

**Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council
of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester
January 7, 2017**

Call to Order

Time: 6:05 p.m.

Open Public Meeting Act Statement: Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of the time and date for this meeting was published in the South Jersey Times, posted in Borough Hall, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

Welcome and Introduction of Honored Guests: Mayor Russell C. Johnson, III

Presentation of the Colors: Pitman Fire Company #1 and Highland Chemical Engine Company Members

Salute to the Flag: Carly Razze and Lucas Razze

National Anthem: Miss Pitman 2016, Grace Koller

Invocation: Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott, Kemble Memorial United Methodist Church

Election Results & Oath of Office

Councilman Michael Razze

Oath administered by Mayor Russell C. Johnson, III

Election Results & Oath of Office

Councilman Kevin Austin

Oath administered by Mayor Russell C. Johnson, III

Roll Call of the 2017 Governing Body of the Borough of Pitman

Councilman Austin: Present

Councilman Blass: Present

Councilwoman Higbee: Present

Councilman Pierpont: Present

Councilman Razze: Present

Councilwoman Rudley: Present

Mayor Johnson: Present

Nomination of 2017 Council President for the Borough of Pitman

Councilman Blass Nominates Councilman James Pierpont for Council President

Second: Higbee

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Abstain

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 1, 2017 – Appointing Council President for the Borough of Pitman for the Year 2017

Motion: Higbee

Second: Razze

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Abstain

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 2, 2017 – Adopting a Temporary Budget for the Borough of Pitman for 2017 in the Amount of \$1,962,880.00

Motion: Higbee

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 3, 2017 – Authorizing Professional Services by a Borough Solicitor - John A. Alice, Esquire

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: No

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: No

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 4, 2017 – Authorizing Professional Services by a Borough Auditor, Petroni & Associates, LLP; Nick L. Petroni, CPA, RMA

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: No

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: No

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 5, 2017 – Authorizing Professional Services by a Borough Engineer- Federici & Akin, PA; Joseph P. Federici, Jr., PE, PP, CME

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: No

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: No

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 6, 2017 – Authorizing Professional Services by a Special Legal Counsel – Bond Counsel- Parker, McCay, PA; Philip A. Norcross, Esquire

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 7, 2017 - Authorizing Professional Services by a Special Legal Counsel – Labor Attorney; Long, Marmero, and Associates

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Councilman Austin asked why the previously appointed Law Firm of Capehart and Scatchard was being replaced as Labor Attorney for 2017, and asked Council President Pierpont if he was aware of the allegations against Long, Marmero & Associates for ethical violations.

Council President Pierpont responded that there was no particular reason. He stated that all submitted RFQs were reviewed, and that the Law Firm of Long, Marmero & Associates is their recommendation.

After a lengthy discussion among Council Members there was a motion to remove Resolution No.7, 2017 from the Agenda this evening, with the understanding that the discussion be revisited once the issues raised have been looked into.

Motion to table Resolution No. 7, 2017: Rudley Second: Pierpont
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Abstain Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 8, 2017 - Authorizing Professional Services by a Special Legal Counsel – Bankruptcy Attorney; John A. Alice, Esquire

Motion: Pierpont Second: Higbee
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: No Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilman Razzo: No Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 9, 2017 - Authorizing Professional Services by a Tax Map Maintenance Professional- Federici & Akin, PA

Motion: Pierpont Second: Higbee
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: No Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilman Razzo: No Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 10, 2017 – Establishing Regular Meetings of the Borough Council of the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Pierpont Second: Higbee
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 11, 2017 – Establishing Official Newspaper of the Borough of Pitman – The South Jersey Times and the Sentinel of Gloucester County

Motion: Pierpont Second: Higbee
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 12, 2017 – Authorizing the Cash Management Plan Within the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Pierpont Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Resolution No. 13, 2017 – Authorizing Petty Cash Fund for the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 14, 2017 - Concerning Interest on Delinquent Taxes

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 15, 2017 – Appointing Michael L. Razzo, Jr. as the Fund Commissioner for the Borough of Pitman to the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 16, 2017 – Appointing Judith O’Donnell as Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Borough of Pitman to the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 17, 2017 – Reappointing Special Law Enforcement Officers Class II for the Borough of Pitman Police Department – S/O McEvoy and S/O Osinski

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 18, 2017 – Making Appointments to Specific Administrative Positions and Confirming Such Appointments for the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 19, 2017 – Confirming Mayoral Appointments

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 20, 2017 – Confirming Mayoral Assignments for Council Members

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 21, 2017 – Making Appointments to Specific Board and Commission Positions, and Confirming Such Appointments for the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Abstain

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 22, 2017 – Authorizing Professional Services by a Planner – Maser Consulting, PA, J. Timothy Kernan

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 23, 2017 – Authorizing Risk Management Consultant for the TRICO Joint Insurance Fund and for the Municipal Excess Liability JIF – Len Eckman, Inc.; Len Eckman

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 24, 2017 – Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer; Judith O’Donnell

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson: _____

Resolution No. 25, 2017 – Appointing D. Clark Pierpont as Zoning Officer for the Borough of Pitman for 2017

Motion: Higbee

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Abstain

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Johnson:

Public Portion

Motion to Open Meeting to the Public: Razzo

Second: Austin

Time: 6:42 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to Close Public Portion: Razzo

Second: Austin

Time: 6:42 p.m.

Benediction: Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott, Kemble Memorial United Methodist Church

Adjournment

Motion: Razzo

Second: Austin

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator