BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Mayor Karrow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. announcing that all laws governing Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Karrow stated a notice was provided as required. The annual meeting notice is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for public inspection.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:

Councilman Arias	Absent
Councilwoman Susan Engelhardt	Present
Councilwoman Adrienne Fusaro	Present
Councilman Trent Levitt	Present
Council Vice President Jeremy Long	Present
Council President Tony Parker	Present
Mayor Marcia Karrow	Present

Also Present:
Carla Conner, Borough Clerk
Chris Corsini, Borough Attorney

PRESENTATION – STATE PLAN, BETH MCMANUS

Borough Planner, Beth McManus explained the State is asking for a State Plan for the Master Plan and the State Plan Policy Map which has not been updated since 2001 and should be updated every five years. Ms. McManus stated Hunterdon County has offered to serve as the negotiating entity for each of the Municipalities in the County and the County is hosting a meeting in early March to share information and hopefully get municipalities to participate. The County is also working with the State Office of Planning Advocacy who is managing the State Plan process and is asking the Counties and Municipalities to provide information which is referred to as a cross acceptance template, more or less a questionnaire and also asking for an updated State Plan map .This Plan is to guide infrastructure and resources that the State provides and it not for the current Affordable Housing obligation but for future affordable housing obligations. The Plan shows where in New Jersey growth is anticipated and supported from the perspective of State policy. Ms. McManus suggested for the Borough participate with the County and have a State plan that aligns with the Borough goals and objectives. There are steps for the Borough to participate which first would be to form a committee via a Resolution

MAYOR'S REPORT:
Mayor Karrow reported she and Chief of Police, Jerry Rotella ARE both concerned about misinformation that was in the article in Tapinto regarding the warming center. Chief of Police, Jerry Rotella clarified that the individual who was in the library with the unfortunate overdose was from Holland Township not Flemington Borough.

Mayor Karrow also reported the Council meeting on March 10, 2025 will consist of the budget presentation from our CFO, Bill Hance and a presentation from the Tax Assessor, Ed Kerwin and the March 24, 2025 Council meeting will have a 6:00pm Executive Session with the vendor who has the software for the permanent parking.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

COUNCILWOMAN ENGELHARDT:
Councilwoman Englehardt asked former Mayor Greiner if he was still the secretary for the Hunterdon County Planning Board and invited him to add anything to what Borough Planner, Beth McManus discussed. Mr. Greiner stated it is good common understanding between both organizations.

Councilwoman Englehardt also reported the parking committee met today and there are items on the agenda that are a result of the meeting, Animal Control had three incidents for the month of January and there are two Ordinances on the agenda regarding Code enforcement.

COUNCILWOMAN FUSARO:
Councilwoman Fusaro reported the library construction continues and for the parking committee, the public will start seeing changes in the next few weeks.

COUNCILMAN LEVITT:
Councilman Levitt reported unfortunately our schedules didn't work out for Dr. McGann to present to Council, so instead, he will be attending the final town hall meeting regarding the tax increase referendum for the Flemington Raritan School District on February 26, 2025.

Councilman Levitt also reported the Environmental Commission meeting will be held on March 3, 2025.

Councilman Levitt continued that the NAACP put on another wonderful Black History month event on February 23, 2025.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT LONG:
Council Vice President Long reported that at January's Reorg he was granted a Civic Engagement committee; Council Vice President Long wants to create town ambassadors who will be point people who live all around the Borough and in different sections of the Borough who will communicate with those ambassadors together and with local government. This is a way for the residents to get involved. Council Vice President Long stated he will start very casual walk and talks starting this Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the monument at 2:00pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PARKER:
Council President Parker reported he met with the owner of Shoppes at Flemington and Council President Parker stated the owner's goals and vision for the Shoppes is exciting and it goes along with incorporating into Main Street and what is going on in Stangle, so they are all an integral part.

Council President Parker also reported he is going to start the outreach to the businesses and making the businesses feel like they are part of the community.

Council President Parker continued FCP held a retreat this week which was very successful, FCP needs to reinvent themselves, meaning it's not an event organization, they are to recruit, support and help sustain businesses in the community and to meet with the redevelopers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – SESSION I:
Karen Tovi-Jones from Flemington Borough questioned the Resolution on the warming center, Mayor Karrow stated there is no Resolution on the warming center, they are not in compliance with the Borough's zoning and they need to remove the cots. Mayor Karrow explained Hunterdon Helpline has a contract with Hunterdon County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Session January 27, 2025

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council Vice President Long to approve the minutes, seconded by Council President Parker with a vote of all ayes.

Executive Session January 27, 2025

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council Vice President Long to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Fusaro with a vote of all ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. RESOLUTION 2025-46 – RESOLUTION APPROVING LUKE KILINSKI TO BECOME A JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE FLEMINGTON BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Luke Kilinski has applied to be a Junior firefighter of the Flemington Borough Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kilinski has provided the required application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT REOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Flemington, in the County of Hunterdon and the State of New Jersey that Mr. Kilinski is approved to be a Junior firefighter of the Flemington Borough Fire Department.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council Vice President Long to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Engelhardt and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council Vice President Long	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

2. ORDINANCE 2025-05 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9A-3 (CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES) TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 9A-3(I) ENTITLED ELEVATOR SUBCODE AND RELOCATING THE CURRENT SECTION (I) TO A NEW LOCATION IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Flemington seeks to implement a schedule of fees to be assessed under the elevator subcode section of the Uniform Construction Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Flemington, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that a new section to Chapter 94-3 shall be created at Section 9A-3(i) and shall be entitled "Elevator Subcode Fees" with the current provisions found at Section 9A-3(i) to be relocated to a new section to be found at Section 9A-3(j):

SECTION I.

Section 9A:3(i) is hereby created in Chapter 9A of the municipal code of the Borough of Flemington and shall be entitled "Elevator Subcode Fees" and shall appear as follows (all text novel):

(1) Elevator fees shall be as follows:

(a) Initial registration fee for each elevator device in any structure that is not of Group R-3, R-4, or that is not an exempted structure of Group R-2, shall be $100. A re-registration fee of $100 shall be required for each structure containing one or more elevator devices, upon change of ownership.

(b) The fees for plan review for elevator devices in structures of Group R-3, R-4, or R-5 and for elevator devices wholly within dwelling units in structures in Group R-2 shall be $92 for each device.

(c) The fees for plan review for elevator devices, in structures other than R-3, R-4, or R-5 and devices in structures of Group R-2 exempted above, shall be $480 for each device.

(d) The fee for registration of elevator devices shall be $100 and a re-registration fee will be due in the event of a change of ownership.

(2) The fees for witnessing acceptance tests and performing inspections on new and altered devices shall be as follows.

(3) Basic fees for elevator devices in structures not of Group R-3, R-4, or R-5 or in an exempted structure shall be as follows:

(a) Traction and winding drum elevators one to 10 floors: $448, and over 10 floors: $747.

(b) Hydraulic elevators: $398.

(c) Roped hydraulic elevators: $448.

(d) Escalators/moving walks: $398.

(e) Dumbwaiters: $99.

(f) Stairway chairlifts, inclined and vertical wheelchair lifts and man lifts: $99.

(4) Additional charges for devices equipped with the following features shall be as follows:

(a) Oil buffers, per unit: $79.

(b) Counterweight governor and safeties: $199.

(c) Auxiliary generator: $149.

(5) The fee for elevator devices in structures of Group R-3, R-4 or R-5 or otherwise exempt devices in structures in Group R-2 shall be $299. This fee shall be waived when signed statements and supporting inspection and an approved qualified agent or agency files acceptance test reports.

(6) The fee for performing minor inspections shall be $100.

(7) The fees for required routine and periodic tests for escalators in structures not of Group R-3, R-4, or R-5 or otherwise exempt in structures of Group R-2 shall be $211 for six-month routine inspection.

(8) The fee for the one-year periodic inspection and witnessing of tests of elevator devices, which shall include a six-month routine inspection, shall be as follows:

(a) Traction and winding drum, one to 10 floors: $398; 10 floors or more: $478.

(b) Hydraulic elevators: $299.

(c) Roped hydraulic elevators: $398.

(d) Escalators/moving walks: $639.

(e) Dumbwaiters: $158.

(f) Man lifts, stairway chairlifts, inclined and vertical wheelchair lifts: $240.

(9) Additional yearly periodic inspection charges for elevators equipped with the following features shall be as follows:

(a) Oil buffers per item: $79.

(b) Counterweight governor and safeties: $158.

(c) Auxiliary power generator: $100.

(10) The fee for the three-year or five-year inspection of elevator devices shall be as follows:

(a) Traction and winding drum elevators, one to 10 floors: $677; and 10 floors or more: $853.

(b) Hydraulic and roped hydraulic elevators, three-year inspection: $498; and five-year inspection: $299.

(11) The fee for any reinspection of an elevator device shall be set at $203 and shall be billed separately from the fees upon the issuance of a notice of violation necessitating a reinspection.

SECTION II. The current provisions found at Section 9A-3(i) shall be relocated to a new section to be found at Section 9A-3(j).

SECTION III. If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION IV. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION V. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by New Jersey general law.

Borough Fire Marshal, Ken McCormick stated the Construction Official, John Tillotson wanted to the Borough to have our own elevator inspector instead of paying the State which they don't have many employees. The Bureau of Fire Safety has been asked by the State that the Borough get the certificates from whoever has an elevator they are getting inspected every year so that was pushed to the Borough's Fire Safety office which isn't fair. Mr. McCormick stated Mr. Tillotson is going to bring on a per diem inspector to do the inspections so all the fees that were going to the State will now come to the Borough.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Engelhardt to introduce the Ordinance, second by Councilwoman Fusaro and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council Vice President Long	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Hearing will be held March 10, 2025

3. ORDINANCE 2025-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9A-3 (CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES) TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 9A-3(J) AND RELOCATING THE CURRENT SUBSECTION (I) ENTITLED CONSTRUCTION RECORDS CLEARANCE TO THE NEW SUBSECTION (J) AND AMENDING THE CONTENT THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Borough of Flemington has introduced amendments to adopt an elevator subcode fee schedule in Chapter 9A-3 (Construction Permit Fees) pursuant to Ordinance No. 2025-05; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2025-05 also moves the current Section 9A-3(I) entitled Construction Records Clearance to a new Section 9A-3(J); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Flemington also seeks to amend certain amendments to the current procedures Construction Records Clearance ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Flemington, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I.

The amendments contemplated in Ordinance No. 2025-05 are hereby incorporated by reference herein and the new Section 9A:3(j) is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

1. When required. A construction records clearance (CRC) shall be required prior to the sale or change of tenant of any residential or commercial structure. In that event, there shall be no change in occupancy of a building or structure, in whole or part, prior to the issuance of a CRC.

2. Responsibility. No owner shall permit the sale of a residential or commercial premise covered under this section unless the requisite CRC has been issued. No purchaser or new tenant shall occupy any premises covered under this section until the requisite CRC has been issued. Owners and occupants shall be jointly and separately responsible for failure to obtain the requisite CRC required hereunder. The owner or his authorized agent shall submit a written application and payment of fees at least two months prior to the change of ownership and/or occupancy on the form provided by the ~~Township~~ **Borough**.

3. Preoccupancy records search. Prior to the issuance of any such certificate for any transaction, the enforcing agency shall conduct a records search to ensure that there are no open construction permits**, fines, fees, penalties, or any monies owed to any Borough entity** on subject premises. Should there be open permits**, fines, fees, penalties, or any monies owed**

to any Borough entity on subject premises, all necessary inspections, payment of fees due, and prior approvals shall be obtained and appropriate Uniform Construction Code certificates **or uniform fire code permits** shall be issued prior to issuance of the CRC. The Construction Official may, at his discretion, exempt any active and ongoing permits or projects from the CRC. **Permits for Uniform Construction projects and Uniform Fire Code shall not be issued until all permit fees, fines, fees, penalties or any monies owed to any Borough agency are paid.**

4. Fees. The applicant shall submit with the application the fee for the CRC to cover the administrative cost in accordance with the following schedule based on the number of days prior to closing or occupancy change:
    a. One to five business days: $150.
    b. Six to 15 business days: $80.
    c. Sixteen to 40 business days: $50.

    These fees shall apply to each request, including those made pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (OPRA), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

5. Validity. The CRC will only be valid for a period of 90 days and shall only apply to any permits issued prior to the CRC application and shall not apply to any permit applications submitted after the CRC application.

6. Violations and penalties.
    a. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be punishable by a fine not exceeding $2,000, imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days and/or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days.
    b. The issuance of a CRC shall not preclude the imposition of penalties upon subsequent discovery of violations.
    c. Certificates are valid for all permits issued up to the date of the CRC certificate issuance and must be renewed for each sale or occupancy change.

SECTION II. If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION III. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by New Jersey general law.

Borough Fire Marshal, Ken McCormick stated the Borough currently have construction records clearance ordinance in effect which essentially is when residents or commercial property owners apply for a permit, the Building Department goes through all the old construction records to see if there are any open permits or open bills for utilities. Mr. McCormick stated no one has gone through old records to see if homeowners or businesses owe the Borough money for open permits. The TA, Maureen McIvor is going through open permits going back to 2005. Mr. McCormick stated with the new Ordinance, it's going to show what is owed on a given block and lot so the Borough stops losing money.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Engelhardt to introduce the Ordinance, second by Council President Parker and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council Vice President Long	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Hearing will be held March 10, 2025

4. ORDINANCE 2025-07 - AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION 7-4.16 (RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING – 24-HOUR) AND CHAPTER 7A-21 (RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING – 24-HOUR) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CREATE TWENTY-FOUR HOUR RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ZONES IN THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON

WHEREAS, traffic and parking regulations for the Borough of Flemington are contained in Chapter 7 and Chapter 7A of the municipal code thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to new sections of these chapters to create twenty-four hour residential permit parking zones;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Flemington, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Chapters 7 and 7A shall be amended to include new sections as follows:

SECTION I.

Section 7-4.16 is hereby created and shall be entitled "Residential Permit Parking – 24-Hour" and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in Section XXI of Chapter 7A unless:

a. The vehicle is owned or operated on a regular basis by a resident of the street on which such vehicle is parked and the vehicle displays on its driver's side rear window a current residential parking permit in such a manner as to be clearly visible; or

b. The vehicle is owned or operated by a person visiting a resident of the street on which the vehicle is parked and the vehicle displays a current visitor parking permit issued to such resident; or

c. The vehicle is an emergency, public service, telephone or other public utility vehicle rendering service or repairs within the immediate area where parked; or

d. The vehicle is owned or operated by a contractor, service or delivery company bearing the name and address of commercial business and such vehicle is rendering service or making a delivery to a residence within the immediate area where parked.

e. The Chief of Police may, in his discretion, approve permits for nonresidents upon a showing of special need.

Application for permits under subsection 7-4.16 shall be made, in writing, to the clerk of the Borough of Flemington on forms to be provided by such clerk. The Clerk shall issue permits if he is reasonably satisfied that the applicant is entitled thereto.

5SECTION II.

Section 7A-21 is hereby created and shall be entitled Schedule XXI – Residential Permit Parking (24-Hour) and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

In accordance with the provisions of § 7-4.16, parking shall only be permitted by residential permit or by other applicable provision of the aforementioned section.

SCHEDULE XXI: RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING (24-HOUR)		
Name of Street	**Sides**	**Location**
West Road	Both	From North Main Street to Southerly Terminus of West Road

SECTION III. If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION IV. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be

affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION V. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by New Jersey general law.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council Vice President Long to introduce the Ordinance, second by Councilwoman Fusaro and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council Vice President Long	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Hearing will be held March 10, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING:

5. ORDINANCE 2025-02 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO REMOVE THE OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO ELECTION DISTRICTS FOUND AT SECTION 2-13 THEREOF

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Fusaro to open the Public Hearing, second by Council Vice President Long.

Mayor Karrow explained the Ordinance to the public.

Dan Pizzone from Flemington Borough asked the time line for the Ordinance introduced tonight for West Road.

Mayor Karrow closed the public hearing.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council Vice President Long to close the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Engelhardt with a vote of all ayes.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilman Levitt to adopt the Ordinance, second by Councilwoman Fusaro and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council Vice President Long	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

6. ORDINANCE 2025-03 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7A (TRAFFIC SCHEDULES) TO CREATE ONE-WAY STREETS AT SPRING STREET (BLOOMFIELD AVENUE TO MAPLE AVENUE FROM NORTH TO SOUTH) AND MAPLE AVENUE (BROAD STREET TO SPRING STREET FROM EAST TO WEST)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Fusaro to open the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Engelhardt.

Mayor Karrow explained the Ordinance to the public.

There being no one from the public who wished to speak, Mayor Karrow closed the public hearing.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Fusaro to close the Public Hearing, second by Council Vice President Long with a vote of all ayes.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Fusaro to adopt the Ordinance, second by Councilman Levitt and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council Vice President Long	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

Councilwoman Engelhardt explained the process of when a big project comes into the Borough starting at the Planning Board.

7. ORDINANCE 2025-04 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7A (TRAFFIC SCHEDULES) TO CREATE ONE-WAY STREETS AT SPRING STREET (BLOOMFIELD AVENUE TO MAPLE AVENUE FROM NORTH TO SOUTH) AND MAPLE AVENUE (BROAD STREET TO SPRING STREET FROM EAST TO WEST)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council Vice President Long to open the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Fusaro.

Mayor Karrow explained the Ordinance to the public.

There being no one from the public who wished to speak, Mayor Karrow closed the public hearing.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council Vice President Long to close the Public Hearing, second by Councilwoman Fusaro with a vote of all ayes.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council Vice President Long to adopt the Ordinance, second by Councilman Levitt and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council Vice President Long	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

8. RESOLUTION 2025-47 - RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, every February, Black History Month is recognized to not only encourage the study of African American life and history but also act as a reminder that Black history is an integral part of the history of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, what began as a week recognizing Black History, championed by Dr. Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E. Moorland in 1926, when they founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) evolved into a month by 1976, after official recognition by then President Gerald Ford; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Association presents a new theme, and the theme for 2024 is African American and the Arts; and

WHEREAS, for African Americans, the arts have been a means to express joy and sorrow, assert humanity, or communicate in a way that reaffirms one another; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Ailey, Colman Domingo, Michaela Jaé Rodriguez, Billie Holiday, and others made it clear Black and LGBTQ+ people not only exist but could do so openly; and

WHEREAS, women like Eartha Kitt, Maya Angelou, Queen Latifah, Audra MacDonald, Viola Davis, and more not only exhibited Black women aren't a monolith but there isn't a limit, standard, or any imposed glass ceiling that could hold their talent back from the applause of the masses; and

WHEREAS, as with every Black History Month, there is also a need to remember Black History is not only American History, but the contributions of Black Americans go beyond those who provide entertainment. Michael Jackson popularized the Super Bowl halftime show as a must-see event; James E. West's patents from 1962, utilized in 90% of all microphones today, allowed over 133 million people to hear his set list, and

WHEREAS Mark Dean, while working at IBM, developed the first gigahertz chip that laid the foundation for the technology required to hear, see, and experience entertainment on a computer or phone, and Valerie Thomas, a NASA data analyst, advanced the 3D technology used in theaters across the nation and the world.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Engelhardt to approve the Resolution, seconded by Council President Parker and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council Vice President Long	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

9. RESOLUTION 2025-48- 2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR FCP

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Flemington that the following appropriations shall constitute the temporary budget of the Flemington Special Improvement District for the year 2025 with the provisions of NJS 40A:4-19 of the Local Budget Law which provides that the total of $91,500.00 shall not exceed the temporary appropriations to provide for the period of January 1, 2025 and the adoption of the budget.

Appropriations: $91,500.00

Revenues:
Tax Collections $91,500.00

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council President Parker to approve the Resolution, seconded by Council Vice President Long and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council Vice President Long	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF 2025 FCP BUDGET:

10. 202 FCP BUDGET

Flemington Improvement District

	2024 (Budget)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Budget)
Income Summary	**$586,000**	**$640,515**	**$586,000**
BID Assesments	$362,000.00	$362,000.00	$362,000.00
Grants/Sponsorships	$55,000.00	$62,500.00	$10,000.00
Event Revenue	$55,000.00	$66,400.60	$81,519.00
Carrover*	$114,000.00	$149,613.98	$132,481.05

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council President Parker to introduce the FCP budget, seconded by Council Vice President Long and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council Vice President Long	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

Public Hearing will be held April 14, 2025

WORKSESSION: PARKING

Mayor Karrow summarized what Council discussed at the last meeting regarding parking permits. Mayor Karrow stated Council has to decide what amount the overnight visitor permits will be set at. Mayor Karrow stated there will be meters on Spring Street and other roads once the Hotel opens and residents/visitors would need permits that live around the hotel but the meters will not be installed

right away. Council President Parker stated he doesn't think the issue is charging people for overnight parking, the issue was 24/7 parking. Councilwoman Engelhardt summarized the residential parking policy the parking committee has discussed. Council Parker stated he does not want to agree on anything until the T2 meter representative comes in to make a presentation. Mayor and Council tabled the discussion until March 24, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – SESSION II:

Ally Norton from Flemington Borough and Chair of FCP suggested when there are discussions about parking there should be small business owners from Main Street be on the parking committee or at the discussions to discuss ways for people not to park for long hours in front of their stores. Mayor Karrow stated it's an appointed committee and the meters will fix the problem. Ms. Norton stated she wants the small business stakeholder community to have a voice in how parking is going to be handled. Mayor Karrow stated once there are meter discussions, she would invite business owners to attend the meetings. Council President Parker stated small businesses need to have a voice or they will leave the Borough.

Ally Norton, Chair of FCP stated the person who took over the lease at 48 Main Street is having trouble getting her sign approved from the Zoning Officer, Pat Rinaldi. Mr. Rinaldi will not let the owner put a sign over the existing approved circular sign. Ms. Norton stated the Borough should not be making it harder for small business owners to open a business.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS:

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $905,867.68

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council Vice President Long to pay the bills. This Motion was seconded by Councilman Levitt and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Council Vice President Long	Yes
Council President Parker	Yes

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Engelhardt to adjourn the meeting. and was seconded by Council Vice President Long with a vote of all ayes.

ATTEST:

Carla Conner, Borough Clerk

Marcia A. Karrow, Mayor

Adopted: March 10, 2025