

**Township of Mount Laurel  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 24, 2019  
Mount Laurel Municipal Center  
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Folcher called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman Irwin Edelson – present, Councilman Kareem Pritchett – present,  
Councilman Stephen Steglik – present, Deputy Mayor Linda Bobo - present, Mayor Kurt  
Folcher - 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 BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,225,576.86**

Motion to Move: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to Move: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #127-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF A  
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL AND THE  
MOUNT LAUREL POLICE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION F.O.P. LODGE NO 191  
FROM JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.  
Motion to Move Resolution #127-2019: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #128-2019: ANTICIPATION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN  
THE 2019 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87  
(CHAPTER 159)**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.  
Motion to Move Resolution #128-2019: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #129-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACING OF A LIEN AGAINST A CERTAIN PROPERTY PER CHAPTER 65 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #129-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #130-2019: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2019 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER LABOR DAY CRACKDOWN

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #130-2019: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #131-2019: AWARD 2019 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM, PHASE II

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #131-2019: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #132-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1308, LOT 17

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #132-2019: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #133-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1006, LOT 24

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #133-2019: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #134-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 100.02, LOT 22

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #134-2019: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #135-2019: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR PROPERTIES ON ROUTE 73, MIDLANTIC DRIVE AND ROUTE 295 TO BE DESIGNATED IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.  
Motion to Move Resolution #135-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #136-2019: MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR HIRSHLAND  
& COMPANY, BLOCK 514, LOT 2, ZB#15-D-19

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.  
Motion to Move Resolution #136-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #137-2019: MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR GATEWAY  
PARK, LLC BLOCK 120.07, LOT 1.03

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.  
Motion to Move Resolution #137-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #138-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT  
OF POLICE CHAPLAIN FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.  
Motion to Move Resolution #138-2019: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #139-2019: AUTHORIZATION FOR RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGE LICENSES

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.  
Motion to Move Resolution #139-2019: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes; Councilman Pritchett abstained for Fridays.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #27-2019: AN ORDINANCE ACQUIRING AND SELLING LANDS  
WITHIN THE BRIDGEWAY TRACT

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #27-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #28-2019: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT  
LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING  
REDEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR BLOCK 1301, LOT 2.01, FAMILIARLY KNOWN

AS THE ROUTE 73/HOWARD BOULEVARD REDEVELOPMENT ZONE; BLOCK 501.24, LOTS 1-7 AND BLOCK 501.25, LOTS 1-4, KNOWN AS THE MIDLANTIC DRIVE REDEVELOPMENT ZONE; AND BLOCK 902, LOTS 1, 1.01, AND 1.02 KNOWN AS THE ROUTE 295 REDEVELOPMENT ZONE

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #28-2019: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #29-2019: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE AND CREATING CHAPTER 10 SUBCHAPTER 3 ENTITLED "CLAIMANT CERTIFICATION"

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #29-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #30-2019: AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODES TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH STATE STATUTES

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #30-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #25-2019: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL SUBMITTING A PUBLIC REFERENDUM TO THE VOTERS OF MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP CONCERNING THE TOWNSHIP'S FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Susan Rhyner, 401 St. David Drive – Opposes referendum.

David Lipshutz, 1009 B Scotswood Court – All have to tag Democrat/Republican but Mt. Laurel Council doesn't. Feels Council is hiding behind this. Council needs to have courage to say they don't agree with Trump.

Peter Bilazarian, 51 Horseshoe Drive – Opposes Ordinance. Considers it an example of voter suppression.

Karen Cohen, 15 Winterberry Court – Against Ordinance. It's wrong. We can do better.

Michael Kiernan, 11 Hillside Lane – Supports Ordinance. It gives people a say.

Neil Mercaldo, 516 Oakview Court – For Ordinance. No democrats and no republicans. Good start for people to find out who people are.

Nicole Samson, 1323 Hainesport-Mt. Laurel Road – Against referendum.

Pat Halbe, 2101 Denham Court – Against changing form of government. Will not get people out voting. People will vote for the people who are working for them.

Brian Sharp, 19 Biddle Way – Questioned the amount of votes of the percentage for who wins.

Andrew Gaus, 154 Kettlebrook Drive – Supports referendum.

Karriem Salaam, 5 Brookwood Court – Opposes referendum. Will fight referendum. You guys work for us. We pay you.

Harriet Insler, 4 Witherod Court – Against referendum.

Elizabeth Lipshutz, 1009 B Scotswood Court - Against ordinance.

Dottie LaMorgia, 280 Willow Way – Against referendum.

Cheryl Coco Capri, 45 Marter Avenue – Supports referendum.

Denise Gamble, 19 Biddle Way – Opposes ordinance. Read her opinion letter published in Burlington County Times.

Chuck Moore, 1325 Hainesport-Mt. Laurel Road – Against referendum.

Reverend Donald Dennis, 166 Ramblewood Terrace – Appalled at the fact that Council is pushing and promoting this. Thinks it is dangerous and not necessary.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to TABLE Ordinance #25-2019: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett Roll Call 3 no votes (Councilman Edelson, Deputy Mayor Bobo and Mayor Folcher), 2 yes votes (Councilman Steglik and Councilman Pritchett)

Motion to MOVE Ordinance #25-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson

Roll Call 3 yes votes (Councilman Edelson, Deputy Mayor Bobo and Mayor Folcher), 2 no votes (Councilman Steglik and Councilman Pritchett)

ORDINANCE #26-2019: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 154 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL AND THE ZONING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO DESIGNATE THE ENTIRETY OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 309, LOTS 1 AND 1.01, AS BEING WITHIN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Brian Sharp, 19 Biddle Way – Questioned what property this was.

Attorney Morris stated Metro Storage.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #26-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dottie LaMorgia, 280 Willow Way – Council is not working with residents on ordinance.

Susan Rhyner, 401 St. David Drive – Addressed the flyer she received regarding Kareem Pritchett.

Brian Sharp, 19 Biddle Way – Discussing how much money is wasted on elections.

Michael Kiernan, 11 Hillside Lane – Thanked all of Council for serving township.

Karen Cohen, 15 Winterberry Court – Why she doesn't believe in non-partisan election.

Jeff Shapiro, 433 Kelham Court – Flooding on Union Mill Road which extends onto the 400 block on Hartford Road. Street lighting alternatives.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Manager Tomczyk – Ice cream with police is this Thursday 5PM to 7PM.

Councilman Steglik – Thanked everyone. Appreciates opinions. Educate neighbors about issue. Very nice Memorial Day service. Stay safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Councilman Pritchett – Doesn't feel he accused Republicans. It did happen. Doesn't matter. Still pushing forward. Ready to fight this.

Councilman Edelson – Passed a lot of things. Drive sober. Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Happy summer. See you July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Bobo – Explained why she was against referendum.

Mayor Folcher – 40,000 people in Mt. Laurel. 40% of those people are unaffiliated. They deserve a say in what their government is going to be.

RESOLUTION #140-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO DISCUSS PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR PERSONNEL MATTERS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #140-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

Motion to open: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett

All in favor.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

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Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #26-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

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Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

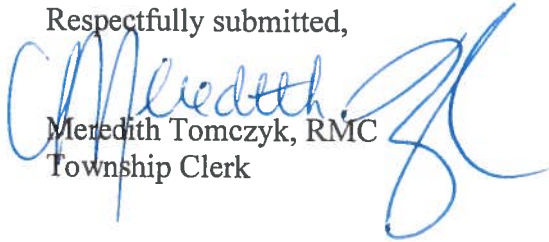
Motion to Move Resolution #140-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

Return to Open

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith Tomczyk, RMC  
Township Clerk