

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

Call to Order

Time: 8:06 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Moment of Silence

Mayor Razze

Open Public Meetings Act Statement - Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by adopting a schedule of regular meetings for 2020, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 4, 2020.

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Present
Councilwoman James: Present
Councilwoman Rudley: Present
Mayor Razze: Present

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Present
Councilman Mazzola: Present
Councilman Weng: Present

Approval of Minutes

Work Session, Formal Meeting and Closed Formal Meeting of January 27, 2020

Motion: Blass

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilwoman James: Abstain
Councilman Mazzola: Abstain to Work Session and approved Formal and Closed Formal Minutes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes
Mayor Razze: _____

Council Reports

Councilman Fitzpatrick

Councilman Fitzpatrick reported that in 2019 the Fire Safety Official performed 430 housing inspections and appeared in municipal court 38 times to follow up on complaints.

The Economic Development Committee attended a recent meeting of the Combined Planning and Zoning Board regarding the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. A subcommittee of Planning Board, Public Safety and Public Property members will be formed to prioritize the aspects of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to be implemented.

Councilman Fitzpatrick said that he and Planning and Zoning Board Chairperson Nick Aspres visited Amboy Yards about two weeks ago. He reported that two partners, along with Jon Crispin, own this group, and it is a very impressive site. It is similar to the former Sony building in that it is an old building composed of multiple buildings which have all been redeveloped with many young companies occupying the space, similar to *Wework*.

These partners are very experienced developers, and this is a very promising idea for the former Sony site.

Councilwoman James

Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 18th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pitman Gallery & Art Center. All are welcome to attend.

McCowan Memorial Library

Councilwoman James thanked Councilman Fitzpatrick for filling in for her at the last Library Board of Trustees Meeting while she was sick.

During the month of January, 5167 people visited McCowan Memorial Library and there were 246 internet users. The Children's Program at the library is now back up and running. There have been 25 programs so far with 137 people in attendance.

The next meeting for the Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the library.

Council President Blass

Solid Waste Collection for the month of January

Twenty-three loads to Wheelabrator totaling 227.34 tons

Eight loads went to the county landfill totaling 83.73 tons

Total cost for solid waste disposal was \$24,107.99

Highway Department

One hundred thirty yards of brush totaling 121.41 tons

Eight loads of recyclables totaling 38.44 tons

Twenty-eight yards of brush collected

Eight yards of leaves

Eight truckloads of bulk trash

Forty hours cleaning storm drains

Eight hours patching and repairing potholes and sinkholes

Six hours grinding leaves and brush for mulch

Equipment/Maintenance

The street sweeper and one of the one-arm trash trucks are being repaired; our mechanic is always busy.

Councilman Mazzola

No Report

Councilman Weng

Councilman Weng reported that the entire Pitman Police Department is going through "Advanced, Hands-on First-Responder Initial-Care/First Aid and Tourniquet Application Training. The training is being conducted in two sessions to insure that each officer receives the training.

The PPD recently had all the computer equipment upgraded to Windows 10 to ensure that it would be compliant and connected with all New Jersey State Division of Criminal Justice databases. Chief McAteer would like to recognize, commend, and thank Corporal Marshall Pierson for his hard work and dedication to completing this

task and assignment. Corporal Pierson was able to insure compatibility with very little interruption of service, and most importantly, at minimum cost.

Councilwoman Rudley

Environmental Commission

Councilwoman Rudley reported that the members of the Environmental Commission will be planting fifty trees on April 4th at 9:00 a.m. in Alcyon Lake Park. Volunteers are invited to participate.

A pollinator garden will be planted on May 30th at the Pitman Grove Auditorium.

Members of the Environmental Commission took a walking tour with a representative from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection at the Lipari Landfill for an update regarding the ongoing inspection process there.

The Recreation Commission is planning for the upcoming Youth Week activities. The week will kick off on May 2nd with the first event being the Pitman Police Department Fishing Tournament.

The Senior Outreach Committee is presenting its' first in a series of speakers, tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The first speaker will be from New Jersey's Unclaimed Property Division.

New Business

Ordinance No. 1, 2020 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Vacating a Portion of Magnolia Avenue Situated Between Block 119 Lot 2.01 and Block 115 Lot 3 in the Borough of Pitman

First Reading

Motion: Weng

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razzo: _____

Resolution No. 41, 2020 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes

Motion: James

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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Resolution No. 42, 2020 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving Change Order No. 2-Final and the Payment of Contractor's Application for Payment No. 2-Final to the Contract With Abhzeen Design, Inc. for the 2018 CDBG Reconstruction of S. Broadway Brick Sidewalk Repair Project – Phase 2

Motion: Blass

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes
Councilwoman James: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Razzo: _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Resolution No. 43, 2020 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Execution of the 2020 TRICO JIF Safety Contract and Supporting the Implementation of Provisions Therein for the Workplace Practices of the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Blass

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes
Councilwoman James: Abstain
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Razzo: _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Resolution No. 44, 2020 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Gloucester to Provide Family Entertainment at Sunset Auditorium

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes
Councilwoman James: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Razzo: _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Resolution No. 45, 2018 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing a Closed Meeting

The general nature of the subjects to be discussed at said meeting will be:

Contract Negotiations: Borough of Pitman and AFSCME NJ Local 63

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Green Acres Land Purchase for Alcyon Park Expansion

Action may be taken upon returning to an open meeting.

Motion: Blass

Second: James

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes
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Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Payment of Bills

Motion: James

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilwoman James: Abstains to # 38621; approves all other items
Councilman Mazzola: Abstains to # 38607 and #16063; approves all other items

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes
Mayor Razzo: _____

Event Permit Applications

Event: Pitman Athletic Association Monthly Board Meetings

Sponsor: Pitman Athletic Association

Contact Person: Liss Jones

Date & Time: Monthly, first Wednesday; 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Location: Borough Hall-Council Chambers

Motion: Rudley

Second: Mazzola

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

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Approval is contingent upon providing the Borough of Pitman a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured.

Event: Pitman Police Fishing Tournament

Sponsor: Pitman Police Department

Contact Person: Marshall Pierson

Date & Time: May 2, 2020; 9 am – 12 pm

Location: Alcyon Lake and Betty Park

Motion: Rudley

Second: Mazzola

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

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Event: Camp Meetings/Sunday Evening Church Services

Sponsor: Pitman United Methodist Church

Contact Person: Tom Bennett

Date & Time: Sunday Evenings in the summer at 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Grove Auditorium

Motion: Rudley

Second: Mazzola

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razzo: _____

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Rudley

Second: Mazzola

Time: 8:25 p.m.

