot: 45.01, 175 Prospect Avenue, Avenel.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Woodbridge hereby authorizes and approves the Person-To-Person/Place-To-Place transfer of Liquor License No. 1225-33-002-010 from HOP Woodbridge, LLC to Daryl, LLC (Trade Name to be determined).
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the renewal of Club Licenses for the 2021-2022 license term.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses for the 2021-2022 license term.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses for the 2021-2022 license term.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Overpaid Taxes.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Overpaid Sewer Use Fee.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the appropriate Municipal Officers to execute a Cancellation and Discharge of the Tax Assessment Judgement – Block: 317, Lot 1.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check for Junior Police Academy.

- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the application for a grant for approximately \$500,000 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to reconstruct the dog park located on Cliff Road in Sewaren.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes an additional \$20,000.00 for representation of Director Robert Hubner to engage the services of William Connell, Esq. in a lawsuit entitled Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes to acquire from Safe Fleet the Safe Fleet FOCUS X2 Body Worn Camera solution, along with all necessary software and upgrades to the existing dashcam system for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$732,372.75.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby awards a contract without competitive bidding to P & A Construction for the sanitary sewer main on Bunns Lane on an emergency basis in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase through Sourcewell Contract #122017-AMI of a 2019 Ravo 5 – iSeries Street Sweeper for the Department of Public Works from Atlantic Machinery Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$285,000.00.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with T & M Associates for professional engineering services for Up Smith’s Creek Community Complex, Sewaren in an amount not to exceed \$1,489,900.00.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of a contract modification on the contract with RSC Architects for professional architectural services for a Feasibility Assessment of Woodbridge Township DPW Facility increasing the contract amount of \$58,880.00 by \$200,000.00 to a total not to exceed \$258,800.00.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Final Change Order on the contract with Duke’s Root Control, Inc. for Contract #2020-022, 2020 Sanitary Sewer Root Control Retreatment, decreasing the contract amount of \$71,227.80 by (\$11,870.27) to a total of \$59,357.53.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement between the Township of

Woodbridge and the County of Middlesex for a pedestrian bridge linking Alvin P. Williams Park with the Woodbridge Township Marina over Smith Creek.

- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses for the 2021-2022 license term.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Renewal of Liquor License #1225-33-067-010 (Sarana Group, LLC) for the 2020-2021 license term with Special Conditions.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of St. James Catholic Church to hold a Street Fair on Main Street, Woodbridge on Saturday September 18, 2021 (rain date September 25, 2021), from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes cancellation of Grant Receivables and Grant Reserves.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes cancellation of the unexpended balances of the Current Fund SFY 2021.
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes cancellation of old outstanding checks from various funds in the amount of \$118,997.68.
- (32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes cancellation of the unexpended balances of the Recreation Utility Fund SFY 2021.
- (33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes cancellation of the unexpended balances of the Sewer Utility Fund SFY 2021.
- (34) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes cancellation of the unexpended balances of the Marina Utility Fund SFY 2021.
- (35) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2021 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge in the sum of \$296,950.00 under NJBPU Microgrid Grant.
- (36) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2021 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge in the sum of \$15,991.67 under MCIA Recycling Grant.

- (37) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to make a transfer of the State Fiscal Year 2021 budget appropriations.
- (38) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby establishes temporary appropriations for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year.
- (39) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby establishes temporary appropriations for debt service for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year.
- (40) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby awards a contract without competitive bidding to P & A Construction for repairs to the storm sewer on Mary Avenue in Fords on an emergency basis in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00.
- (41) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Chief Financial Officer of the Current Bill List dated June 22, 2021, and the Supplemental Bill List dated May 28, 2021 through June 18, 2021.
- (42) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes to release the Road Opening Permit Fee in the amount of \$100.00 from the current Account #248001521 to AJ Perri, Inc.
- (43) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to release the Maintenance Guarantee Paper Bond in the amount of \$86,097.71 from Bond No. CMS0323459 to Quick Check Corporation.
- (44) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to release the Sidewalk Permit Fee in the amount of \$50.00 from Account #248001521 to Gail Komleski, 62 Preston Road, Colonia, NJ 07067.

Council Vice President Bauer moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Public Meeting:

Council President Small: At this time we'll go to our open public session. As a reminder you have five minutes, please state your name and where you live. Thank you.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Asked if someone on the Council would put some of the items on their agenda going forward. The first item is warehouses and mentioned there was a discussion about a warehouse going up on Pennval Road/ Cutter's Dock Road. Mentioned this area is along the Woodbridge River, suggested to expand the Greenway along the Woodbridge River further down. If trucks are going to be exiting the warehouse from Cutter's Dock Road in the Strawberry

Hill area or through Pennval Road, possibly just keep the area as open space. Spoke about Woodbridge not having enough open space, put up more trees. The next agenda item is about Lewis Street in Woodbridge behind the white church just on the other side of where the new recreation center is; the bright lights on the back of the recreation center are shining directly into the houses, suggested maybe putting lights on the opposite side of the fence so they're aiming in. Next item on the list is Ned Court as you come in off of Port Reading Avenue, the first light post the light is out. Outside of that just across the street we've got a bus depot, a resident mentioned it's not very well sheltered, suggested talking to New Jersey Transit to update the facility. Also in that development is Catherine Street, same street two different ends- the posts have different spellings. Main Street in front of 283 and 285 there's a lot of graffiti on one of the signs and on the sidewalk. Ridgedale Avenue from Freeman Street all the way up the end to Bucknell, asked Director Hubner if a traffic study could be done to check on the traffic conditions and if Public Works can look at the rough spots. Mentions there's a lot of truck traffic and speeding on Freeman Street near the intersection with Linden Avenue.

Police Director Hubner: Yes we've done a number of traffic studies on Freeman Street. It's more of a volume problem than a speeding problem from the data. There has been truck traffic, we've sent the traffic enforcement unit out there. It's probably one of the most patrolled streets in the Township at this point but it's a continuing problem and we will continue to address it.

Tom Maras, Fords: Stated that he has four questions to ask the Council. Mentions Resolutions 18, 19, and 22. Asked for an explanation on Resolution 18 what the total cost to date is on that and the nature of that particular lawsuit if it can be discussed. Mentions Resolution 19 in regards to the acquisition of body cameras, asked how much are we getting from state and/or federal to subsidize our police department and the taxpayers for that expense. Asked about Resolution 22 and what is going to be built there for that large amount of money. Asked where does the town council stand on the position of CRT; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, in our school systems. Replied to Council President Small: Not even the costs? Replied to Mayor McCormac asking if the new Sewaren marina would be open to the public and if this was an expansion if that. Asked Council President Small if there was a set policy on CRT as far as the council is concerned on that issue.

Council President Small: Number 18 we cannot talk about Mr. Maras, pending lawsuit. That's what the attorney said. Number 19. Continued: That fourth question Mr. Maras respectfully we're not doing a Q&A with the Council in regards to that question, if you want to ask people separately after the meeting you're more than welcome to. Replied to Mr. Maras: Not that I'm aware of.

Mayor John E. McCormac: We have a grant of approximately \$630,000 of the \$732,000 that the body-worn cameras will cost. The rest will come from the Township budget. The Sewaren grant is covered by the state budget, we expect if this budget passes as it's introduced we will get a 1.5 million dollar grant toward the engineering work for the Sewaren Marina that will cover the design of the bulkheads- they have all fallen into Smith's Creek. The piles are a mess, there needs to be a significant amount of dredging done, there is some environmental cleanup and the entire amount of this contract will be covered by a grant from the 2022 state budget which we'll be able to access after July 1st when that budget is official.

Kasan Lytle, Elizabeth: Spoke about how Nijeer Parks still has not received justice.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Asked if the Medical Marijuana facility is government run or if someone got a license to open up the facility. Asked if it was state operated or was it a private entity. Asked if it was a choice, if they can choose to retail the recreational marijuana or not. Asked: “If there were a lot of citizens who were up in arms about having medical marijuana dispense or retail in the town they could peacefully protest that?” Replied to Council President Small: “I don’t think I mentioned medical but yes I did mean recreational”. Spoke about the warehouse that recently opened in Hopelawn and asked if anything was going to be done on street ordinances in regards to the street parking for the businesses that are near the turn the trucks make into the warehouse so it’s not such a tight squeeze. Spoke about the Pride flag on the flag pole in front on Town Hall, asked why we have it there and if a church could put a cross flag on there, or a Black Lives Matter Flag.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Way back many years ago there were 6 medical marijuana facilities approved in the state of New Jersey and the one in Woodbridge was one of the first 3 or 4 that was approved, now I think the number is much higher than 6. They had to get a license from the state of New Jersey. It’s a private entity. Continued: There’s no connection between the medical and the recreational. They can choose to offer recreational, they’re not forced to no, you’re correct. Replied: Certainly but the protests wouldn’t be to them because they’re automatically licensed, the protest would be to the state, department of health perhaps, I’m not sure who oversees them. They automatically have the approval so could you convince them to not offer it, I suppose, but they have the right to. You could convince the state to rescind their license. Continued: As soon as that was opened, the design of the lanes, Councilman Bauer and our office started getting calls with complaints and it is being redesigned. It was ill-advised the way they designed it, it did not allow for parking for the businesses on the street and the turns were awkward so you’re absolutely right but that is being addressed. Continued: That’s a nationally recognized month and therefore it’s subject to us putting a flag up in support of it. We don’t just do any cause because they’re not necessarily officially recognized but Pride month is officially recognized by the government. Woodbridge is a very diverse community, we have people of all different ethnicities, races, colors, sexual persuasions and we support everybody and this is an indication of that support.

Council President Small: Mr. Lund you said protest medical and recreational, you meant recreational?

Council Vice President Bauer: There’s going to be an ordinance in front of us very soon to have no parking going east from Pennsylvania Avenue to Ellen Avenue, and keep parking for those businesses so we don’t disrupt their businesses and adjust that left turning lane so it’s more feasible. If we don’t amend that parking on New Brunswick Avenue it will be a definite conflict but with us going with no parking from New Brunswick Avenue going east toward Ellen, it should alleviate that and the county changing that turning lane. Our engineer’s in contact with the county engineer to adjust that turning lane.

Victoria Bertsch, Colonia: Spoke about the pride flag being flown is the progressive pride flag that includes a black stripe and a brown stripe for people of all races to be recognized by the

community, people of color are represented in that pride flag. Spoke about the Juneteenth celebration and thanked everyone that came out. Spoke about being a part of the WONAC group; Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change. WONAC is a diverse group of town members who come together to act on behalf of the changes that we want to see made in Woodbridge. We discuss some of the difficult issues that come up in town, hear from everyone's different perspectives and learn from each other.

John Masculin, Port Reading: Asked why a gated community of houses like in Monroe wasn't considered instead of the apartments built in Avenel and Woodbridge. Asked if Councilman Spillar could answer his question. Asked again why the council went towards apartments instead of building up nice homes in those areas. Asked if it was even put on the table.

Council President Small: Mr. Masculin we'll take that under consideration in the future. It's not a Q & A between you and Councilman Spillar. Mr. Masculin with all due respect I know that you speak to each other often, and I also know you are running against Councilman Spillar for Third Ward Councilman so is this what it's really about?

Councilman Spillar: Council President. Like you said this isn't a Q & A but Mr. Masculin has my number, he's reached out to me plenty of times so feel free to contact me any given time like you have before in the past.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Council President. The Council people have nothing to do with the zoning laws in terms of what is approved. If anyone came to us seeking single-family homes on that site or any other site we would evaluate it. The fact is no one is building large scale single-family homes anywhere in Woodbridge Township and generally not many places in the state. I would submit that large single-family homes produce more kids in schools transit village apartments and if we approved a 50 unit housing complex there, there'd probably be 100 kids in the schools and you'd be complaining that we're putting too many kids in the schools. The fact is that 500 apartments have produced 51 students in our school system, that's not even one per classroom. When somebody comes with an application, if they came with an office building we'd evaluate it, if they came with a warehouse we'd evaluate it, if they came with a Costco we'd evaluate it, if they came with residential homes we'd evaluate it. They came with apartments we evaluated it. It's right on a train station, it's absolutely perfect for luxury apartments, that's what's there, and it worked. There's not much increased traffic because of it, nobody's complained about it, there's only 51 kids in school. That was the best use of that parcel. Continued: We don't put things on the table. People come to us when they get control of a site and ask us if we would consider their option. We don't go out and look for people on private sites.

James Debrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about attending the State House in Trenton with advocates from over 25 civil rights organizations throughout New Jersey to demand real accountability and transparency in policing. The demonstration called for the passage of police reform bills which include creating strong civilian oversight of police by establishing civilian complaint review boards or CCRB's with subpoena power, making police disciplinary records public as they are in many other states, banning and criminalizing choke holds, limiting deadly

force, and ending qualified immunity. Asked the Councilmembers and Mayor McCormac if there has been any anti-racism policies being discussed to pass in Woodbridge.

Council President Small: Mr. Debrowski there's always dialogue amongst the administration, the Mayor, and the Council. We're not going to get into what we talk about behind closed doors but there's always talk going on.

Councilman Ficarra: Council President I also believe the Human Rights Commission is going to come up with their report and suggestions talking to Chairman Morgan that should be coming around the corner. And I don't want to beat a dead horse but I've been mentioning for quite a while the reforms with the way that we deal with mental health issues when the police are involved and the assistance that they have and by all standards that's going very well. That's not the police telling us that, that's the mental health people talking about the caseloads they have. Also our involvement with the YMCA on case studies with underserved people, most recently today there was an issue in town, that we have no contracted with the YMCA that we can have field representatives go out there and assist those people. That's just a number of things. I know that its state mandated with the body cameras for the police but I think that initially what I've heard is we've gone out of our way to not only get those body cameras but to use them in the proper manner. I don't know if it's official but we're hiring someone that has knowledge of bringing them online as quickly and safely as possible. Those are just a few observations, that's my observations.

Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.: I will say tonight I'm here in my capacity as the council to the Council, if you want to make an appointment and meet me Mr. Debrowski I'm happy to sit down and talk to you.

Mr. Mitch: Asked for a motion to close the public portion of this meeting.

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

1. Woodbridge News.
HOLD
2. Mayor's Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E).
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.
HOLD
4. Website E-Government.
HOLD
5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths.

HOLD

6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations.
HOLD
7. School Projects.
HOLD
8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#).
HOLD
9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House.
HOLD
10. Property Fraud (www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov search for “Property Alert” to Register).
HOLD
11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels.
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day.
HOLD
13. Marine Eight.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
15. Jazz Festival.
HOLD
16. Concerts.
HOLD

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch we now get into our agendas. Number 16 of summer concerts actually begin tonight. They run Monday through Thursday Woodbridge High School 7:30 P.M. and also Sunday's start time is 7:00 P.M. I want to thank our sponsors Sansone Automotive, Woodbridge Center, The Club at Woodbridge, and Berkeley College for assisting with the town with these tremendous concerts. They're really great shows I urge the public to go out and see some of these concerts they're really good.

17. Light Parade.
HOLD

18. Human Rights Commission
HOLD

19. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD

Number 19 the American Irish. Half way to St. Patrick's Day event is Sunday September 19 Woodbridge High School field. The American Irish Association will sponsor family friendly event featuring live music, dancers, food trucks, and a 50/50. Celebration will be the changing of the hashes for the parade honorees and more. Come on out and ill touch base on this as the date gets closer. I want to thank the Mayor, the Administration, and my fellow Council mates for June 4th for the Pride flag raising. It was a very nice event, I want to thank everyone who came out to that. I just want to thank all of our first responders for all the hard work they do, all of our township employees, public works, and God Bless America. Council Vice President Bauer.

HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT / 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN

Council Vice President Bauer: Thank you Council President. Mr. Mitch can you add Little Libraries to my agenda. Coming to the 2nd Ward will be Little Libraries. These libraries are social initiatives to establish small libraries to exchange books in open public spaces. The aim of this project is to enhance community spaces, create a catalyst for reading books, encourage recycling books, and inspire creativity. Books in the hands of children have a meaningful impact on improving literacy. The more books in or near the home the more likely a child will learn and love to read. With the aid of our local Eagle Scout projects, assistant from our local Girl Scout Troops, and our library system we are looking forward to placing these Little Libraries in select areas in the 2nd Ward. I'd like to wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July. That's all I have tonight Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you.

1. 2nd Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
2. County Greenway.
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Avenue.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey.
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero Banners.
HOLD

6. Fords Business Community.
 - A. Cruise Night
 - B. Trunk or TreatHOLD
7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies.
HOLD
8. Fords V.F.W.
HOLD
9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America.
HOLD
10. Pathmark Property.
HOLD
11. Brownfields.
HOLD
12. Hickory Senior Center.
HOLD
13. Greenway Family Success Center.
HOLD
14. Highland Grove Swim Pool.
HOLD

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

1. Housing Authority.
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation.
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day.
HOLD
4. History Museum.
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President I have a few announcements. Item number 5 are Police Community Relations. I'm happy to announce that the Junior Police Academy will be happening this year. The first week will be July 12th- July 16th and then the second week will be July 19th- July 23rd. I still believe that this is a great program for the children and the township to participate in because they can learn about the job of our police officers and build community relations. Get to know the police officers that have run the police academy and build lasting relationships with them. I'm also very happy to announce that our Police Community Relations will be hosting National Night Out on August 2nd from 6-9 P.M. at the Woodbridge Community Center. The flyers already out on the township website, and I'm sure we'll be distributing them everywhere. Again, National Night Out will be August 2nd 6-9 P.M. and this is a community event.

6. Youth Employment/Job Fair.
HOLD
7. Township Parks and Playgrounds.
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage Month.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Number 8 The Hispanic Heritage Festival. We will be celebrating, I believe this is our fifth year celebrating Hispanic Heritage in Woodbridge Township, will be September 18th in Tanzman Park. I will follow up with more information at a later date. I'm also very happy to announce that this is I believe our fifth year also doing the Keasbey Back to School Backpack Drive which we are going to partner up with an extension of the summer concerts, we're going to have a concert and we're going to do our backpack drive. We're also going to have our Health Department there giving out vaccines, we're going to have the Woodbridge Public Library with a pop-up library. If you're not knowledgeable about the Keasbey area there's no branch of the library so we bring the libraries to the kids. This all started about 5 years ago in an effort to provide services for a community that are used to going to Perth Amboy for their services. We have been making a huge effort to spread the word on all of our social programs and all of our programs that the Township provides so that they can utilize it. That would be in the Clinton Avenue Park from 12-3 P.M.

9. Barron Arts Center.
HOLD
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item number 10. The Woodbridge Public Library are offering programs and book and media lists on the statewide reading theme Tails and Tales. Visit the library website or visit in person to sign up for community events and summer enrichment for all ages. And all again this is in all of our library branches in the Township.

11. Veteran’s Tax Deduction.
HOLD
12. Green Infrastructure.
HOLD
13. Girl Sports.
HOLD
14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item number 14 if you allow me to pull up my email. A Girl Scout Troop met at the East William Street Park in Hopelawn and they will be adopting that park and it will be renamed Girl Scout Park. They are going to be doing a lot of events in that park, this is also partnership with the community where they don’t have library branches, where they don’t have easy access to all of our community services. They will be doing clean ups, and hopefully they could do a pop-up library in Hopelawn and bring the library to the kids. Again this is the East Williams Street Park in Hopelawn which will be adopted by one of the Girl Scout Troops and all the Girl Scout Troops in that area can participate in a park cleanup and other events. We will follow up with more information as they come. Very excited about the Little Libraries because again I’m stressing the fact that these are two areas that don’t have branches and that the kids don’t have transportation or easy access to get to the library so I’m very excited about an idea that came out of one of those schools’ Diversity and Equity Program. They reached out to us and they wanted to do it and we said we’ll partner up because it’s not just one area there’s actually a couple of spots that need it. So I’m very excited and thankful to the administration and especially Mayor McCormac who reached out to the Eagle Scout and said “hey what about doing this” and thankful to that Eagle Scout that ran with the idea and I’m excited to see it come into a reality. We are all wearing teal ribbons, Debbie and I decided that we wanted to show our Council mate Nancy our support and to let her know that we stand with her and we have her back. We were thinking of ideas and this is what we came up with and I think that we will be wearing this ribbon until Nancy is back with us. We just want to let Nancy know she is in all of our thoughts and prayers and that we can’t wait to have her back sitting next to us. That is all I have thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

15. Census 2020.
HOLD
16. Youth Leadership Council.
HOLD

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

1. Avenel’s Very Merry Holiday Lighting (11/28/21) / Port Reading Day (TBD).

HOLD

2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park.
HOLD
3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve.
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements.
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.
HOLD
6. Port Reading Knights/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak.
HOLD
7. Route 1 Redevelopment.
 - a. Star / City Motels.
 - b. Americana / Avenel Motels.
 - c. Rt. 1 @ So. Inman Ave.
 - d. Bud's Hut.
 - e. Big Top property.
 - f. Holiday Inn Express expansion.
 - g. Pier I Imports property.

HOLD

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Small. Item number 7 Route 1 Development. I'd like to congratulate Dr. Swan and his team at University Orthopedics as they received a certificate of occupancy and now open for business. The property looks great, the landscaping looks great, and it's much better to the eyes and neighbors. The next door medical office is set to receive their certificate of occupancy, continue to make the property look great, bring in more jobs and revenue to the Township.

8. Avenel Fire Department.
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: Item number 8 Avenel Fire Department. I'd like to congratulate the five new career firefighters that have all been sworn in as firefighters with the Avenel Fire Department over the last several weeks, here's to a fire safe career. I'd also like to acknowledge and thank the Avenel Board of Fire Commissions for taking the proactive approach and adding to the career staff and ensuring the residents and businesses of the fifth fire district have the utmost fire protection.

9. Social Clubs Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.

HOLD

10. Woodbridge Developmental Center property.

HOLD

11. Cable Commission/Renewal.

HOLD

12. School 4 & 5.

HOLD

13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers project.

HOLD

Councilman Spillar: That's all for my agenda this evening Council President just a couple of announcements. I'd like to congratulate all of our high school graduates that have graduated over the last few days, best of luck on your next journey. Hope everyone has a fun and safe July Fourth, please keep the fireworks to the professionals. And if you want to go out and purchase pyrotechnics, instead make that donation to the animal shelter. Every year I get a phone call of somebody that's hurt, a child that's hurt, it's terrible on the animals. We have a fantastic fireworks show planned so take your fireworks out on that day. Thank you to all our emergency workers, fire, EMS, Woodbridge Police Department, CERT, and all our public works. God Bless America. Thank you Council President.

Councilwoman DeJesus: Council President can I just say something. In regards to the fireworks I just want our residents to be aware and keep in mind that there are a lot of Veterans that suffer from PTSD so the fireworks, although they're beautiful and very nice, you should leave it to the professionals if you can and think of your neighbors that are Veterans and that may have some issues with the loud noises. That is all that I have thank you.

Council President Small: Councilwoman Meehan.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you my agenda is in order I just have two upcoming events that I'd like to mention. The first is our Annual Whiffle Ball Tournament which will be held on Saturday July 31st. Registration begins at 10:15 A.M and the game kicks off at 11:00 A.M. and continue through the day. Cost is \$10 per player which includes a BBQ lunch. Teams must be registered by July 24th in order to play. If you'd like to register a lot of these teams have been playing they were little boys, they've gone through college, now they're working, and it's really a nice day. It's a special day and we always do it to raise money for a local family. If you're interested in coming out and playing some whiffle ball and helping a local family you can reach out to me at 732-233-0677. The next event is August 7th we will be holding our first summer series concert in Colonia. The Colonia Day Concert and Family Day will be held at Colonia Middle School from 2-7 P.M. The day will feature live music from local band Revolver, a wine and beer tent, hamburgers and hotdogs, and activities for the kids. It'll be a great day really just to get out and see everybody's faces without masks and enjoy each other's company. If you can

come out, everyone is welcome to come. Councilwoman Drumm could not be here tonight but she asked me to mention that the Woodbridge Chamber will be hosting a networking event called Summer on the Lake this Thursday June 24th from 4-6 P.M. at the Lake Chateau on Route 9 in Woodbridge. The cost is \$15 per member and \$20 for non-member. She also said that the Chamber is excited to be working on their fall calendar and they're all looking for some great events to come up then. Also I have a little something to say too, but we are all wearing teal tonight just in support of our Council mate and our friend and we pray for her to get better soon and I spoke to her this morning and she sends her love and her thanks for everybody reaching out to her so please continue to keep her in your prayers. That's all I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Ficarra.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.
HOLD
2. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.
HOLD
3. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center / Senior Services.
HOLD
4. Events: Taste of Colonia.
Have a Heart Food Drive.
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run.
Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.
Support the Troops Rally.
Colonia Pride Day.
Colonia Clean Up.
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank.
Toys for Tots Run.
Breast Cancer Walk.
HOLD
5. Food Pantry.
HOLD
6. Reinhard Manor.
HOLD
7. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.
HOLD
8. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.

HOLD

9. Veteran's Issues.
HOLD
10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.
HOLD
11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.
HOLD
12. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force.
HOLD
13. Volunteer Directory.
HOLD
14. Domestic Violence Response Team.
HOLD
15. AED Program.
HOLD

NANCY J. DRUMM, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN (ABSENT)

1. Events: Relay for Life.
Fishing Derby.
Parker Press Concerts.
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.
Saint James Street Fair.
HOLD
2. (DMA) Downtown Merchants Association.
HOLD
3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).
HOLD
4. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD
5. Buy Local Program.
HOLD
6. Transit Village.
HOLD

7. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.
HOLD
8. Main Street and Route 9.
HOLD
9. Animal Shelter.
HOLD
10. Dog Park.
HOLD
11. Arts.
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.
(B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild.
HOLD
12. PACE.
HOLD
13. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116.
HOLD
14. Woodbridge Fire Department.
HOLD
15. Coast Guard.
HOLD
16. Sewaren Library Programs.
HOLD
17. Acacia Center.
HOLD
18. RISE Program
HOLD
19. Sewaren Marina
HOLD

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE (ABSENT)

1. W.T.Y.R.C.
HOLD

2. Job Bank.
HOLD
3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD
5. Taste of Woodbridge.
HOLD
6. Charity Raffle.
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movies.
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P. (*NAACP.org*)
HOLD
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.
HOLD
10. Independent Club of Colonia.
HOLD
11. Tooling Around Program.
HOLD
12. Boy Scouts/Camping.
HOLD
13. League Consolidation.
HOLD
14. Middlesex College.
HOLD
15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Ficarra: Thank you Council President I moved up the food chain a little bit today right. I do have a few things, my agenda is not in order, it's all over the place but I wanted to start out with a comment and the people I want to address it to are no longer here. Mayor McCormac did summarize this but on the four projects, the Hess upper Main Street, what was formerly Riffys, the strip mall across the street, Stern Towers, all of these properties prior in the underutilized condition that they were in were generating approximately \$500,000 a year in tax revenue. When the projects are done it's going to be upwards of 3 million dollars. That's again \$500,000 now, 3 million per year. So to think that the town doesn't benefit from that is incorrect. If you take a look at those projects we already know the Ross Street School and nearly Woodbridge Middle School is practically new. Simply put, the projects improve our property value and also contribute to the tax base and I'm in favor of that. If you're looking to compare to other towns take a look at Rahway, take a look at Metuchen. North Brunswick is almost reinventing their town to have a transit village along that rail line. Moving into my agenda, just very quickly, again I know Victoria did this but congratulations to the WONAC Committee under the leadership of Councilman Kyle Anderson and it's a shame that he's not here. He's the quarterback of that group, the group really rallied behind him. It was a wonderful event, not only a celebration but for many of us, an education of the history of our country. So again thank you to WONAC, all of you, Kyle especially, but all of the WONAC people.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).

(A) Senior Recreation and programming.

(B) Youth Recreation and programming.

HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: My final note here is the New Jersey Senior Olympics. The kick-off is Friday July 9th 11:00 A.M. at our beautiful Woodbridge Community Center. The actual event is September 10th, 11th, and 12th. This is our 14th year of being New Jersey's home for the Senior Olympics. Registration deadline is August 27th so you have a little time. NJSeniorOlympics.com is how you register. There is a hotline 973-618-1111. The books are hot off the press they're out and around town. But again if you go to NJSeniorOlympics.com you could pick all of that up. It's generally \$10 per event so that would be \$30 for 3 events but for Woodbridge residents it's only \$5 so that's a \$25 sale which is always important to senior citizens. Thank you.

Councilwoman Meehan: President. For the Fourth of July celebration, it's for anybody killed in action over the past hundred years. So if there's a loved one that you know of, you can reach out to us, it's on Facebook. So if there's somebody that you'd like to honor at that event please reach out to the Township so we can honor them.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Patel.

2. Youth Month – April.

Senior Month – May.

HOLD

3. Mentoring Programs.

HOLD

4. Mayor's Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.
HOLD

5. Fireworks.
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: A lot of talk about our fireworks. Our fireworks are scheduled for July 2nd at Alvin P. Williams Park, the rain date is July 5th. The park is closed during the day, gates open at 4 P.M. Musical guest are the Nerds if any of you follow New Jersey concerts, the Nerds are a big hit they play a wide variety of music, they perform 7:30 P.M. to approximately 9:15 P.M. Fireworks will start somewhere around 9:20/9:30 P.M. after the fireworks I believe the Nerds come back down.

6. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.
HOLD

7. Pedestrian Safeway's / East Coast Greenway.
HOLD

8. Annual Pizza Run.
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: The 4 mile Woodbridge Pizza Run will be on July 7th, you have to go online, either google "Woodbridge Pizza Run" it'll come right up or you could go to compuscore.com, the event starts at 7:00 P.M. You can pick up your package, you can only register online- there's nothing in person. You pick up your packets 5:30-6:45 P.M. and the race starts at 7 P.M. It is a 4 mile run, as in Fourth of July that's the whole point of it. The awards party will begin over at Captain Carlson Park across the street from Moby's and there'll be a good time held by all. By the way I went onto the website today, and there's only 130 spots available.

9. Jacob's Landing.
HOLD

10. The Club at Woodbridge upgrades.
HOLD

11. Crossroad's Race.
HOLD

12. Mental Health / Wellness.
HOLD

13. COVID-19 efforts.

HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: COVID-19 report. Let me just come out of the box on that. We've had 60 clinics so far, we've distributed 4,813 of the first dose, 4,620 are fully vaccinated, so that's 9,436 administered so far. As of June 2nd we had 12,496 confirmed cases that includes not only our community but St. Joseph's Senior Center, and state facilities. There is a clinic this coming Thursday June 24th 12-4 P.M. and then again on July 1st from 3-5 P.M. walk-ins are accepted and if you're a Moderna fan we have that, and if you're a Johnson & Johnson fan we've got that.

(VIRU) VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4th WARD COUNCILMAN

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President my agenda is also in order. I have some announcements. I'd like to congratulate those who joined to celebrate the Juneteenth as a Federal Holiday on last Saturday June 19th. We thank our honorable President Biden for signing a Bill on Thursday June 17th and making June 19th as a Federal Holiday. We also have great news for Woodbridge Township residents. Metro Park Railroad Station is a big commuter hub on the Northeast Corridor railroad line and Magnolia Road is a main connected road for those residents who live on east or northeast sides of the railroad. There are many commuters that simply walk and they use Magnolia Road for the daily commute to work by the train. But in reality there are no sidewalks on either side of the Magnolia Road and commuter's just walk on the road. The good news is that our Township will receive 1.25 million dollars in Federal funding to build sidewalks on Magnolia Road which people will walk along to get to Metro Park. Our Township doesn't have the money in hand yet, and there's no date when the sidewalk work will begin. The township will be putting in paved sidewalks and replacing and building new street curbs in the area when the funding becomes available. We wholeheartedly thank our honorable Congressman Frank Colon, our honorable Mayor, and the administration for securing the federal funding for this project. Also in Iselin we'll have some road closures due to several repaving jobs starting today and tomorrow; Patton Street, Carver Avenue, Pine Street, and Benjamin Avenue will be affected as a part of these repaving jobs. Also Muslim Community of New Jersey in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Health and Walgreens, is organizing COVID-19 free vaccination clinic on next Saturday June 26th from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the MCNJ site which is located at 15 South 2nd Street Fords, NJ. Their contact number is 732-738-5100. They will administer COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine as first and second doses to those who are 12 years old and above. Again the vaccination is free and walk-ins are welcome. Also Councilman Spillar and Councilman Ficarra they already spoke about Fourth of July fireworks, I would like to add that this firework is sponsored by the Royal Albert Palace which is located at 1050 King Georges Road in Fords. We also thank the owner Mr. Albert Jasani and the Royal Albert Palace for the generous sponsorships. We also thank all of our Township departments for the dedication and support for this patriotic celebration. Wishing you all a Happy Independence Day, also wishing you all the best for the summer. Good night to everyone that's all for tonight thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. I just want to recognize Mayor McCormac and his wife Tammy, I want to congratulate you on the marriage of your daughter Erin to Christopher. Congratulations. Mr. Mitch.

1. American Legion (T. Nulty Post).

HOLD

2. Oak Tree Road Special Improvement District (SID).
HOLD
3. JFK High School Field and Building Improvements.
HOLD
4. Sucker's Brook Bank Stabilization.
HOLD
5. 4th Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
6. Magnolia/Willow/Walnut Area Commuter Parking.
HOLD
7. Sign Ordinance.
HOLD
8. Cooper Field.
HOLD

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure:
 - A. Person-To-Person / Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # # 1225-33-022-008 from Francesco R. Curatolo, Executor / Estate of Anthony L. Curatolo to Wick Wholesalers, Inc., 106 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
 - A. 2021 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.
4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
5. Elections.
 - A. 2021 General Election: November 2, 2021

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President just a couple comments. Thank you for taking action on a liquor license transfer this evening I've added another one to the agenda and also all the renewals we've done over 90 of them already so we're just about done. That's all I have thanks.

Council President Small: thank you. Director Hubner.

MAYOR:

Mayor John E. McCormac: If you don't mind Council President I want to run to the concert I just have two things. The first thing is there was an individual tonight who said during the campaign he had a list of things that he wanted to bring up. The campaign was two weeks ago on June 8th, the election was two weeks ago, today is June 22nd. So some time before June 8th this person learned of a street light being out and waited at least 14 days and probably more to report that to us, now that street light being out could mean anything in terms of pedestrian safety and vehicle safety, and if there's a street light out, that's got nothing to do with campaigns, that should be reported to the Township immediately. A woman in our office has a direct line to PSE&G, she gets the poll number, she calls it in, and it's taken care of. So I would encourage anybody who has an issue that relates to the town getting something done, please don't tell a random person and expect anything to happen. We all know Councilwomen Drumm has not been around, she still is answering phones, returning calls, and returning emails as best she can. Anybody can call the Mayor's office we'll get right on anything- we all have her back. All the At-Large Council cover the whole town- they have her back. Anybody in another Ward is more than happy to help Nancy deal with anything- they have her back. So the answer to anybody public who has an issue like a street light being out or any other issue, do not wait- call us, we're responsive we'll get things done. Don't just tell somebody randomly who has no connections to the town government. The second thing is I want to explain what I said tonight. The question came up about the Board of Ed transferring money related to the referendum. Yes the Board of Ed did transfer money relative to the referendum. It did not get transferred because we didn't pay them the 5 million dollars. If we gave them the 5 million they would have transferred money to pay for the parking, and the house that was bought, and the field, and the other parking, and all the other things we've done for the Board. I want to correct myself and say yes the money was transferred, it was not transferred because of anything we did. It was transferred because there were overruns in the projects and there were additional work that was done so it was not transferred because we didn't give them the money. The thought that we would short the Board of Ed 5 million dollars when we have the best relationship of any Board of Ed and Township administration in the state of New Jersey, the thought that we would somehow short them 5 million dollars is absolutely crazy. I want to make that clear- the money was transferred but not for the reason why the individual said it was. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Director Darden.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President. Under Administration and Finance I have Oak Tree Road SID budget, I have the Woodbridge SID budget. I have a Resolution adopting a Complete & Green Streets Policy.

ADD-ONS: I have a purchase of landscape structures for Evergreen- that's the adult recreation exercise equipment. And I have a Resolution to amend a prior Resolution to increase a final cost

for lease to purchase for 18 vehicles for Planning and Development. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Legal.

POLICE:

Director of Police Hubner: Thank you Council President I just have one traffic regulation Ordinance. Thank you.

HEALTH:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Under Health I have a Shared Services Agreement for Animal Control Services.

RECREATION:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Director of Planning and Development Marta Lefsky-Darden: Thank you, just our standard bi-weekly refund resolutions. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Administrator Cimilluca.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

LEGAL:

Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.: Nothing thank you.

On a motion made by Councilman Bauer seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President Small adjourned the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Brian Small,
Council President

John M. Mitch, RMC, CMC, CMR,
Municipal Clerk