

**Township of Mount Laurel
Regular Council Meeting
March 6, 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 Nick Moustakas – present, Councilman Kareem Pritchett – 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 \$2,911,200.54

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY – ASSEMBLYWOMAN CAROL MURPHY

**RESOLUTION #67-2023: PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023 AS
COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #67-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilman Pritchett
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #68-2023: PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION TO THE LENAPE HIGH
SCHOOL MARCHING BAND FOR WINNING THE 2022 STATE & NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #68-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Deputy Mayor Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #69-2023: PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #69-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilman Pritchett

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #70-2023: PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING RAMADAN AND EID AL-FITR

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #70-2023: Deputy Mayor Janjua, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #71-2023: 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 #71-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Pritchett

Roll Call 5 yes votes

Return to Open: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilman Pritchett

All in favor.

RESOLUTION #72-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 407.01 LOT 33

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #72-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #73-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 903.01 LOT 24

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #73-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #74-2023: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2023 UDRIVE. UTEXT. UPAY. DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #74-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #75-2023: 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 #75-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #76-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY
APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2023

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #76-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #77-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
("MLTMUA") FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #77-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #78-2023: 2023 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF
MOUNT LAUREL (Public Hearing & Presentation on April 3, 2023)

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #78-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #79-2023: GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S
"ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION
RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF
1964"

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #79-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #4-2023: ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE BLOCK 204, LOT 1.06 FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Pat Halbe, 2101 Denham Court – Worst idea ever heard. Building is too big. All services should be in one location.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #4-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilman Pritchett
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #5-2023: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$6,000,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$5,700,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

None.

Mayor closed public participation.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pat Halbe, 2101 Denham Court – Questioned Resolutions 65 and 66 and objected to them.

Resident - Doesn't want marijuana sales in Mount Laurel.

Woman, 21 Ralston Drive – Public health crisis.

Andrew Gaus, 154 Kettlebrook Drive –

Rhonda Abbott, Cherry Hill, NJ – Civil Rights poster. Never had sit down with Chief Police.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Attorney Morris – March is American Red Cross month. Food drive for soldiers.

Councilman Moustakas – Thanked everyone for coming out. Women's history month is very important to him. Recognized Assemblywoman Carol Murphy, Meredith and Chief Schiavone. Congratulations to Lenape Band.

Councilwoman Cohen – Thanked everyone for comments. Congratulations to Lenape Band. Thanked staff and first responders. Food drive at Methodist Church in Mt. Laurel. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Councilman Pritchett – Congratulated Lenape Band and thanked everyone for coming out.

Deputy Mayor Janjua – Congratulated Lenape Band. Women's history month. Holidays are important to all of us. Thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Steglik – Thanked everyone for coming out. Mount Laurel Township needs more space.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Pritchett, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Riculfy, RMC
Township Clerk

