

Woodbridge, New Jersey – February 2, 2021

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 February 02, 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 Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for our military serving overseas and the families 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, Nancy Drumm, Virbhadra N. Patel, Kyle Anderson, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Brian Small.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq. (Arrived 6:15 p.m.)
Fred Rubenstein, Esq.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2021?

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

Council Meeting:

January 19, 2021

The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinances A, B, C, D, E and F by title on Second Reading as Consent stating that copies of these Ordinances were posted on the bulletin board.

A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – STORMWATER CONTROL. (21-02)

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 11, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO CREATE NEW DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES. (21-03)

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.

C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIAN CLUB OF AVENEL, INC. FOR A SENIOR CENTER. (21-04)

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: Any questions or comments from Council?

Councilman Spillar: Mr. Mitch.

Mr. Mitch: Sir.

Councilman Spillar: Thank you, I'd just like to ask my fellow Council members for their consideration and support on Ordinance C. We will be entering into an Agreement with Columbian Club of Avenel and the Knights of Columbus to create and house the Maple Tree Senior Center. For years I've always looked at avenues and discussed with the mayor and the administration on creating a senior center in Avenel. It is a golden opportunity as Avenel senior living residence; Maple Tree Manor is literally up the road from the Knights building, three blocks from Rahway Avenue. To be able to see our seniors walk with each other down Morrissey Avenue to enjoy some line dancing, cards, and lunches, it is just incredible. I'd like to thank the mayor and the administration for working on this with me. Thank you.

Mr. Mitch: Any other comments?

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.

D. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT SMITH STREET EAST BOUND (CR 656)/DRISCOLL BRIDGE ACCESS ROAD RELOCATION – HENRY WAY, WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (21-05)

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.

E. AN ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (HANDICAPPED PARKING – 1ST STREET, FORDS). (21-06)

F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-39.3 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (REGULATION OF MOVEMENT FOR FED-EX GROUND, 6000 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, KEASBEY). (21-07)

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion that these Ordinances 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 these Ordinances and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President Bauer moved the public hearing closed and these Ordinances 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:

G. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS TAX BLOCK 544, LOT 89 AND BLOCK 544, LOT 76, (106 MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE) WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN A REHABILITATION AREA, TO THE WOODBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.

H. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (HANDICAPPED PARKING, KILMER DRIVE & FIFTH STREET).

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, February 5, 2021 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on February 16, 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 the Resolution authorizing the appointment of Ray Zirpolo to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission for a three (3) year term, commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2023.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing Refunds – Christmas Tree Vendor deposits.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing Refund – Tax Court Judgements.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing Refund – Tax Court Judgements.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution authorizing the Performance Guarantee Paper Bond be released to Build-To-Core Industrial Partnership III, LLC. (5 Paddock Street)
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution authorizing the Performance Guarantee Paper Bond be released to James Ondeyko. (28 Juliette Street).
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution authorizing the Performance Guarantee Paper Bond be released to Craig’s Plumbing & Heating, Inc. (92nd Street).
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution authorizing the Planning Board of the Township of Woodbridge to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Sewaren Section of Woodbridge Township is in Need of Redevelopment. (Cliff Road, Sewaren).
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution designating certain properties (Block: 535.01, Lot 11 – 45 New Street) in the Woodbridge Proper section of the Township as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Non-Condensation.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution designating certain properties (Block: 535.01, Lot 12, 342 Fulton Street) in the Woodbridge Proper section of the Township as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Condensation.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution designating certain properties (Block: 535.01, Lot 13 – 348 Fulton Street) in the Woodbridge Proper section of the Township as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Condensation.

- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution the Resolution designating certain properties (Block: 538, Lots 1 ,2, 3, 4 & 14 - 75, 77, 79, 81 & 82 – Main Street) as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Non-Condensation.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution designating certain properties (Block 538.01, Lot 8 – 358 Fulton Street) in the Woodbridge Proper section of the Township as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Condensation.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution designating certain properties (Block 539, Lot 1.01 – 330 Fulton Street) in the Woodbridge Proper section of the Township as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Condensation.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution rescinding Resolution #80 adopted on January 5, 2021.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution authorizing the Mayor or the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of One New Stertil-Koni 18,500 lb. Mobile Column Lift for the Department of Public Works from Hoffman Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$44,335.06.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Agreement – French & Parrello Associates, for professional engineering services for the Sewaren Pole Barn Building - \$6,200.00.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Agreement –T & M Associates, for professional engineering services for a Municipal Building Controls Investigation - \$18,500.00.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Agreement – Agreement – T & M Associates, for professional engineering services for Athletic Field Lighting Improvements at Colonia Middle School - \$8,500.00.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes Agreement – Peak Environmental, for professional environmental consulting services for Asbestos Air Monitoring for the Acacia Youth Center - \$7,000.00.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution authorizing Traffic Agreement – Redeveloper and the Woodbridge Redevelopment Agency – for Morris Avenel Associates Urban Renewal, LLC project on Rahway Avenue, Avenel.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution Agreement – Acrisure, LLC, d/b/a North American Insurance Management Corporation, for professional health benefits consulting services - \$330,000.00.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution Rescinding the Designation of certain property (Block: 873, Lot 1) in the Avenel section of the Township as

an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Condemnation, Resolution #11 adopted on August 18, 2020 (1303 Rahway Avenue, Avenel).

(24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution authorizing the insertion of \$10,000.00 as a special item of revenue available from the Sustainable Jersey Corp. into the SFY 2021 Budget.

(25) **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 February 2, 2021 and the Supplemental Bill List dated January 15, 2020 through January 29, 2021.

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

Mr. Mitch: Any questions or comments from Council?

Councilwoman Meehan: Mr. Mitch, I'll be abstaining from #25.

Mr. Mitch: Any other comments? That's it sir.

Council President Small: Thank you. Now I am going to 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 period to speak.

Public Meeting:

James Dabrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about his disappointment for not seeing any reference to the Black History Month on the Woodbridge Township website, and indicated that the Woodbridge Public Library is hosting only two events to celebrate it. Asked if the Woodbridge Township is planning to celebrate Black History Month similar to the Columbus Day Celebration back in October in which Senator Joe Vitale, Congressman Frank Pallone, and our Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin joined Mayor McCormac during a ceremony. Also talked about Black Lives Matter, Blue Lives Matter flags, NAACP, the NJ Turnpike Authority, Correctional Officer Mark Tolley, Council President Small, the Woodbridge Youth for Liberation and Equity, and the Woodbridge civil lawsuit with Najeer Parks.

Council President Small: Your time is up Mr. Dabrowski.

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

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch. I have nothing on my agenda this evening.

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

17. Light Parade.
HOLD
18. Human Rights Commission
HOLD

Council President Small: I only have a couple of announcements. I want to thank our members of Public Works for the past two days trying to move this snow out of the way; it is a task and a half. So, thank you to the men and women of Public Works for doing an outstanding job. Again and as always, I also want to thank our Police Department, our Fire Department, our EMS, and all Essential Workers for all the hard work that they do for this great township. Finally, I want to offer a Happy Birthday to Councilwoman DeJesus. Happy Birthday! (“Thank you” - responded Councilwoman DeJesus), many more to come, and that’s all I have this evening. Council Vice President Bauer.

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

Council Vice President Bauer: Thank you Council President Small. 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'd like to piggyback off one of your announcements and like to thank our Department of Public Works and our First Responders for their hard work during the past snowstorm. Our resources were pushed to the limits, but these men and women always step up to the job, and do a great job for our community. Thanks again. That's all I have Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you.

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: We are celebrating Black History Month in Woodbridge Township. The Woodbridge Public Library - the Main Library will host exhibits for Black History Month. A mixed media presentation: the Black Series is on display in the lobby, and an annual guest artist Derek Dent's exhibit, With Voices Raised, will be shown on the second floor. Virtual program speakers will include Dr. Linda J. Caldwell Epps and Historian Rick Geffken. A New Spice Club Cooking program and a Grab & Go Valentine's Day Crafts to pick up for all ages are also planned for this month. Branch libraries also serve as a curbside pickup location for Grab and Go craft kit. Visit the library calendar online at www.woodbridgelibrary.org or call the library at 732-634-4450.

I would also like to echo the sentiment and thank our Department of Public Works, our Woodbridge Police Department, our Fire Department, all our Essential Workers because while some of us had a snow day today and were able to be home and eat warm food and stay warm, there was a lot of people out there making sure that our roads were clear and that our residents were safe. So, on behalf of myself and the rest of the Council members, thank you so much for the work that you do; it is deeply appreciated. And for those people that are complaining because the snowplows have not been able to clear the sides of the street, if there are cars parked and they don't follow the rules, there is nothing that they can do. So be patient, and let's appreciate the work that they do. Thank you so much.

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.
HOLD
12. Green Infrastructure.
HOLD
13. Girls' 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 Council President Small.

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

8. Avenel Fire Department.
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: I have #8. On January 20th at 9:12, the Avenel Fire Department was dispatched to South Inman Avenue in Avenel for a reported structure fire. Upon arrival we found heavy fire emanating from the kitchen. Suddenly and through heroic efforts during search operations, a young 21-year-old resident was found and passed away. A sad day and time in Avenel, Woodbridge Township, as we lost that young man in the fire, his family lost a son, a nephew, a cousin, and a house; thoughts and prayers to all. Thank you to the Avenel Fire Department for their quick response, all the neighboring Fire Departments that assisted, the Woodbridge Police Department for their quick actions upon arrival as well as EMS, C.E.R.T. and OEM. There is a GoFundMe page that residents and neighbors can donate directly to the family. You can go to the GoFundMe, type in the search box, and remember is CHADLY.

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: God Bless all of you. That's all on my agenda. Thank you Council President Small. I just want to thank all the Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, our Woodbridge Police Department, OEM and C.E.R.T. for all their tireless work, and also I would like to thank and acknowledge them for their effort during the storm. The roads were excellent, great job. If I can, I'd like to piggyback on Councilwoman DeJesus talking about the snow plowing, I saw a lot today. I know it was difficult. 24 plus inches of snow. It's ridiculous, but please do not put the snow back into the street. You should not have had the neighbors call Woodbridge PD to send officers out. I've got hit with a snow blower today by one guy; it makes it difficult. They are out there all night and all day. It packs down and they need a salt truck. So, please just do the best you can. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President. I only have one thing on my agenda today.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.
HOLD
2. CBC – Colonia Business Community.
HOLD
3. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.
HOLD
4. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center / Senior Services.
HOLD
5. 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

Councilwoman Meehan: This is just to remind you that we are still in the middle of our 214 challenge for the Woodbridge Township Have a Heart Food Drive. We will be collecting non-perishable foods until February 14th. If anybody is interested in participating, we are asking either to donate 214 pounds of food or \$214 to our food banks. People can reach out to Peter Barcellona at our Health Department at 732-855-0600 x 5034. It is really important that we keep these food pantries stock throughout especially during this time of Covid when so many people are really struggling.

6. Food Pantry.
HOLD
7. Reinhard Manor.
HOLD
8. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.
HOLD
9. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.
HOLD
10. Veteran's Issues.
HOLD
11. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.
HOLD
12. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.
HOLD
13. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force.
HOLD
14. Volunteer Directory.
HOLD
15. Domestic Violence Response Team.
HOLD

16. AED Program.
HOLD

17. Engineering Exploring Project.
HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: And again, just like all my Council members, I want to thank our Public Works Department; they've been working very hard. And like Councilman Spillar said: "Please be patient". There were a lot of phone calls today, and most people were just so happy that they are doing such a good job, but the snow is heavy, and it is going to take a little while to clear that. So, please be patient. These guys are tired, and need a little sleep, and some food, and they will be back out on the street. That's all I have. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Drumm.

NANCY J. DRUMM, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Councilwoman Drumm: Thank you Council President.

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

Councilwoman Drumm: #4 The Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome our most recent new members Benny's Pizza, Lucas Hair Salon, Metro Self Storage, and SYNERGY HomeCare of Woodbridge. The Chamber has many upcoming webinars and educational Zoom meetings planned. There are a variety of business types in the Chamber membership, and these webinars are going to the teachings of all business-related topics. If you'd like to get more information or be placed onto our weekly Constant Contact, please email 'info' at WoodbridgeChamber.com. Upcoming Strawberry's Pub & Pizza will be hosting an outdoor networking event: Inside & Heated Outside Dining Tents on Friday, February 26th from 5:00 pm. to 7:00 pm; you can register on the Chamber website or call the Chamber at 732-636-4040. The Chamber recently hosted the 15th annual SID of the Township; Mayor McCormac delivered a speech via a virtual presentation due to the ongoing pandemic. It can be viewed on the TV-35, the Mayor's and Chamber's Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and the Woodbridge Township website. Mayor McCormac reaffirmed his commitment to leading

our town through COVID-19 public health crisis, outlined major economic development projects and highlighted our School District Facilities Improvement Project, “Quality-of-Life” initiatives and strategies for our town. Our sponsors for this event proved to be of generous support and we thank them very much.

5. Buy Local Program.
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: Buy Local, Downtown Merchants and Main Street SID, I’ve put them all together. Please continue to buy local. Most of our local businesses are owned and operated by people that live in our town. They’ve been able to manage through the pandemic to employ the people who work for them are residents of our town. And they provide opportunities overall to everyone in our town, supporting them by buying from them, shopping local is just the win-win and they need us more than ever. Thank you.

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

Councilwoman Drumm: And to all our snowplow crews, Emergency Responders, and Departments of Health workers, I just want to extend as well, my thank you for all your hard work. That's all I have Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President. My agenda is in order; I just have a few things to mention.

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

Councilman Anderson: You can begin your bachelor's degree for Fine Arts at Middlesex College. There is a new program there. Please visit www.middlesexcc.edu.

15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I do want to mention that this year for Middlesex County Democratic Black Caucus, they will be having their Annual Black History Month via Zoom call on February 13 at 10:00 a.m. I will get that information out there. But I am honored this year that I am going to be the honoree for this event, so I am really proud about that. I want to thank Sheriff Mildred Scott, and the panel for selecting me as the honoree for that. Typically, the Independent Club of Colonia does host our Black History Month event. However, with Covid and some of the services that would require them to do a virtual Black History Month, which they are unable to do this year, my organization WONAC is looking into it, to where we may take over, and pick up where they're not able to do, and put out together a suitable Black History Month event. I will be posting on my Facebook Page a number of Black History events throughout Middlesex County. Some are suitable for children and other things are for the adults. I do want to mention locally that Black History Month originally started out as a week, and it was call Negro History Week, and it was started by Carter G. Woodson who is also the author of the book called "Mis-Education of the Negro", a very powerful book that was written a long time ago, but that still applies to today. Then it elevated into Black History Month. A lot of it had the association that there's always been mentioned this is the shortest month of the year, but a lot of it had to do with Lincoln's Birthday being in February, and with Lincoln having to sign the Emancipation Proclamation. Also locally Thomas Alva Edison, as we know, was the inventor of the lightbulb. However, his lightbulb did not work. It was through Lewis Latimer and his creation of the carbon filament. Carbon filament is the piece that went between the two stems inside the light bulb and this was sustainable. While Mr. Edison was a tremendous businessman, and got a lot of credit for the inventions that went on his lab, Mr. Latimer, while he is credited with being the inventor, he did not get the notoriety that Mr. Edison did get. So, there are a lot of inventions that

you can visit on any site and learn about. We're hopeful. I will be looking in my children's curriculum that there will be some activity of Black History Month. Also I was looking at it and saying Black History is American History, so it should be celebrated all year long, it should be part of our curriculum and that is something that we do in Education with the Amistad Bill. You know that we are hopeful that our School Districts will embrace it the way that they should had when it was proposed back when Governor McGreevy introduced it back in 2000. So, I just want to thank everyone for taking a moment this month and the rest of the year to acknowledge the accomplishments and the contributions of African Americans in the United States. That's all I have. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you Councilman Ficarra.

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Ficarra: Thank you Council President. I have a number of activities.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).

(A) Senior Recreation and programming.

(B) Youth Recreation and programming.

HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: In my item #1A and B over the Woodbridge Community Center, and the Club at Woodbridge, everything from Trying Ice Hockey to diving a little dipper into Ice Hockey with New Jersey Devils Learn to Play is coming up on February 20th and 21st. There is also a fundraiser for the Have a Heart Food Drive that is called Have a Heart Zumbathon, and that is coming up on February 13th. There is a membership drive at both the Club at Woodbridge, and at our Woodbridge Community Center, and there are incentives to join in the month of February. Please check out their websites which are very throughout, njwcc.com for the Woodbridge Community Center and theclub.org for the Club at Woodbridge. Both of them are very spacious facilities with all of the regulations followed as far as Covid is concerned. I would like to go all the way down to my item #12.

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.
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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: In the area of Mental Health and Wellness, our relationship with the Specialized Case Management and Outreach Services SCMOS is secured and continuing to move on; our special training for the Police is now at the Review Board by the State Attorney General. We anticipate that is being approved. In advance, we are beginning to look at the scheduling of those training sessions. As I mentioned at our last meeting, the police will handle the relationship with the SCMOS folks during hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and during the off hours, our Recovery Coaches that work 24/7 will gather the information, and make sure that it gets to SCMOS. So nothing falls through the cracks and the people that need support whether it is acute support or subacute, will get that support. I am personally pleased the aggressiveness of the way the program is going.

13. COVID-19 efforts.
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Another area of concern, the Covid-19 efforts, here in town. We had a total of 12 Clinics so far and we have administered 1,470 doses to date. That sounds like a big number, but we all know it is a town of a 100,000 people. We are like the little train 'That Could', we are doing the best we can with what we have. For State hotlines there is a 211 number. That is a 24/7 number. The medicals- if you have any questions about your conditions there is 1800-962-1253; this is for people that has pre-existing conditions that might be concerned about whether to get the vaccine or anything else related to Covid and your health. With assistance from the State for vaccine appointment support, contact 855-568-0545, and you can also text njcovid to 898211, and then you'll receive alerts as they come up. Woodbridge residents, please do not go to our Health Center. There is no walk-up there, there is no walk-in; we have no capabilities of doing that. You must register with [Covidvaccine.nj.gov](https://www.covidvaccine.nj.gov). If you are a Woodbridge resident and you are a senior citizen without a computer, you can call our Woodbridge Senior Center at 732-726-6264; that is just for assistance. I just want to give you an example for anybody that is registered, it is not that hard. You

go on the website, fill in the fields and that's it. If you go to our Senior Center and they fill it out and you do not have an email, it will go to the person that assisted you and they will notify you when your time comes up. There are other challenges out there. We are hearing that certain medical centers, other agencies, drugstores are administering the vaccine outside of the New Jersey Covid system. Our suggestion, although we have no control over that, once again, it is to get on any list that you can. The sooner, you'll get that vaccine. But please keep in mind that as far as Woodbridge is concerned, our Health Department is distributing as fast as we get it. We appreciate what the Health Department is doing, we appreciate the cooperation of our citizens, we are with you and understand that it is a little bit convoluted in the big picture, but we're trying to navigate and give you as much information as we can.

I'd like to thank our Public Works and everyone else involved in keeping us safe during this crazy storm that we had the last two days. Thank you, Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Patel.

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

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President Small.

1. American Legion (T. Nulty Post).
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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.
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7. Sign Ordinance.
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8. Cooper Field.
HOLD

Councilman Patel: My agenda is also in order, but I'd like to thank Public Works, Police Department and Fire Department for helping us during this snowstorm. That's all.

Council President Small: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President. My agenda is in order.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure:
 - A. Change of Corporate Structure for Red Chutney, LLC t/a Talli Bar & Grill, 1538 Oak Tree Rd., Iselin, NJ 08830.
 - B. Person-To-Person / Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-039-011 from BL Restaurant Operations, LLC t/a Bar Louie to Dragonfly Woodbridge, Inc., t/a Dragonfly 61 Rt. 1, Metuchen, NJ 08840.
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 Primary Election: June 8, 2021
 - B. 2021 General Election: November 2, 2021

Council President Small: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I'd like to take an opportunity to thank DPW Director George Brew and his crew. They took an extraordinary storm, and they gave extraordinary things in it as to clean the streets of Woodbridge Township. We appreciate all the efforts and especially those of the First Responders. With that I have a few things on my agenda tonight. I have a Refund for overpayment of taxes and a Refund for overpayment of sewer fees.

POLICE:

HEALTH:

RECREATION:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a Release of a Performance Bond. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Legal.

LEGAL:

James Nolan, Esq.: Nothing this evening.

Council President Small: Thank you.

On a motion made by Councilman Bauer seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President Small adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Brian Small,
Council President

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