

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 May 18, 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, and our victims lost to COVID-19.

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, Kyle Anderson, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Brian Small.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Drumm.

ALSO PRESENT: John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Marta Lefsky-Darden, Director of Planning and Development
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
Fred Rubenstein, Esq.
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from May 4, 2021?

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

Council Meeting:

May 4, 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 OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED “PQ CORPORATION (PADDOCK STREET WEST) REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (21-39)

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.

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. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, ADDING SECTION 150-24 (A) (40), RELATING TO ABOVE GROUND UTILITY AND METER CABINETS. (21-40)

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.

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:

C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY BE ACQUIRED BY

DONATION (FRIENDS OF GREENABLE WOODBRIDGE; BICYCLES, LOCKS, RACKS AND SAFETY LIGHT KITS.)

D. 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, 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, May 21, 2021 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on June 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute all documents that may be necessary for the completion of the Bid Award: Contract 2021-001 Road Resurfacing Program to P&A Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,863,218.01.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a Refund check for Overpaid property taxes.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue Refunds for Overpaid Sewer User fees.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Woodbridge Township to enter into a contract with Raritan Bay YMCA to administer Community Development Block Grant CV3 Project in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with CME Associates for professional engineering services for the 2022 Milling and Resurfacing Program in an amount not to exceed \$499,923.00.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Environmental Connection Inc. for professional environmental services for 8 Port Reading Ave. in an amount not to exceed \$9,305.00.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes an additional \$12,500.00 for the engagement of services with Susan K.O'Connor Esq. (Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP) to represent Patrolman Robert Bartko in a lawsuit entitled Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the corrections to Resolution No. 33 adopted September 22, 2020 renewing several consumption liquor licenses for the 2020-2021 license term.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Change Order #1 (13,423.56) with Seagrave Fire Apparatus for the Refurbishing of a Fire Truck increasing the contract from \$548,558.28 to \$561,990.84.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Renewal of Club Licenses for the 2021-2022 license term.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Renewal of Consumption Licenses for the 2021-2022 license term.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Renewal of Distribution Licenses for the 2021-2022 license term.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Renewal of Liquor License#1225-33-070-013 (Chris Maik Enterprises t/a Chris Michael's Steak House) for the 2021-2022 license term with Special Conditions.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes FY2021 Budget Transfers.
- (16) **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 May 18 April 20, 2021 and the Supplemental Bill List dated April 30, 2021 through May 14, 2021.

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

Councilwoman Meehan abstained from Resolution #16.

Councilman Ficarra: Mr. President, I just want to bring to the attention of the Council that Resolution #4 is money for services to the Raritan Bay YMCA. It is an agreement that we are in. It will really help us deal with some of the issues, particularly, when the weather is cold and we come across. The system is not just housing; it is also for services and it will be a big help for folks in our town in need. So, I appreciate your support on that. Thank you.

Mr. Mitch: Mr. President.

Public Meeting:

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch. We now go into open the public session of the meeting, please state your name and the part of town you live in. You have a five-minute, one time limit period.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Commented on a recent speech delivered by President Biden regarding Elections: “We May Be Opponents But We Are Not Enemies.” Mr. Gardner explained that he was running for the First Ward seat; he was debating ideas, and that his opponent Councilwoman Drumm, who actually holds the position, was not his enemy. Pointed out how Councilwoman has been a member of the Planning Board since 2016, and how he was not against the Council. He also recognized how some of the Council members and the Mayor have done good things. Requested an immediate update of the ‘Land Use Ordinances’ in an effort to stop the upcoming projects after the Elections on Main Street, Mount Hollow Road behind the Hess Property, and West Avenue in Sewaren. Asked the Council to look at all warehouse applications. Spoke about his concern on residential areas, the trucks getting in and out, the flood prone areas, the Blue Acre Funds, the studies for Main Street and asked them to stop paying these consultants. Recommended to sit down at San Remo Pizza, which is literally in the center of Main Street, conduct a survey only for people that are in the neighborhood, and ask “what else would you like to shop in when you come to Main Street?” and “what other stores will make you come back you to Main Street?”

Also talked about citizens involved in development project. Reminded that as a Council President, he was able to stop the construction of 3,000 multi-family units. Brought 2 articles from the Star Ledger in 1992 – “The formation of a new citizens committee was recommended by the Township Council President Kenneth Gardner who believes the public has been kept in the dark for too long.” Regarding Mayor McCormac and Senior Transportation Privatization from the News Tribune, August 12th 1994 – “Gardner suggested dropping the privatization nook entirely.” Spoke how Councilman Vinnie Martino said: “This is inexcusable”, when the Department heads (the Business Administrator, The CFO and the Chief Staff) did not show up for the meeting, and how the Council postponed the meeting until they were present. Asked for the Chief Staff, Chief Financial Officer, Director, Deputy Director or somebody else from every representative department to be there. Continued speaking about the newspaper article from 1992, and mentioned the relationship between the town and the School District – “Council President Kenneth Gardner yesterday announced plans to keep the lines of communication open with the Board. Gardner proposed a special committee. The Council and committee of board members meet regularly to discuss ways that can help each other.” Back then they were talking about better processing, purchasing, printing and nursing services. Mr. Gardner said that he will be posting the articles for those interested in seeing them. Commented on how he spoke about the Development Zones in the past, thanked the Council, and said that people were very concerned. Finally said that he will appreciate if they look at the Land Use Ordinance to stop what is happening.

Council President Small: Responded thank you.

John Vtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke not in favor of following what other towns do in regards to big cities, the development of warehouses or apartment houses that do not benefit the local community. Commented about the negative impact on these large cities which began their development 20, 40 or 50 years ago. Spoke about revitalizing Main Street and shopping centers, the businesses, the Train

Station, the lack of parking space, and how the construction across from the Municipal building was not going to help the town. Spoke that he was really concerned about all the Administrators of the Woodbridge Township, who were good people and were not in the meeting. Asked the Council to stop this now. Talked about how big companies will benefit, and how the town will not be making money. Spoke also on Elizabeth, Jersey City, the biggest landlord in Australia, and the people paying for this. Said: “It is an eyesore.” Mentioned about how people in Woodbridge are so concerned and panic about traffic, schools, the development of more units, and the burden on the Police Department. Commented also not in favor of the power plant plan in Keasbey. Said: “Something is wrong”, “Why Woodbridge?” Mentioned how other towns don’t allow things that Woodbridge do, and asked: “Why are you people here?” “Do you see different what I see, what we see, and why do you let it happen?”

Rashuda, Woodbridge: Commented on how this was her first time in a Council meeting, how she shared some of the same sentiment with Mr. Ken Gardner, Mr. John Vtaric, and her love for this town. Said that she was not against development, and how she called the township and asked them “How is it going to benefit the people that live here?” Mentioned about congestion, people, strain on Fire Departments and cops. Talked about Newark, developers, abatements, and the payment of taxes over 15-20 years. Commented about the increase of ‘For Sale’ signs and how people was leaving.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Commented on how the town was growing into a city. Mentioned infrastructure challenges, crime, and traffic increase and road modifications. Asked if anyone wanted to answer to the question: “How does it benefit me a lifelong Woodbridge resident with all the added traffic congestion growing pain of going from township to city?” Mr. Lund paused, and Council President Small asked him if he had something else. Responded that he was waiting for an answer. Council President Small said that it was a public comment. Mr. Lund continue talking on Mayor McCormac YouTube videos about tax revenue, how to ease our tax burden, the 20% tax increase, Old Bridge and how to put a hold on our taxes. Asked: “What do you say to that?” and then said: “That is an excellent answer” to Business Administrator Cimilluca.

Business Administrator, Cimilluca: Responded: “We’ll look into that.”

Dwight Glenn, Woodbridge: Shared his concerns about safety and how children were riding their bikes around the town, and asked to the Council if they came up with a solution. Mentioned about Councilman Anderson, and explained how he almost hit a few of the bicycle riders. Asked if they could come with a safety law and commented about how Perth Amboy issued bike licenses. Said he even wanted to follow a kid home to talk to his parents; he was riding down a wheelie in the middle of Rahway Avenue next to 10 or 15 other bike riders. Mr. Glenn talked about taking a proactive position and avoid that any of these kids get killed.

Councilman Anderson: Told Council President Small that he wanted to make a comment and thank Mr. Glenn. Encouraged everyone to look into this issue, see if there was another area to create. Spoke about the Skate Park, how kids were looking to ride across towns, the bike lanes created and how the kids were taking the whole lanes when riding the bicycles. Said that this was something to be explored; showed his concern as summer was coming, more kids will be outside with their bikes, and he didn’t want to see any kid hurt this summer.

Council President Small: Commented on the challenge and trend that bikes were for children, how he has experienced what Mr. Glenn talked about, how our Police Department was looking into that.

Victoria Bertsch, Colonia: Asked for updates on the alternate route plan for hiring police, the resolution that Council wanted to take regarding the power plant plan in Keasbey, information on if Speaker Coughlin consulted anyone from the State, the letters written and the 2 areas of concern alerting the residents on what was happening, and also alerting the higher ups about the citizen concerns on the power plant. Recommended on having an open forum, public comments, and public relationship with the police, and asked on the possibility of having that open forum.

Council President Small: Responded that a bunch of people came to last week's program and that Councilman Ficarra and Councilman Anderson requested the letters to be sent out to residents. Asked Business Administrator Cimilluca if he wanted to add something.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Responded that there was communication made to the residents, prior when it was approved several years ago.

Councilman Ficarra: Mentioned that he communicated with Ms. Jarred and that she condensed a lot of the questions in an email. Said: "The administration did not provide for many of us information from Competitive Power Ventures that they sent to us." The mayor connected them with The Community Relations of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Councilman Ficarra explained how he personally spoke to and followed up with an email.

Councilwoman DeJesus: Responded that there was no communication from anyone and that she was waiting for an email after their conversation.

Councilman Ficarra: Continue speaking and said he primarily focused on Environmental Justice Legislation, and the overburdened communities. The Power plant is under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the feds but he was concerned about the legislation. His understanding from Ms. Pflugh in the Department Environmental Protection the legislation has passed but they are still working on the law itself to determine what it is and how it will be used. Said: "the power plant right now is caught in the middle of that law." Mentioned about the tool used for looking at what is designated as overburdened communities that Ms. Pflugh shared with him. Commented on Kerry Pflugh's email or phone conversations, and said that she was a community relations person and very informative. He finally mentioned to Ms. Bertsch that he was willing to share any type of emails with her.

James Dabrowski, Woodbridge: Commented on the May 16th news for Sunday night and how Woodridge was featured on 60 minutes, CBS News, and National News regarding Nijeer Parks' civil lawsuit against Woodbridge. Talked about Communications Director John Hagerty and asked him to clarify the statement made by Anderson Cooper which reads: "A spokesman for the town told us that they've denied Parks' Civil claims in court filings." Talked about the wrongly imprisonment of Mr. Parks. Asked several times to Mr. Hagerty if he was denying what happened to Nijeer Parks. Told him that he was not taking accountability, or giving an apology. Continued speaking and said that on April 29th, CNN had a similar statement about how the defendants Mayor McCormac, Police Department Director Robert Hubner and the cops involved in the case who filed a motion to dismiss it. Asked and insisted to the Council members to stand up, make a comment on how they feel about

having this case dismissed by the township. Asked the Council President about the blue line on Main Street, the National Mental Health Awareness Month that is symbolized by green, plans to celebrate Pride Month in June. Appreciated that Council President will look into this. Spoke that May is also Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month as mentioned by Councilman Patel in the prior meeting, and Woodbridge has a large Asian American community. Commented on Mayor McCormac's response to the media on his comments. Said Black Lives Matter, justice for Najeer Parks, justice for Jeremiah Daniels Porter, and stop the Keasbey power plant.

John Hagerty: Explained that the Council for the township responded to the complaint, denied all of the allegations and the litigation is pending before the court. Said: "It is a matter pending before the court."

James Nolan, Esq.: Said: "This matter is pending in Federal Court and we will not speak about any litigation."

Council President Small: Replied the blue line is back to celebrate National Police Week. He was not aware of the Mental Health Awareness Month, that they do purple for Cancer next month, and that they will certainly look into Pride Month.

Christo Makropoulos, Edison: Spoke not in favor of any color lines on the streets; this was against the New Jersey Department of Transportation and to contact NJDOT to get them removed. Commented on Najeer Parks, the Council, and James Dabrowski, standing by the right side, Black Lives Matter, Middlesex County Republican Organization, Mayor McCormac, Edison's Democratic Mayoral candidate Sam Joshi, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson, and Woodbridge congestion. Continue speaking on James Dabrowski, the color lines, Najeer Parks, and Big Brother George Orwell 1984.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Central Organizer for Food & Water Watch followed up on the prior communications made by the township to the residents about the CPV Power plant and asked: "Are we talking about the statutory required notifications that the applicant had to make for the Planning Board or are we talking about actual message from the township?" Asked Business Administrator Cimilluca if the township also made notices as well as the applicant. Asked more specific information on Councilman Ficarra and Councilman Anderson's letter to amplify the concerns about the proposal for a second gas power plant in Keasbey, and thanked Councilman Ficarra for clarifying the letter. Spoke about the email sent to Ms. Jarred and made some corrections on the information given: The cleaning remediation at the CPV site was not completed, Kinder Morgan expect that work to be finalized by May 2023, he didn't find the record of Senator Booker visiting the CPV site, it is about 2 dozen people in the staff as full time employees, the land for the Water Park was not donated by CPV as it is still owned by Kinder Morgan, the OPRA request showed that as of 2020 it was a \$2.5 million payment per year. Continued speaking about how the projects are going to be taking a long time and mentioned that we need to make the changes now: "This one is neither clean nor renewable." Shared additional concerns with the Redevelopment Agency: The status on the plan for a Green Technology Park on Pennval Road, and the status of the Woodbridge Waterfront Park. Asked "what components of the park, if any, are actually under construction presently?" Mentioned how he emailed Ms. Caroline Ehrlich as he was told. and got no answers yet. Kept commenting on the Water Park and not in favor of the construction of a second gas power plant.

Business Administrator Mr. Cimilluca: Responded and said: “Prior communication set forth by whatever standard was when it was passed.” “The applicant made notices.”

Councilman Ficarra: Responded about the letter and said: “The Council in general does not get involved with items that are at the Federal or State level. It is not within our purview.” Explained that he has also reached out to the State Department EDP, talked to Kerry Pflugh, and summarized some of the things that were said. Spoke about the overburdened communities and the Environmental Justice and how he found out that although the legislation passed, the laws were not; they were still working on the law, and that there may be public hearings on that.

Council President Small: Responded that none of this is before the Council at this moment and they don’t have that information.

Director of Planning and Development Marta Lefsky-Darden: Suggested that Mr. Kratovil followed that path identified this evening at the Redevelopment Meeting to receive information with that regard.

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: #16 on my agenda. The summer concerts start June 21st. Monday thru Thursday, and they are held at Woodbridge High School. Please check our website; we’ve got plenty of great shows coming up at the High School in June thru September.

17. Light Parade.
HOLD
18. Human Rights Commission
HOLD
19. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD

Council President Small: I have just one announcement. It is Police Week this week. I would ask to please recognize and support your police officers in your community, who go out every day, protect and serve its residents. I just want to say God bless our First Responders and God Bless America. Thank you. Council Vice President Bauer.

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

Council Vice President Bauer: Thank you Council President. My agenda is in order.

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

Council Vice President Bauer: I have few announcements. Highland Grove Pool & Spray Park will be opening to the public on Memorial Day Weekend, every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to the beginning of the regular summer season starting on Monday June 21st. Memorial Weekend hours will be Friday, May 28th 3:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Saturday, May 29th 10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m., Sunday May 30th 10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. and Monday Memorial Day, May 31st 10:00am to 8:00p.m. We will

have in person registration in the Highland Grove Pool, located at 1 Highland Terrace in Fords this coming weekend that will be May 21st, May 22nd, and May 23rd from 9:00am to 1:00p.m. For any more information call 732-596-4170.

One more announcement - Memorial Day we will be celebrating in a few weeks “Let’s honor those brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country here and abroad Fords VFW Post 1690 will be having their Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 31st at 11:00a.m. at the Memorial Monument located on King George Road at Corey Street. Thank you to all our current Military Personnel, our First Responders, and all our Essential Workers. God Bless America. That’s all I have tonight Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President. I just have one item on my agenda.

1. Housing Authority.
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation.
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day.
HOLD
4. History Museum.
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations.
HOLD
6. Youth Employment/Job Fair.
HOLD
7. Township Parks and Playgrounds.
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage Month.
HOLD
9. Barron Arts Center.
HOLD
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item #10. The Free Public Library in Woodbridge will host a virtual program with Editor Geri Meyers of All Worlds Wayfarer Literary Magazine who will share some of the secrets of publishing for new authors on May 27th at 7:00p.m. Coming up on June 3rd at 7:00p.m. Author and Photographer Kevin Woyce will offer a virtual colorful tour of New Jersey's coastal history from lighthouses to shipwrecks to today's most popular summer resorts. Visit the woodbridgelibrary.org to register for this programs, and more will be offered by Zoom and again I just want to mention that they have Brainfuse Helpnow which is a free tutoring program for kids that are residents in Woodbridge from K-12. It's a free tutoring program if you are concerned about your child not being up to par in September. That is offered every day. For Brainfuse Helpnow, again, go to woodbridgelibrary.org for more information. That is all that I have. Thank you.

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.
HOLD
12. Green Infrastructure.
HOLD
13. Girl Sports.
HOLD
14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp.
HOLD
15. Census 2020.
HOLD
16. Youth Leadership Council.
HOLD

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Councilman Small. I just want to echo your sentiment with regards to National Police Week and acknowledge all our Law Enforcement Officers out there, and especially our very own Police Department.

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

Councilman Spillar: Item #5. I want to thank the Avenel Middle School's Community Service Club that tomorrow will be donating supplies and goods to the Woodbridge Township Animal Shelter. The organization ran a donation drive over several weeks and the supplies will go far away to the Animal Shelter.

6. Port Reading Knights/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak.
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: Item #6. I spoke with Mr. Sufkin (Sp.), the President of the Port Reading Senior Club and they will be having their meetings starting back up in June. They are going to split their meetings for occupancy. You can contact Sycamore Senior Center for information on joining not only the Senior Club but joining Sycamore Senior Center as well. The Senior Center Sycamore Center can be reached at 732-726-7087.

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

8. Avenel Fire Department.
HOLD

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

Councilman Spillar: Item#9 - The Avenel V.F.W. Post 7164 will be conducting its Memorial Services on Sunday May 30th at 10:00 o'clock at the Post home located at 60 West Park Avenue. All residents are welcome to attend. This Friday will be the last Friday for curbside pickup dinners at Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club of Avenel. We'll be taking the summer off and then we will reassess as the summer comes to an end. The Avenel Knight of Columbus and the Columbian Club of Avenel is located at 109 Morrisey Ave. That's all I have on my agenda this evening.

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: Council President I just have a couple of announcements. I'd first would like to congratulate Carmine, his family and all the workers on the grand opening of Jersey Pizza Boys located at 147 Avenel Street across from APAC. I believe we've all visited there at least once, and the pizza and the food are incredible. The building came out great which is just another great food establishment that is coming to Avenel and the township. I'd like to just acknowledge all our Veterans that have paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving our nation. As Memorial Day approaches, we have rights, we have privileges, we have freedoms, and that is important to all not only who serve but also to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you to all our Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, OEM, Woodbridge Police Department, C.E.R.T. and thank you to all our Public Work Employees. Be safe. Be smart, God Bless America. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Councilwoman Meehan: Council President thank you.

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

Councilwoman Meehan: I'd like to announce Local Veterans Services for our Memorial Day planned for Woodbridge Township. On Sunday, May 30th Colonia VFW will hold Memorial Day Service at their Post located on Inman Avenue across the street from the Library at noon. A service will be followed by a Picnic in the grove. On May 31st in Keasbey Fire Memorial Day Service will be held at 7:30a.m. They will meet in front of the Firehouse and walk over to the Keasbey War Memorial Monument and hold a service there at 8:00p.m. that is located at Smith Street and at the foot of the Edison Bridge. T. Nulty Post, the American Legion will hold their Memorial Day Service at the Post at 11:00a.m. The post is located at 25 Brown Street in Iselin. The Iselin VFW Post will hold their Memorial Day Service at the Post Monument on Auth Avenue in Iselin and just please remember this Memorial Day Weekend in between your barbecue and time with your friends and family to stop for a moment and remember the Veterans of past, those currently serving, those who lost their lives defending our country. Take some time if you can to attend one of these services and say thank you to our Veterans, and thank you to all our Veterans for your service to our country. Have a safe Memorial Day. Thank you.

10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.
HOLD

11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.
HOLD

12. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force.
HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: Item #12. This Saturday the Woodbridge Addiction Services presents Road to Hope from 1:00p.m. to 9:30p.m. at the Field behind the Woodbridge High School. They'll have five live bands, food and vendors. Come out and enjoy the great weather while supporting this program. Tickets are \$25.00 and all proceeds go to the Road to Hope the helps people obtain sober living. Also should you or your loved one or someone you know need help, there always help

available in Woodbridge Township. We have a staff of recovery coaches 24 hours a day, 7 days. Please reach out to them. There is help and you are not alone. The phone number is 732-596-4199.

13. Volunteer Directory.
HOLD
14. Domestic Violence Response Team.
HOLD
15. AED Program.
HOLD

Council President Small: Councilman Anderson

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

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

Councilman Anderson: Item #1. The Woodbridge Broncos will be holding the registrations for the 2021 season. You can go to www.woodbridgebroncos.org, registration fee is \$150.00 per athlete that includes practice equipment and game uniforms. Family plan is \$350.00. For more information, you can contact Broncofc174@gmail.

2. Job Bank.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: Item#2. Please check our Employment Opportunities Center on the township website for many new and existing positions.

3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I am going hold on items 3 thru 14 and go down to WONAC.

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

Councilman Anderson: The Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change (WONAC) will be hosting the first annual Juneteenth event on June 19th 2021 at the Woodbridge Community

Center located at 600 Main Street. That is from 12:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. There will be many vendors, two music performances there by two local artists, and there will be some spoken word and some history about Juneteenth. Many of you may not know what Juneteenth is but Juneteenth is tied to the history of enslaved black people in Galveston, Texas. Learning that they had been emancipated close to two and a half years after the Emancipation-Proclamation, many of the Confederate States were not observing the Emancipation being signed, and were not informing the Black Americans that had been enslaved. So commemorates at the end of the racial chattel Slavery across the Unlisted States but it is also tied to the particular event where you have people who were and still live in bondage even as the Emancipation Proclamation had technically emancipated them some two and a half years prior. I think the symbolism of the delay continues to do important work and in fact there were some enslaved black people who continue to be forced to work illegally for their masters in some cases even six years later. So when we look at the Fourth of July, the 4 of July was Independence from Britain. However there were still enslaved people during the time. So this is a second chance at celebrating Independence Day and that is when we were truly because in the Star Spangled Banner, we say the Land of the Free, but at the time when that was written the land wasn't truly free. However in 1862 when the Emancipation Proclamation was written and signed that said that we were all free. So I am encouraging everyone to come up this is a holiday for all to come up and celebrate with us on June 19th 2021 from 12:00 to 4:00p.m. at the Woodbridge Community Center.

Mr. Dabrowski has made some comments about people that talk about bicyclists. I speak about bicyclists because I care about children and I want them to be safe, and I want parents to be aware that when their kids leave their home they may not be following the rules. And this is an opportunity for me to at least like speak to their parents and let them know that we have large packs of kids that are riding bikes. Some are following the rules and some are not. Some are putting themselves in danger; some are putting others in danger. With regard to Mr. Najeer Parks; it is an ongoing case so I won't comment too much, but wrongful imprisonment and wrongful arrest is wrong. Okay. So I will say that. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Ficarra.

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Ficarra: Thank you Council, President. A few of the greater things in the Recreation Department. Over the Community Center, the Pavilion is up and running. It is a great place for a graduation parties, Birthday parties, Bridal Showers, all kinds of special events. The Skyline Mini Golf and Batting cages are now open for weekends. This is the spring hours Friday from 3:30p.m. to 10:00p.m., Saturday 12:00 to 10:00p.m., and Sunday 12:00 to 9:00p.m. Batting Cages - you have to bring your own bat & helmets and follow the appropriate regulations. For special events over at the Community Center dial 732-596-4108. The Camp options in the Woodbridge Township are plenty - Kidsports at the Club, the Woodbridge Community Center, Merrill Park. D'cacia(Sp.) is in charge of the cmap options. You can call her at 732-596-4180 and of course the website for the Community Center is njmcc.com and the Club is theclub.org. So you can gather up your information from there.

WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).

- (A) Senior Recreation and programming.
- (B) Youth Recreation and programming.

HOLD

2. Youth Month – April.
Senior Month – May.
HOLD
3. Mentoring Programs.
HOLD
4. Mayor’s Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.
HOLD
5. Fireworks.
HOLD
6. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.
HOLD
7. Pedestrian Safeway’s / East Coast Greenway.
HOLD
8. Annual Pizza Run.
HOLD
9. Jacob’s Landing.
HOLD
10. The Club at Woodbridge upgrades.
HOLD
11. Crossroad’s Race.
HOLD
12. Mental Health / Wellness.
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: The Police Department and the Addiction Services group are working very closely on Mental Health Issues. It's going quite well, and as I mentioned earlier today Resolution #4 - significant dollars are investing in a program with the YMCA and Mental Health, Family and Individual Services are key components to that. So I just wanted to point that out again. Thank you Council President.

Councilman Anderson: I am sorry. I just want to mention that last Wednesday, I had the pleasure of working with the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office on an anti-bias Vision Next Generation. This was a 106 page report that was written and based on a recommendation. I am sorry, a request from Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver. This visited every area of Anti-Bias in our schools, in our communities and how we tackle them. It came with many recommendations so I just want to

commend the Middlesex County's Prosecutor's Office as well as the Military's County Superintendent's Office for working on this project. This is going to be an ongoing project, ongoing discussions. We are going to be looking into not only all the departments in Middlesex County but also the schools in Middlesex County and how that are tackling Anti-Bias. Thank you and sorry about the omission.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Patel.

13. COVID-19 efforts.

HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Moving over to the Covid vaccines. At our Health Center, we have the Moderna Vaccine and we have doses the first dose is suggested that you call the Health Center and make an appointment but they are accepting walk-ups Tuesdays. Today was 3:30p.m. to 5:30p.m. Thursday is 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m., and that is over at our Health Center behind Woodbridge High School and the Library. Phone number there is 732-855-0600 ext. 5004. I also was made aware today through the Health of Middlesex that the Hackensack Meridian Perth Amboy Hospital now has walk ups during the day. I believe from 10:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. So if you are interested in getting a vaccine, they are available out there.

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

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President. My agenda is in order.

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

Councilman Patel: I have one announcement. After almost 15 months, federal Government is lifting the requirement of wearing a mask in most outdoor and indoor places. Meaning fully vaccinated people do not need to wear masks in most outdoor and indoor places. I would still request everyone to be safe while attending any events. The pandemic is still there and we all need to be careful. Also thank you once again to everyone involved in running our township vaccination clinics for all residents. Our special thanks goes to our Health Director Dennis Green, Assistant Director Phil Bujalski, and all of the nurses and doctors. Also thanks to the police officers and the First Responders.

Month of May is being celebrated as other American months in our country. Iselin Five Branches Senior Center will hold a drive through for seniors to pick up hot meals, desserts, and gifts. On next Tuesday, May 25th from 10:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. at the Five Branches Senior Center located at 1 Brown Avenue, Iselin. If you have any questions, you can call Senior Center Coordinator Liz Longenhagen at 732-726-6277. This event is for the Senior Center's members only and during this event. They are honoring older adults or seniors aged 90 and above. Also on Tuesday, May 25th starting at 6:00p.m. JFK High School will hold its Annual Senior Scholarship Award Program Outdoors in Blue Turf Stadium. The rain date is Wednesday June 2nd. I congratulate all those award recipients and to all the sponsors who generally sponsor those scholarships. Also Iselin VFW Post 2636 will hold its Annual Memorial Services on Monday May 31st starting at 11:00a.m. at the Post Headquarters Monument. Due to the ongoing pandemic, no refreshment will be served and all safety measures should be observed by all attendees. I salute all those who sacrifice their lives protecting our country, and to those who continue to serve our country. That's all for tonight Council President Small. Thank you very much. Good night to all. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Council President. Just a couple of items.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure:
 - A. Person-To-Person / Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-002-010 from HOP Woodbridge LLC t/a Houlihan's to DARYL, LLC for 55 Brook St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
1. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
 - A. 2021 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.

Mr. Mitch: Thank you for renewing 40 liquor licenses this evening. I will be having more on the next couple of meetings.

4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).

5. Elections.

- A. 2021 Primary Election: June 8, 2021
- B. 2021 General Election: November 2, 2021

Mr. Mitch: Just a few comments with regards to the Primary Election which is three weeks from today. I notified the Democratic and Republican Party chairs yesterday that we would be consolidating some Election Districts. If anybody is interested to be a poll worker, contact to local Republican and Democratic Organizations. There will be opportunities and finally for those residents who are registered voters and receive a mail-in ballot, the options are returning it through the U.S. Postal Service or using one of our two drop boxes. One is in front of Town Hall at 1 Main Street and one is at the Main Library, and they will be open until the Election Day. That's all I have. Thank you.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President. I have several items on my agenda for this evening under Administration and Finance: I have a Tax and Sewer Overpayment. I have a Proposal for Cypress Center for the HVAC System for Peak Environmental. I have a Proposal for a Phase III Renovation at 86 Green Street by the Vaughn Collaborative. I have a Proposal for the Firearms Training Facility Renovations for the Najarian Associates. I have a Shared Services with the Board of Education for use of Cable Television Facilities and Shares Services with the Board of Education for a Resource Program for a Shared Program for Computers, and I have a Renewal for the Evergreen Lease. Also, I will have 2 Ordinances for introduction before the Council next week.

POLICE:

HEALTH:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Under Health I have a shared Services agreement for the Opioid Addiction Overdose Recovery Program Services.

RECREATION:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a Refund from the Current Account.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a Resolution for final change order for Sanitary Sewer Improvements, and for the NJDOT, I have a Grant Application for Bucknell Avenue Roadway and Sewer Improvement Project. I have an agreement with the County of Middlesex for traffic light at

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Rahway Avenue and Port Reading Avenue. And I have a Proposal for a Digital Tax Map Maintenance for GIS Support and mapping from CME. Thank you Council President.

LEGAL:

Fred Rubenstein, Esq.: Nothing this evening Council President.

On a motion made by Councilman Bauer seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President Small adjourned the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Brian Small,
Council President

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