

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 August 4, 2020 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 DeJesus: Please remain standing for a moment of silence to not only remember our troops serving our Country overseas and for all those lost to Covid-19 and their families.

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 20, 2019, Amended Annual Notice Schedule was published in The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger on June 5, 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, Howie Bauer, Brian Small, Lizbeth DeJesus

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.
Eric Lange, Esq.

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

Council Meeting:

July 21, 2020

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. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-33 - 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT ALONG HENRY WAY FROM SMITH STREET TO ACCESS ROAD B. (20-56)

Council Vice President Small 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 Bauer and carried unanimously.

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

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

B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WOODBRIDGE COLUMBIAN CLUB. (20-57)

Council Vice President Small 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 Bauer and carried unanimously.

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

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

C. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “ROUTE 1 AREA 21 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, ” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (20-58)

Council Vice President Small 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 Bauer and carried unanimously.

Council President DeJesus moved the public hearing to be held on this Ordinance and carried

unanimously.

Gloria Landi, Woodbridge: Is that on Route 1 Redevelopment? Where on Route 1?

Council Vice President, DeJesus: Ordinance C. If you wish to say something you have to go to the back area and speak into that microphone.

Gloria Landi, Woodbridge: I just want to know where it is.?

Council Vice President, DeJesus: It's on Route 1. These are The Motels on Route 1. Correct Ward?

Councilman Cory Spillar: These are several different areas of redevelopment along with Route 1 corridor. This is the area where several motels will be looking to redevelop into.

Gloria Landi, Woodbridge: Into what Sir?

Councilman Cory Spillar: It is up to every redeveloper...

Vito Cimilluca: The plan has not been announced yet or hasn't been formulated. It is just to redevelop the area because it's dilapidated.

Councilman Cory Spillar: In order for us to send it out for redevelopment, we have to pass the Ordinance since it is in the redevelopment zone.

Council Vice President, DeJesus: Madame, can you go back into the ropped area and speak into the microphone and just tell us your name and what part of the township you are from please.

Gloria Landi, Woodbridge: My community is very concerned about the development that's going on around us; this is on Route 1 and I want to know on what proximity of Route 1 is that Sharon Gardens is for development. I understand that there is a lot of construction there and we want to be developed. That's fine, but we have horrendous traffic problems now on Woodbridge Center Drive and you are going to landlock us.

Councilman Cory Spillar: This is the area between Wiley and Lord Street. So if you turn at the firehouse and make a left, the motel is right there on the right inside.

Gloria Landi, Woodbridge: Right side, okay. My question is the development that is going on where the solar field was?

Council Vice President, DeJesus: I am sorry this has nothing to do with this ordinance.

Gloria Landi, Woodbridge: okay.

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

**D. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
WOODBIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE**

“200 WOOD AVENUE SOUTH REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, ” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A- A et seq. (20-59)

Council Vice President Small 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 Bauer and carried unanimously.

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

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

E. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS TAX BLOCK 448.02, LOT 63.02, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 31 AUTH AVENUE, ISELIN TO ST. CECELIA 'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASEHOLD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE AND ST. CECELIA 'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. (20-60)

Council Vice President Small 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 Bauer and carried unanimously.

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

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

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

F. BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RENOVATION OF THE FORMER HUNGARIAN CLUB BUILDING (BEING ACQUIRED BY THE TOWNSHIP) FOR USE AS THE ACACIA YOUTH CENTER IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$400,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

G. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7- 38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING ON THORPE AVENUE.

H. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7- 38.5 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO ADD

TWO SPACES TO HYACINTH DRIVE AND DELETE 2 SPACES ON WISTERIA DRIVE.

I. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUB-LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE AND NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FOR 430 RAHWAY AVENUE (PARKING)

Council Vice President Small made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spillar and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading to be published in The Home News Tribune on Friday, August 7, 2020 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints various Appraisers to provide services to the Township of Woodbridge, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints various Architects to provide services to the Township of Woodbridge, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints various Attorneys to provide services to the Township of Woodbridge, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints various Auditors to provide services to the Township of Woodbridge, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints a Concert Promoter to provide services to the Township of Woodbridge, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints various Engineers to provide services to the Township of Woodbridge, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints various Environmental Consultants to provide services to the Township of Woodbridge, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints a Health Benefits Consultant to provide services to the Township of Woodbridge, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints various Planners to provide services to the Township of Woodbridge, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby resolves that any renewal of liquor license #1225-33-026-009 (VI Group, LLC) on Resolution #14 adopted on July 21, 2020 be rescinded.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby resolves that any reference to the renewal of liquor license #1225-33-067-010 (Sarana Group) on Resolution #14 adopted on July 21, 2020 be rescinded.

- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that Resolution #15 adopted for renewal of liquor license #1225-33-070-013 adopted on July 21, 2020 reflects the correct licensee as CHRIS AND MAIK INC.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund check to St. Anthony of Padua Church in the amount of \$780.00 for Bingo Games cancellation.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund check of Permit Fees to Nino's Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$1,468.80.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to release the Performance Guarantee Paper Bond in the amount of \$575,499.75 for 1400 Rahway Urban Renewal, LLC.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution of adopting the updated Purchasing Manual on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes to purchase annual ArcGIS license renewal and online training package for three (3) year term in the amount of \$136,500.00.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes to execute any documents necessary for the lease to purchase fifty (50) in-car cameras and related equipment for police cars in the amount of \$87,796.46 annually for a period of (5) years.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution Awarded Contract with Rapid Pump & Meter for emergency replacement of the medium voltage variable frequency drive at the main sewerage pumping station in an amount not to exceed \$94,500.00.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution of Agreement with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins for professional accounting services for Calculation of Arbitrage Rebate for the Township's Debt Obligations for period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$22,500.00.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution of Agreement with CME Associates for professional engineering services for the Township's Digital Tax Map Maintenance/MOD-IV Review and GIS Support and Mapping Assistance in an amount not to exceed \$68,970.00.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution of Agreement with CME Associates for professional engineering services for a Survey and Minor Subdivision of Block 590, Lot 35 in an amount not to exceed \$19,875.00.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with Maser Consulting, P.A. for professional engineering services for Intersection Improvements at New Brunswick Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with A-Plus

Construction, Inc. for the Woodbridge Home Improvement Program repairs to the home on Block 828, Lot 14 in an amount not to exceed \$18,600.00.

- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of Change Order on the contract with Michael Riesz & Co. for The Club Interior Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$246,295.00.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of Final Change Order on the contract with Environmental Connection Inc. for Environmental Asbestos Consulting Services for The Club decreasing the contract amount of \$3,310.00 by \$635.00 to a total of \$2,675.00.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins for professional accounting services for General Accounting/Audit for the Township in an amount not to exceed \$113,000.00 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with James P. Nolan & Associates for legal services for the Township as Director of Law for \$15,100.00 annual salary plus \$190.00 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$480,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with Rainone, Coughlin & Minchello for legal services for the Township of Woodbridge as Municipal Counselor for \$15,100.00 annual salary plus \$190.00 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with Rainone, Coughlin & Minchello for legal services for the Township of Woodbridge as Rent Leveling Board Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with Rogut McCarthy for legal services for the Township of Woodbridge as Bond Counsel in an amount not to exceed \$215,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with Meyerson, Fox, Mancinelli & Conte for legal services for the Township of Woodbridge as Insurance Commission Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$31,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with Russo & Casey for legal services for the Township of Woodbridge as Zoning Board Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (34) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with Marc Rogoff, Esq. for legal services for the Township of Woodbridge as Planning Board Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

- (35) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with Genova Burns for legal services for the Township of Woodbridge as Labor Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (36) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas for legal services for the Township of Woodbridge as Property/Tax Appeal Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (37) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with McManimon, Scotland & Baumann for legal services for the Township of Woodbridge as Redevelopment Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$52,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (38) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with the Law Offices of Wanda Chin Monahan for legal services for the Township of Woodbridge as Environmental Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (39) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin for legal services for the Township of Woodbridge as Redevelopment Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (40) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement with Florio, Kenny, Raval, LLP for legal services for the Township of Woodbridge as Redevelopment Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (41) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing renewal of the Club Licenses for the 2020-2021 year.
- (42) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing renewal of the Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses for the 2020-2021 year.
- (43) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses for the 2020–2021 year.
- (44) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Municipal Chief Financial Officer of the Current Bill List dated August 4, 2020 and the Supplemental Bill List dated July 17, 2020 through January 31, 2020 and the Addendum to the August 4, 2020 Bill List.
- (45) **EXEC. SESSION**
- (46) **STMNT. AGREEMENT W/PURCHASING AGENT**

Mr. John Mitch: Can I get a motion to approve 44 Resolutions by consent?

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

Council President, DeJesus: We will now move to the public portion of the meeting, please approach the microphone if you would like, state the area of the township you reside and your name, there is a one time, five-minute time period and again, if you wish to record the meeting, you have to go in the corded blue area.

Public Meeting:

Mr. John Mitch: Anybody from the public, have any comments?

Gloria Landi, Woodbridge: Spoke about her concerns on the traffic pattern and how she called the police and did not receive the answer back on. Also spoke on the traffic lights going into Woodbridge Center and into Wegmans, and wanted to know the number of units on the development going on down the street, where the solar field was, if they were low income or if they will have a certain percentage of low income housing. Next she spoke on how her very diverse community have great concern on Black Lives Matter and don't want to see riots. Said that all lives matter and how she is not in favor of police defunding. Lastly, she said that "however listening to all of you who have concerns, which are very valid, as long as they remain peaceful and loving to our community because we have a good community."

Mr. John Mitch: Are there any comments this evening from the public?

Council President, DeJesus: I don't know if there is people lined up outside, who wants to come in and speak, so I am going to ask the same time as the last meeting. If you are done talking, can you please give up your seat to someone who is coming in to speak? I would like to make room for everyone to get a chance to speak so all I am asking to everyone is that once you are done speaking, if you don't mind getting up, they did it last time with no issues, just get up and give up your seats to let someone from the outside to come in. You can always watch our Council meetings on Channel 35 so that you can hear everything that is being said.

Charity Daramola, Sewaren: Spoke about how she is in favor of the complete removal of Police Officers in Woodbridge Township School District Schools and how to protect these kids: "The Schools are places of learning not places meant for confinement". She added how these Police Officers should be replaced with trained specialists who can deal with conflict, understand the real and mental health issues students are going through, their problems and struggles, and who can approach them with care and love.

Council President, DeJesus: Anything that has to do with the schools, you have to go to the Board of Ed. We heard you but again, they make the decisions so you have to go to the board of Ed.

Mary Nasr, Port Reading: Spoke on the lack of accountability, on police brutality and misconduct in this town and the need for transparency. Said also how Patricia Mendez was approached by a police officer while waiting to pick up her son, how Jeffrey Gutierrez was falsely accused, arrested, and later on given \$125,000 to stop pursuing the case in court and how three black women were awarded \$70,000 after a police encounter. Ms. Nasr is in favor of sharing publishing yearly data relating to arrest force, traffic and violations in Woodbridge with residents.

Audra Sabara, Metuchen: Spoke how she works as a social worker, eat and spends money in Woodbridge Township and how she also supports Black Lives Matter. Mentioned being member of the Metuchen accessibility Committee and the lack of resources in social work in Woodbridge.

Mr. John Mitch: Are there any other comments this evening from the public?

Jimmy Dabrowski, Woodbridge: Talked about the racist problem in Woodbridge, the white supremacy violence, the need for symbolic commitments with the Woodbridge Youth for Liberation and Equity in anti-racism, anti-racism scholar Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, author-activist Ijeoma Oluo and Tony Gallo. Mr. Dawrobski said: “You should all be ashamed that you are standing with this people on the wrong racist side of history instead with the community members of conscience on the right anti-racist side. I know the Mayor is worried about pissing off half the town, and not getting re-elected, to use his own words, but it is at the cost of his conscience and yours too, if you are too cowardly to challenge him for once, and actual serve as a Council of checks and balances, rather than just a group of yes people or giving him a rubber stamp or whatever he wants, and whatever the Woodbridge PBA wants and that goes for the Mayor’s hand-picked Human Rights Commission also.” spoke in favor of defunding the police by 15% and having the most resources. Finally said; “My one wish is that you finally begin to make concrete commitments to anti-racism and that you work with our brilliant Woodbridge Youth for Liberation and Equity”

Council President, DeJesus: Disputed Mr. Dabrowski for calling them racists and spoke about how she supports the Police Department, Black Lives Matter, the Woodbridge Township and the Latino Community.

Mr. John Mitch: Are there any other comments this evening from the public?

Council President, DeJesus: And again if you made a comment and you are done, please allow anyone else to come in, have a seat and what they have to say.

Mia Banks, Avenel: Member of Youth for Liberation and Equity Spoke how she is in favor of defunding the Woodbridge Police, how she supports policies to help black people in the community and also about her email on racism in Woodbridge and the Racist Housing policies in 1965. Said: “We are asking you guys to look into the problems of Woodbridge and find out the solutions that need to be made so that we can support all the different areas of this country that we need to support.” Then, spoke how she is not in favor that population growth in 2021 requires for more police and on the relationship between police presence and the levels of violent and non-violent man in Woodbridge. Mentioned about how they will utilize media outlets to expose the truth about Woodbridge on Instagram and Twitter

Mr. John Mitch: Are there any other comments this evening from the public?

Council President, DeJesus: Regarding the reason of why we haven’t had a Town Hall is because of Covid-19. The Governor decreased the number, and if you notice, there are 2 less seats here because of his decreasing to 25 people in an indoor. If you are going to have a town hall in an indoor, we have to abide by the social distancing and by the things. It wouldn’t be a group of people; it would just be limited. So that is why we haven’t made a decision, as to whether we are going to do that or when we are going to do that, because we keep waiting for things to open up.

Speaker: What about a virtual Town Hall like Zoom? Is that an option?

Council President, DeJesus: We don't do Zoom Council meetings right now, and because we don't do zoom meetings, I am going to say no.

Speaker: I know, but other towns have them...

Council President, DeJesus: I know, but we made our decision as a Council not to have them.

Speaker: We are asking to re-evaluate that decision. Bend the rules, so you can accommodate for all of your residents, especially residents of color. You can do an outdoor town hall, and it also be accessible for people with disabilities.

Councilman Greg Ficarra: I just want to make a statement. I know Mr. Dabrowski does not seem to be in favor of Human Rights Commission. I believe Meshal and other members of the WYLE will have the ability to speak to them, and although I don't speak for that group, because I am not on it, I think their intent is to gain this knowledge. They are monitoring everything that you are doing, and hopefully at some point, your group will connect and be able to speak. And their whole intent to that Commission was to give us guidance. That Commission was put together in part because of the efforts of most of your people. So, something is getting done, probably not fast enough for you, but something is getting done, and on its own. I don't think I am speaking out of school here, but I think most of you know that Kyle Anderson also has an organic kind of community group, that many of the WYLE, not many, but I recognize some of the names because my technology is not very good, and I am generally on the phone and not on my iPad. But those are things that have happened because of your efforts. Now Brandon, I understand, they are not happening fast enough, but they are happening, and I think you will be able to have an opportunity to mesh with and continue to express. I know they are listening, but I think there are needs to be more face to face. I intend to agree with you on that issue, but I just don't want to sit here and think that nothing is being done. I don't want to say that when you are speaking and I speak or we speak, we are taking your five minutes. So out of respect to you, this time that I am speaking, it is not taking away any other time. Council President, thank you. I hope I am not speaking out of school
Councilman Anderson.

Meshal Avenel: Spoke about how he was blocked on Twitter by Councilman Spillar, and how people empowered in this town bare minimum accountability. Mentioned about the Human Rights Committee reestablishment.

“Due to the loss of power and/or a power surge that resulted in Town Hall moving to back-up generator power, TV-35, as well as the Council audio recording system, was able to record only the first 41 minutes of the Council meeting - audio connection for the remainder of the meeting was lost due to the loss of power and/or power surge resulting from storm Isaias. TV-35 will run a notice on the broadcast advising that due to a power loss/surge the audio portion of the meeting was lost after 41 minutes. We will program the meeting for air via the regular TV-35 broadcast schedule.”

The following individuals spoke at the meeting but their recording was not obtained due to the aforementioned.

Meghan Brown, Colonia:

Anjoli Holt, Woodbridge:

Amber Jarrett, Woodbridge:

Faith Chambers, Cranford:

Victoria Birch, Colonia:

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE (PRESIDENT):

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 (9/19/20)
HOLD
Hispanic Heritage Festival (9/19/20) from 12-5 P.M. at Peltzman Park.
9. Barron Arts Center
HOLD
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge
HOLD
11. Veteran's Tax Deduction
HOLD
12. Green Infrastructure
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13. Girls' Sports
HOLD

14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp (9/18/20 – 9/20/20)
HOLD
15. Summer Fest 2020 (9/5/20)
HOLD
16. Census 2020
HOLD
17. Human Rights Commission
HOLD

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE (VICE-PRESIDENT):

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 (9/26/20)

HOLD

13. Marine Eight
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café
HOLD
15. Jazz Festival (9/12/20)
HOLD
16. Concerts
HOLD
17. Light Parade
HOLD

CORY SPILLAR/ 3RD WARD COUNCILMAN:

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting/Port Reading Day (10/10/20)
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) Route 1 at So. Inman Avenue
 - (D) Bud's Hut
 - (E) Big Top property
 - (F) Holiday Inn Express expansion
 - (G) Pier I Imports propertyHOLD
8. Avenel Fire Department

HOLD

9. Shuttles – Warehouses/Train Station
HOLD
10. Woodbridge Developmental Center property
HOLD
11. Mileed Way – Army Corps of Engineers Project??
HOLD
12. Cable Commission/Renewal
HOLD
13. School 4 & 5
HOLD

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN (ABSENT):

1. Inman Avenue Business Improvements
HOLD
2. CBC – Colonia Business Community
HOLD
3. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools
HOLD
4. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center
HOLD
5. Events: Taste of Colonia
Have a Heart Food Drive
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run
Colonia Annual Whiffle Ball Tournament
Support the Troops Rally
Colonia Pride Day Parade
Colonia Clean Up
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank
Toys for Tots Run
Breast Cancer Walk
HOLD
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

NANCY DRUMM, 1ST WARD COUNCILWOMAN:

1. Events: Relay for Life
Fishing Derby (10/3/20)
Parker Press Concerts
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays
St. James Street Fair
HOLD
2. (DMA) Downtown Merchant 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

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:

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.
HOLD
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program
HOLD
10. Independent Club of Colonia
HOLD
11. Tooling Around Program
HOLD
12. Boy Scouts/Camping (**Camporee 9/18/20 – 9/20/20**)
HOLD
13. League Consolidation
HOLD
14. Middlesex County College
HOLD
15. Minority Community Relations Panel
HOLD

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:

1. Woodbridge Community Center
(A) Senior Recreation and Programming
(B) Youth Recreation and Programming
HOLD
2. Youth Month – April

HOLD

3. Senior Citizen Month – May
HOLD
4. Mentoring Program
HOLD
5. Mayor’s Fitness/Wellness Initiative
HOLD
6. Fireworks **(9/6/20 Rain Date: 9/7/20)**
HOLD
7. Heroes & Cool Kids/Strengthening Families
HOLD
8. Pedestrian Safeway’s/East Coast Greenway
HOLD
9. Annual Pizza Run **(Date: 6/15/20)**
HOLD
10. Jacob’s Landing
HOLD
11. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades
HOLD
12. Crossroad’s Race **(9/6/20)**
HOLD

VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4TH WARD COUNCILMAN (ABSENT):

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

HOWIE BAUER, 2ND WARD COUNCILMAN:

1. Second 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

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK:

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 Road, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.
 - B. Person –To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-32-059-003 from Urban Tadka Restaurant, Inc., to Dimple Liquor, LLC, t/a Dimple’s Bombay Talk Rest Bar, 42 Marconi Ave., Iselin, NJ 08830.
 - C. Change of Corporate Structure for Sri Balaji Enterprise, LLC t/a Balaji Wines & Liquor, 768 Rt. 1 No., Iselin, NJ 08830.
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. 2020 Primary Election – July 7, 2020 (6 A.M. – 8 P.M.).
 - B. 2020 General Election – November 3, 2020 (6 A.M. – 8 P.M.).
6. Best Practices.
7. Census 2020.

MAYOR:

Mayor John E. McCormac: Absent

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

POLICE:

HEALTH:

RECREATION:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

LEGAL:

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolution as Consent:

- (45) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution to conduct an Executive Session. Whereas Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from certain circumstances in a meeting and Whereas the public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist and Therefore be it resolved by the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge that the public portion of this meeting is hereby recessed for approximately five (5) minutes to discuss Personnel Matters.

Councilwoman Meehan moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Meehan made a motion to go into Executive Session which was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously at 8:01 P.M.

Councilwoman Meehan made a motion to exit the Executive Session which was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously at 8:05 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolution as Consent:

- (46) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Settlement Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and Marianne Horta.

Councilwoman Meehan moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. The motions was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Meehan, seconded by Councilman Bauer and varied unanimously, Council President DeJesus adjourned the meeting at 8:06 P.M.

Lizbeth DeJesus,
Council President

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