

**Township of Mount Laurel
Regular Council Meeting
April 18, 2022
Mount Laurel Municipal Center**

Mayor Pritchett called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Karen Cohen – present, Councilwoman Fozia Janjua – present,
Councilman Nick Moustakas – present, Deputy Mayor Stephen Steglik - present, Mayor
Kareem Pritchett - 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 \$1,652,084.90

Motion to Move: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Move: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #110-2022: PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION
RECOGNIZING RAMADAN AND EID AL-FITR**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #110-2022: Councilwoman Janjua, 2nd Councilwoman
Cohen
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #111-2022: ANTICIPATION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2022
LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159)**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #111-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman
Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #112-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FROM JEFFERSON PLACE TO BNTR MOUNT LAUREL PROPCO LLC

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #112-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman
Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #113-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH JEFFERSON PLACE, LLC

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #113-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman
Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #114-2022: GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE DMHAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRANT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #114-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman
Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #115-2022: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #0324-33-027-003 RUBY TUESDAY OPERATIONS LLC, AS ASSET TRANSFEREE FOR RUBY TUESDAY INC., DEBTOR IN POSSESSION TO RUBY TUESDAY OPERATIONS, LLC

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #115-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman
Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #116-2022: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #0324-32-012-009 GRAYLING CORPORATION TO BRINKER FREEHOLD, INC.

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #116-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman
Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #117-2022: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL AS A STIGMA-FREE ZONE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #117-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman

Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #118-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO TRANSFER TITLE TO BLOCK 302.15, LOT 2, 7.44 ACRES TO FAIR SHARE MOUNT LAUREL SENIOR PHASE I, L.P., AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO GRANT A ROAD EASEMENT TO BURLINGTON COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING DECLARATION OF RECIPROCAL INGRESS, ACCESS-EGRESS AND UTILITY EASEMENTS ON BLOCK 302.15, LOTS 2, 3.01 AND

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Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #118-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman

Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #119-2022: RESOLUTION ENTERING PHASE 2 OF THE PAWS REOPENING PROCESS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #119-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman

Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #120-2022: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NJDOT HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #120-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman

Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #10-2022: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 61 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" TO IMPLEMENT PUBLIC LAW 2021, C.395 PROMOTING RESTRICTIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE RANOCAS WOODS SHOPPING DISTRICT

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #10-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilman Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

James Petruzzi, 194 Knotty Oak Drive – Does Mount Laurel have ethics committee? “Board of Ethics” is controlled by State. Must file complaint to State Ethics Board for municipal employee.

Larry Chatzidakis, 42 Stokes Road – Speaking about PAWS Farm. It is a special place. Special memories. Township is starting to change in their support of PAWS Farm. Green space is evaporating. Children enjoyed having birthday parties there. Concerned about taxes. Three new positions created can be eliminated. Bring PAWS back better than ever.

Jeff Shapiro, 433 Kelham Court – Passover is going on. Add Passover to your list. Admit mistake.

Andrew Gaus, 154 Kettlebrook Drive – Energy policy to combat inflation.

Jennifer Baxter, 202 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown – On Board of Trustees for Volunteers for PAWS Farm. Thanked Council for passing Resolution to move onto phase II of the reopening process of PAWS Farm. Eager to begin work and hopes for corporate partnership to help with daily oversight, management and financial responsibilities.

Ann Rosenberg, 1332 Hainesport-Mt. Laurel Road – Greatful for Resolution and Council’s commitment to proceed with Phase II. Successful relationship. Getting animals, caretaker and fundraisers together. Include email address of anyone willing to help. Opening ceremony.

Peter O’Conner, President Ethel Lawrence – Thanked Council for resolution.

Pat Halbe, 2101 Denham Court – Historical trunk. 2’ X 3’. Darnel name on box. Would like it returned.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Manager – Reminder 150 Mt. Laurel Celebration is May 15th 12 to 4 at Municipal Complex.

Attorney Morris – Chris Orlando competed in Boston Marathon and finished in 3 hours 13 minutes.

Councilman Moustakas – Thanked everyone for coming out. Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

Councilwoman Janjua – Thanked everyone for coming out. Passover, Easter and Ramada were all celebrated in April.

Councilwoman Cohen – Thanked everyone for comments and for coming out. Shred event, cleanup day, and book sale at library. Louise Callaway dedication at Burlington County Library for underground railroad. New canine officer named Jersey. Happy Mother's Day.

Deputy Mayor Steglik – Apologized on oversight with Passover. Thanked everyone for coming out. Committed to PAWS Farm.

Mayor Pritchett – Thanked everyone for comments. Will continue to help with PAWS Farm.

Motion to adjourn: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Tomczyk, RMC
Township Clerk

