

**Township of Mount Laurel
Regular Council Meeting
September 12, 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 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 \$3,969,057.38

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

**RESOLUTION #188-2022: PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #188-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #189-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION
OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 201.01 LOT 42**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #189-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #190-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 403.05 LOT 41

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #190-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman

Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #191-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 607 LOT 14.06

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #191-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman

Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #192-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 100.07 LOT 2

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #192-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman

Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #193-2022: 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 #193-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman

Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #194-2022: RESOLUTION REJECTING BID FOR LAUREL ACRES PARK PIERS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #194-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman

Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #195-2022: RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROTOTYPICAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #195-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #196-2022: RESOLUTION RESCINDING 22-R-166

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #196-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #197-2022: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #0324-33-024-002, TGI FRIDAYS, INC. TO COMMERCE CENTER HOLDINGS, LLC

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #197-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #198-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT'S BAIL ACCOUNT INVESTOR'S BANK #100072922

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #198-2022: Councilwoman Janjua, 2nd Deputy Mayor Steglik; Councilman Moustakas abstained.
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #199-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT'S GENERAL ACCOUNT INVESTOR'S BANK #8001244444

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #199-2022: Councilwoman Janjua, 2nd Deputy Mayor Steglik; Councilman Moustakas abstained.
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #200-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE PLANS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE MULTIPLE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND CONSENTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND PURSUANT TO A CERTAIN SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND THE AUTHORITY TO THE AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES BY THE MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF SAID PROJECT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #200-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen; Councilman Moustakas abstained.
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #201-2022: APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 2021 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM CONTRACT 2021-1

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #201-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen; Councilman Moustakas abstained.
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #202-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE CANNABIS RETAIL APPLICATION OF NJ GREEN CARE LLC

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #202-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen; Councilman Moustakas abstained.
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #203-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE CANNABIS RETAIL APPLICATION OF NIRVANA DISPENSARY LLC

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #203-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua; Councilman Moustakas abstained.
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #204-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR IN-CAR CAMERAS THROUGH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #204-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Deputy Mayor Steglik
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #205-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL AND CWA, AFL-CIO, SUPERVISORS UNION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #205-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Deputy Mayor
Steglik
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #206-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF A
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL AND
CWA, AFL-CIO, CLERICAL UNION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 TO
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #206-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Deputy Mayor
Steglik
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #207-2022: ESTABLISHMENT OF CURFEW FOR MISCHIEF NIGHT AND
HOURS FOR TRICK-OR TREATING ON HALLOWEEN

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #207-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Deputy Mayor
Steglik
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #208-2022: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT IN
MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #208-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Deputy Mayor
Steglik
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #13-2022: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 75, ENTITLED
“FILMING”

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #13-2022: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #14-2022: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 43 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL CODE, ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT," TO INCLUDE THE POSITION OF CAPTAIN

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #14-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #15-2022: AMENDING CHAPTER 148-41, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, SCHEDULE XII BUS STOPS, TO APPROVE AND ADD TWO (2) BUS STOPS TO SERVE CENTERTON VILLAGE

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #15-2022: Deputy Mayor Steglik, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Larry Chatzidakis, 42 Stokes Road – Brought up the tax bills and made a comment about how taxes have gone up. Claimed that tax assessments are different for similar properties. The Township Solicitor objected to this claim and explained that the assessments were set prior to any recent purchases of properties, and when there is a reassessment done, everything will be considered. He also explained that neighbors have a right to file a tax appeal.

Jeff Shapiro, 433 Kelham Court – Questioned date of starting work on Union Mill Road.

Nicole Samson, 1323 Hainesport-Mt. Laurel Road – Hainesport-Mt. Laurel road is treated like it is a speedway. Drag racing. County road. We need to slow people down.

Manager – Police are doing investigation on that road because of traffic accident. Once that is concluded, we can request County to do traffic study.

Patrick Appolonia, 118 Brentwood Drive – Civil Suit in Mercer County.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mayor Pritchett – 9-11 lives that were lost. Sunday food truck festival from 12 to 5.

Deputy Mayor Steglik – Congratulations to Meredith. Heroes on 9/11.

Councilman Moustakas – Thanked everyone for coming out. Come out Sunday.

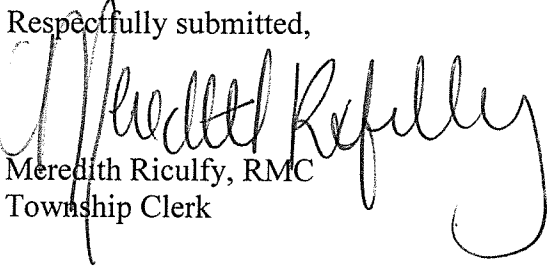
Councilwoman Janjua – Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday. 9/11 will never be forgotten. Teaches children to do good for others.

Councilwoman Cohen – Thanked everyone for coming. 21st anniversary of 9/11. Our first responders went there. Glenn died tragically in accident. Proud how hard Ryan fought but unfortunately, he lost his battle. Alice Paul great community having fundraiser on September 24th. Out of the Darkness Suicide walk on October 15th. Movie September 30th at Laurel Acres Park. Solar resolution passed. Back 40 open space.

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

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Meredith Riculfy, RMC
Township Clerk