



Mayor and Common Council Borough of Flemington

July 8, 2019

Council Meeting Room

Work Session (7:00 PM)

Update on activities at DIY, on its five-year anniversary - DIY Director Jeff Hersch was unable to attend the session. The topic was postponed until later this summer, possibly in August.

Work session closed at 7:05 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Runion, seconded by Mr. Harris, and affirmed by all members present.

Regular Meeting (7:30 PM)

This meeting is being held in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Flag Salute

Roll Call:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jeffrey Doshna	Council Member	Excused	
Caitlin Giles-McCormick	Council Member	Present	
John Gorman	Council Member	Excused	
Michael Harris	Council President	Present	
Susan Peterson	Council Member	Present	
Christopher Runion	Council Vice President	Present	
Betsy Driver	Mayor	Present	

Motion To: **Amend the Agenda and Move Up Consideration of Res. 2019-134**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Harris, Council President
SECONDER:	Susan Peterson, Council Member
AYES:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Michael Harris, Susan Peterson, Christopher Runion
EXCUSED:	Jeffrey Doshna, John Gorman

1. RESOLUTION 2019-134: HONORING RON VAN HORN FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BETTERMENT OF FLEMINGTON BOROUGH

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Harris, Council President
SECONDER:	Susan Peterson, Council Member
AYES:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Michael Harris, Susan Peterson, Christopher Runion
EXCUSED:	Jeffrey Doshna, John Gorman

Following the vote on the resolution, Mr. Van Horn spoke of his experience organizing the car shows and thanked the community for its support over the years.

I. Mayor's Report

Mayor Driver said she has appointed Jennifer Williford to replace Judith McCarthy on the Historic Preservation Commission, following Ms. McCarthy's recent resignation. Ms. Williford's term will expire at the end of 2020.

A pre-construction meeting for the Streetscape project is set for July 24.

She summarized recent activities, and said a presentation of a proposal for the Global Ag property is planned for July 9 at the courthouse.

II. Council Members' Reports

Council Member Doshna

Excused; no report.

Council Member Giles-McCormick

She discussed progress on the Beacon financial impact study and finding options for the police station.

She summarized events at the Samuel Flemington House and DIY, and announced that the Opportunity Zone summit is scheduled for July 11.

She updated the status of historic district map changes being proposed by the HPC. A formal presentation of the new map will be scheduled for Council.

Council Member Gorman

Excused; no report.

Council President Harris

He summarized activity by the animal control officer regarding feral cats, and discussed the status of the shared services study.

He said he will no longer voluntarily recuse himself from discussions involving the Friends of Historic Flemington or the Courthouse Square development.

Council Member Peterson

Ms. Peterson spoke about the need to resolve issues surrounding the Courthouse Square project, with compromise on all sides. She urged council to arrive at a Borough position, and suggested bringing in someone neutral to facilitate talks.

Council Vice President Runion

Mr. Runion announced the next scheduled meetings for the Shade Tree Commission and the Environmental Commission.

III. Public Comments - Session I. Agenda items only. (up to 3 minutes each, for a maximum of 30 minutes)

Mayor Driver said council is planning to remove the agenda-items-only designation from the first public comment period.

Joanne Braun, 77 Jefferson Court, Raritan Twp., asked Ms. Giles-McCormick for clarification on how the Beacon financial impact report will be distributed.

Steve Tuccio, 61 Elwood Ave., suggested de-designating Mr. Cust as the redeveloper for the Union Hotel area.

Tony Previte, 45 N. Main St., asked for an update on the status of negotiations over the Courthouse Square development and suggested letting the matter go before a judge. Ms. Giles-McCormick said informal talks continue and trial preparation is underway.

Lois Stewart, 26 Spring St., said Mr. Cust's current offer should be made public, and referenced a 4-story development in Lambertville that was denied.

Mary Ellen Costello, 68 Lovers Lane in Princeton, asked about distribution of the Beacon financial study.

Consent Agenda

Moved by: Harris Seconded by: Runion All present voted yes.

1. RESOLUTION 2019-147: IN SUPPORT OF THE STAR (SUPPORT TEAM FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY) PROGRAM AT HUNTERDON DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Regular Agenda

1. ORDINANCE 2019-15: SECOND READING: AMENDING CHAPTER 7 TRAFFIC OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON, SCHEDULE I NO PARKING, SCHEDULE III PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS, SCHEDULE XII PARKING RESTRICTED FOR USE BY HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SCHEDULE XV PERMIT PARKING, AND SCHEDULE XVII PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS WITHOUT PARKING PERMIT

Motion to open public hearing: Harris, seconded by Runion. All yes to open.

Dan Tarrantino, Park Ave., said there are some people who need short-term parking and he worries they'll use the 15-minute spots near his home business.

Mayor Driver said there are several spots on Court St.

Edna Pedrick, 17 Capner St., asked about assigned parking spots.
 Lois Stewart, 26 Spring St., asked if parking permits are linked to a resident's address.
 Tony Previte, 45 N. Main St., suggested having townwide parking permits.
 Steve Tuccio, 61 Elwood Ave., asked if the changes affect anywhere other than Capner and Park Ave.; they don't.
 Mr. Harris addressed Mr. Tarrantino's concerns about short-term parking.
 Motion to close public hearing: Harris, seconded by Runion. All yes to close.
 Council Discussion: Ms. Giles-McCormick asked that since county employees may be affected, they be notified of the changes.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Harris, Council President
AYES:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Michael Harris, Susan Peterson, Christopher Runion
EXCUSED:	Jeffrey Doshna, John Gorman

2. ORDINANCE 2019-16: SECOND READING: AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON, CHAPTER V ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, SECTION 5-3.4 LICENSE FEES; MAXIMUM NUMBER

Motion to open public hearing: Harris, seconded by Runion. All yes to open.
 Colleen Rossetti asked if the ordinance targeted any particular license holder, and was told it was a general price increase.
 Motion to close public hearing: Giles-McCormick, seconded by Peterson. All yes to close.
 No Council discussion.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Harris, Council President
SECONDER:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Council Member
AYES:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Michael Harris, Susan Peterson, Christopher Runion
EXCUSED:	Jeffrey Doshna, John Gorman

Mr. Harris moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution "Regarding Resolution 2019-79 Endorsing Participation in a Study of Shared Services, with the N.J. Department of Community Affairs."
 Ms. Peterson seconded his motion. All Council Members present voted yes to amend the agenda by adding the requested resolution.

3. RESOLUTION 2019-148: REGARDING RESOLUTION 2019-79 ENDORSING PARTICIPATION IN A STUDY OF SHARED SERVICES, WITH THE N.J. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

RESULT: **ADOPTED [3 TO 0]**
MOVER: Michael Harris, Council President
SECONDER: Susan Peterson, Council Member
AYES: Michael Harris, Susan Peterson, Christopher Runion
ABSTAIN: Caitlin Giles-McCormick
EXCUSED: Jeffrey Doshna, John Gorman

4. RESOLUTION 2019-142: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FLEMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TO THE THIRD LOWEST BIDDER, SSP ARCHITECTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,800.00

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Council Member
SECONDER: Christopher Runion, Council Vice President
AYES: Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Michael Harris, Susan Peterson, Christopher Runion
EXCUSED: Jeffrey Doshna, John Gorman

5. RESOLUTION 2019-143: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BAYOXIDE FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT WELLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,867.00

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Michael Harris, Council President
SECONDER: Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Council Member
AYES: Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Michael Harris, Susan Peterson, Christopher Runion
EXCUSED: Jeffrey Doshna, John Gorman

6. RESOLUTION 2019-144: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A VALVE OPERATOR AND TRAILER FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT, THROUGH A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Michael Harris, Council President
SECONDER: Christopher Runion, Council Vice President
AYES: Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Michael Harris, Susan Peterson, Christopher Runion
EXCUSED: Jeffrey Doshna, John Gorman

7. RESOLUTION 2019-145: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY ROOF REPAIRS AT THE SAMUEL FLEMING HOUSE

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Harris, Council President
SECONDER:	Susan Peterson, Council Member
AYES:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Michael Harris, Susan Peterson, Christopher Runion
EXCUSED:	Jeffrey Doshna, John Gorman

8. RESOLUTION 2019-146: AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR REAVILLE AVENUE TO REIVAX CONTRACTING CORP., FOR A BASE BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$227,072.00

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Harris, Council President
SECONDER:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Council Member
AYES:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Michael Harris, Susan Peterson, Christopher Runion
EXCUSED:	Jeffrey Doshna, John Gorman

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion To: **Approve Minutes: June 24, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Harris, Council President
SECONDER:	Christopher Runion, Council Vice President
AYES:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Michael Harris, Christopher Runion
ABSTAIN:	Susan Peterson
EXCUSED:	Jeffrey Doshna, John Gorman

V. Public Comments - Session II (up to 3 minutes each, for a maximum of 30 minutes)

Patrolmen Frank Emmanuel and Phil Canale spoke on behalf of the PBA, expressing their concerns about the proposed shared services study, particularly with union contract negotiations about to begin.

Mr. Harris said regarding any issues of cost for the study, it's the responsibility of professionals as salaried employees to provide the information.

Tony Previte, 45 N. Main St., said Princeton's already been through this and recommended a book about that merger.

Lois Stewart, 26 Spring St., asked for an invitation to the Opportunity Zone summit, and asked about repairs to the Samuel Fleming House.

Steve Tuccio, 61 Elwood Ave., spoke about the bad condition of sidewalks between the library and farther north on Main Street. Mayor Driver said they will be done during the streetscape project. He also asked again about de-

designating Mr. Cust as redeveloper. Attorney Whittlesey addressed that in his attorney's report.

VI. Attorney's Report

Attorney Whittlesey said de-designating a developer is a complicated issue. The governing body entered into contracts and officials are now left with certain legal obligations.

Mr. Whittlesey had no other items to report.

VII. Council Discussion

Ms. Giles-McCormick asked council if they wanted to review options for a social media policy without the full membership present. Mr. Harris said he'd prefer to go ahead. Attorney Whittlesey advised it might be best to wait until the whole council is present.

Mr. Runion suggested introducing a resolution to change the rules of order and eliminate the agenda-items-only qualification from the first public comment session. It will be on the next agenda.

VIII. Payment of the Bills

Motion To: **Pay The Bills**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Harris, Council President
SECONDER:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Council Member
AYES:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Michael Harris, Susan Peterson, Christopher Runion
EXCUSED:	Jeffrey Doshna, John Gorman

Executive Session

For legal advice concerning the Courthouse Square redevelopment, and for any other applicable matter identified during the regular meeting. Action not anticipated to be taken.

Motion to go into executive session: Runion, seconded by Harris. All present voted yes to go into executive session at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes of executive session kept separately.

Council returned to open session at 9:48 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Harris moved and Mr. Runion seconded a motion to adjourn. All present voted in favor of adjournment. The meeting ended at 9:48 p.m.

Attest: _____
Sallie Graziano, RMC, Borough Clerk