Township of Mount Laurel Regular Council Meeting February 8, 2021 Via Zoom

Mayor Steglik called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Karen Cohen – present, Councilwoman Fozia Janjua – present, Councilman Nick Moustakas – present, Deputy Mayor Kareem Pritchett - present, Mayor Stephen Steglik - present, George Morris, Township Solicitor – present, Meredith Tomczyk, Township Manager/Township Clerk - present

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Public Announcement, which is required by the "Open Public Meetings Act" of the State of New Jersey and read at every meeting of the Township Council was read by the Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Move: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilman Moustakas Roll Call 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$422,097.15 Motion to Move: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #48-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 803, LOT 6

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #48-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #49-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITIES

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #49-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #50-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #50-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #51-2021: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2020 LOSAP PROGRAM CERTIFIED LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER MEMBER

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #51-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #52-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 302.05, LOT 1

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #52-2021: Councilwoman Janjua, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #4-2021: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, CHAPTER 148 ("VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC")

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #4-2021: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #1-2021: CALENDAR YEAR 2021 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Alan – Wanted explanation of ordinance.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #1-2021: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #2-2021: AN ORDINANCE VACATING WHITMAN AVENUE, A PAPER STREET WITHIN THE BRIDGEWAY TRACT

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

No public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #2-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #3-2021: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Brian Sharp – Questioned if this ordinance will improve flooding in township or just required by state.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #3-2021: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua Roll Call 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Peter – Vaccine distribution needs to address certain groups of people. Need plan to reach out.

Ed Cohen – Storm water.

Pat Halbe - PAWS Farm.

Harriett – Huge thank you for snow removal.

Andrew Gaus – Minutes on website. Communications Director contact information. Problems with snow removal in his development.

Alan – Questioned why Mt. Laurel does not brine roads.

Kim – Wants bidding report on PAWS Farm. Hopes it reopens.

Cynthia – Turnpike noise.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mayor Steglik – PAWS Farm. Public Works did fantastic job. COVID testing done. Thanked everyone for speaking and for everyone joining them.

Councilwoman Janjua - Thanked Public Works and Mayor. Stay safe.

Councilwoman Cohen – Thanked everyone for comments. Thanked everyone for their efforts during snow storm. Stay safe.

Councilman Moustakas – Thanked everyone for their efforts during snow storm. Visited vaccine sites. Doing fantastic job. Be safe.

Deputy Mayor Pritchett – Thanked residents. Stay safe.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Deputy Mayor Pritchett

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Tomczyk, RMC

Township Clerk