

**Township of Mount Laurel  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 22, 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 \$2,058,122.57**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to Move: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 4 yes votes; Councilwoman Bobo abstained.

**RESOLUTION #95-2019: RECOGNIZING FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE AS NATIONAL  
GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #95-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #96-2019: PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION TO SHANNON  
MULROY FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #96-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #97-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOUNT LAUREL  
TOWNSHIP TO SELL SURPLUS ON GOVDEALS**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.  
Motion to Move Resolution #97-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #98-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.  
Motion to Move Resolution #98-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #99-2019: 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 #99-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #100-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD TO CAUSE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, AS TO WHETHER CERTAIN AREAS ALONG ROUTE 73, ROUTE 38 AND ROUTE 295 ARE "AREAS IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT OR REHABILITATION" WITHIN THE MEANING AND INTENDMENT OF SAID STATUTE

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.  
Motion to Move Resolution #100-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #101-2019: AWARD THIRD PARTY BILLING SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CONTRACT BID

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.  
Motion to Move Resolution #101-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

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Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.  
Motion to Move Resolution #101-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #102-2019: ESTABLISHMENT OF CURFEW FOR MISCHIEF NIGHT AND HOURS FOR TRICK OR TREATING ON HALLOWEEN

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #102-2019: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #103-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BURLINGTON COUNTY FOR COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #103-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #104-2019: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR RANCOCAS WOODS TO BE DESIGNATED IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #104-2019: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

CAPITAL PRESENTATIONS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Joseph Stringfellow presented for EMS.

Valerie Brothers presented for Court Office.

Jerry Mascia for Public Works.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #20-2019: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING, \$5,444,536 THEREFORE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,172,309 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT NOTES OF THE SAME TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #20-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #21-2019: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR

VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING \$2,586,968 TO FUND THE SAME

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #21-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #22-2019: CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 126 IN THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES"

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #22-2019: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #23-2019: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 113 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED PEDDLING AND SOLICITING TO ESTABLISH A "DO NOT SOLICIT" LIST

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #23-2019: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #24-2019: AMENDING CHAPTER 107 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATION" TO ALLOW SPECIAL EVENTS AT PAWS FARM

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #24-2019: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #11-2019: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL CHAPTER 148 ("VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC")

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #11-2019: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett

Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #12-2019: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 154 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ZONING" TO AMEND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ACCESSORY USES

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #12-2019: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #13-2019: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 154 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ZONING" TO AMEND COMMON DEFINITIONS

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #13-2019: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #14-2019: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 154 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ZONING" TO MODERNIZE SIGN STANDARDS

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #14-2019: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #15-2019: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 154 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ZONING" TO PERMIT FOOD TRUCKS UNDER LIMITED CONDITIONS

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #15-2019: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #16-2019: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 154-56  
PROHIBITING ON-SITE CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA OR MARIJUANA-  
RELATED PRODUCTS

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #16-2019: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #17-2019: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 154 OF THE  
TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ZONING" TO INCLUDE A PHASING SCHEDULE  
FOR OFFSITE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #17-2019: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #18-2019: AMENDING CHAPTER 154 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE  
ENTITLED "ZONING" AND 154-131.12 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE  
PROCEDURES FOR SALE AND RENTAL" TO ADD 154-131.12(K)  
ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FEES

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #18-2019: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #19-2019: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 154 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ZONING" TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWERS AND FACILITIES

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #19-2019: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Harriet Cohen, 10 Alderton Lane – Ms. Cohen put her objections on the record for moving the election.

Dotty LaMorgia, 280 Willow Way – Wants good reason why we want to change the election.

Tyler Perry – NCAAP – Read letter about voting.

Karen Tillman, 100 Holly Lane – Thanked Council for gun violence resolution. Ms. Tillman asked the mayor to join in Mayors against illegal guns. The Township Manager stated the solicitor is reviewing request.

Gloria Howard, 97 Kettlebrook Drive– Asked what the issue was regarding the current elections. George Morris explained what council request was concerning non-partisan elections.

Shelly Pritchett, 1206 Wharton Road – Ms. Pritchett explained she feels that a smear campaign in 2016 was done against her husband. She showed a flyer that was sent out with her husband's picture. She explained how this made her and her family feel. She does not support changing the elections.

Rev. Donald Dennis, 166 Ramblewood Terrace – Appreciates the work the township does. He stated he did not like the way the 2019 budget was handled. He believes council needs more behind the door conversation. Deputy Mayor explained the conversation have to by law be done in public.

Dr. Peter Bilazarian, 51 Horseshoe Drive – Objects to election being changed. If they leave in May, they don't need to change back. He stated he like to see the Township do more shared services.

Pat Halbe, 2101 Denham Court – Worked with both parties. Always tried to be person with integrity and honesty. Who will pay for election. Best for Mt. Laurel. Doesn't want Mt. Laurel to change to a non-partisan town.

George Brille, 127A Chaucer Road – Thanked Council and Zoning Officer, Richard Carp regarding trash issue.

Cheryl Capri, 45 Marter Avenue – Researched non-partisan elections. Let the voters vote. Place referendum on ballot.

Mike Muller, 43 Overlook Drive – Work together in a productive way. Placed objections of moving election on the record.

Brian Sharp, 19 Biddle Way – Learn to respect each other and have open dialogue. Council is acting non-partisan over most issues. Think of all residents of Mt. Laurel and end dispute now.

Kareem Pritchett, Jr., 1206 Wharton Road – politics. Sneeze campaign against his father. Picture was disrespect to him and his family.

George Brille, 127 A Chaucer Road – Thanked Pritchett and Steglik for getting trash clean up started.

Assemblywoman Carol Murphy, 43 Overlook Drive –She wants to make sure everyone is treated equal. Check politics at the door. No party matters. 2018 Club works together to make a difference. Will meet with DOT. Wants Mt. Laurel businesses to succeed. Constantly working that Mt. Laurel gets their fair share.

#### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Manager/Clerk Tomczyk – Remind everyone that tomorrow is Taste of Mt. Laurel, 6:30 to 8:30, Harrington Middle School and Saturday is Cleanup Day starting at Laurel Acres Park and shredding event is in Police Garage from 9 to 12.

Councilman Pritchett – Touched and pleased that everyone came out and voiced their opinions on both sides. Why now change the election. Talk to your neighbors, friends and family because in November we will make another change.

Councilman Steglik – Thanked everyone for coming. Thanked Moms in Action. Congratulations to Shannon Mulroy. No reason to change election. Publically thanked Dennis Riley and Richard Van Noord.

Deputy Mayor Bobo – Conversations have to happen here. Thanked Assemblywoman Murphy for coming. Appreciates everyone's thoughts, concerns and opinions. Keep them coming. Wants to hear opinions.



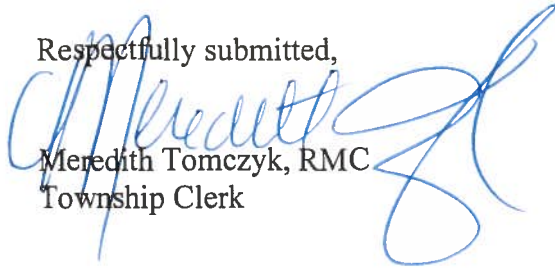
Councilman Edelson – Welcome to America. Sorry what happened to Kareem. Twice his home and property were defaced. Thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Folcher – Thanked everyone for coming out. No soliciting ordinance, no smoking ordinance. Very important issues proposed. Things happen here to make our lives better. Thanked Assemblywoman Murphy.

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

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith Tomczyk, RMC  
Township Clerk

