

**Township of Mount Laurel
Regular Council Meeting
July 11, 2023
Mount Laurel Municipal Center**

Mayor Steglik called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Karen Cohen – present, Councilman Kareem Pritchett – present, Councilman Nick Moustakas – present, Deputy Mayor Fozia Janjua - present, Mayor Stephen Steglik - present, George Morris, Township Solicitor – present, Meredith Riculfy, 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 \$3,578,021.71

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Move: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Pritchett
Roll Call 5 yes votes

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED FOR:

Lieutenant Jeffrey Palladino
Sergeant Michael Sheridan

RESOLUTION #135-2023: ANTICIPATION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2023 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159)

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #135-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #136-2023: ANTICIPATION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2023 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159)

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #136-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #137-2023: ANTICIPATION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN
THE 2023 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87
(CHAPTER 159)

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #137-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #138-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF
A GRANT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #138-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #139-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASES TO BE
MADE UNDER STATE CONTRACT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #139-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #140-2023: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLACE-TO-PLACE
TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #0324-33-
024-007

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #140-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #141-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR
CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 211 LOT 1.07

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #141-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #142-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 101.25 LOT 48

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #142-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #143-2023: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL'S APPLICATION TO THE LEAD GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #143-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #144-2023: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NJDOT BRIGGS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #144-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #145-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #145-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #9-2023: AMENDING CHAPTER 148-41, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, SCHEDULE XII BUS STOPS, TO APPROVE AND ADD ONE (1) BUS STOP TO SERVE HADDON POINT

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.
Motion to move Ordinance #9-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilman Pritchett
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #8-2023: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95A “LICENSING” TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY STANDARDS, LIMIT AVAILABLE LICENSES AND INCREASE SECURITY STANDARDS AS A CONDITION TO RENEW LICENSES

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

None.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #8-2023: Deputy Mayor Janjua, 2nd Councilman Pritchett
Roll Call 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jennifer Harris, 3025 Fostertown Road – Expressed her concern with the flooding that has been going on near her property for months. She said that she feels progress is not being made to fix the issue and asked about a timeline on when it will be fixed.

Township Clerk Meredith Riculfy explained that it is a County road and a request was made to do a survey, and they cannot do the work until they have approval from the County. She gave a timeline of 4-6 months and said she would reach out when she has a more accurate timeline.

Luke Damato, Mill Run Development – Discussed a dip in the road by his house that developed due to replacing a water main. He expressed concern with the safety of it because of himself and younger neighbors potentially tripping and hurting themselves.

Jim Weston, 170 Ramblewood Terrace – Concerned with the number of cannabis locations on Route 73. Explained that traffic in that area is already bad and does not feel that multiple cannabis locations will be helpful to that. Requested that the businesses be spread out more.

Jeanne Andersen – Stated that she is on the zoning board and wanted to explain their powers. She said that when a legal business comes before the board, they do not have the discretion to just say no.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Meredith Riculfy, Township Manager/Clerk – No comment.

George Morris, Township Attorney – Announced that he became the Chair of the Southern New Jersey Red Cross and will be pushing participation in blood drives.

Councilman Moustakas – Thanked everyone for coming out. Stated that he just wants everyone to enjoy the rest of their summer.

Councilwoman Cohen – Thanked everyone for participating. Congratulated George. Discussed the Juneteenth event and said that she learned a lot from it. Announced National Night Out on August 1 and encouraged everyone to come out. Also mentioned the Alice Paul Institute's Women's Equality Day Festival on August 26. Thanked the first responders for assisting with flooding issues. Also thanked the public works staff for working in the heat.

Councilman Pritchett – No comment.


Deputy Mayor Janjua – Congratulated Lieutenant Palladino and Sergeant Sheridan. Thanked everyone who came out for the Juneteenth event. Wished everyone a great summer.

Mayor Steglik – Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Meredith Riculfy, RMC
Township Clerk

