

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2019**

Call to Order

Time: 8:04 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Moment of Silence

Council President Blass

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 2019, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 5, 2019.

Roll Call

Councilman Austin: Present
Councilman Pierpont: Absent
Councilwoman Rudley: Present
Mayor Johnson: Present
Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Council President Blass: Present
Councilman Razzo: Present
Councilman Weng: Present
Borough Solicitor Krachun: Present

Approval of Minutes

Work Session, Closed Work Session, and Formal Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2019

Motion: Blass

Second: Razzo

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Council Reports

Councilwoman Rudley

Congratulations to Cpl. Pierson and Ptlm. Decker for having attended and graduated the one week Response to Terrorist Bombing Explosives Training, which was held at the New Mexico Tech University, EMRTC Center in Socorro, New Mexico, from October 21 - 25. The entire training, including airfare, lodging, and meals was paid for by the federal government, with no cost to the Borough or to the Pitman Police Department.

The Pitman Police Department will be sponsoring the annual Uptown Chow Down food truck festival this Saturday, November 2, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Ballard Park. All proceeds of this event will go to the Pitman Police Department's K9 unit.

The Haunted Tales of Pitman were once again a nice success. Approximately 165 people came out for the tour of the new location, which would have been scary even without the stories.

Councilman Weng

No report

Councilman Pierpont

Absent

Councilman Razzo read the following report:

Earlier this afternoon at the Joint Insurance Fund meeting our claim was approved for the repair of the Ballard Park retaining wall. Again, I just want to say thank you to Claims Coordinator Nancy Yurick and our Administrator, Judy O'Donnell, and also to the folks at the JIF who took care of the claim so quickly. It looks almost like nothing happened. They are going to come out and power wash the wall, so that it blends in. There are a few little pieces that still need to be replaced. There was some damage done to the fountain which we will be working on along with replacing some of the hanging flower baskets that were also destroyed.

I also had the opportunity to thank our local Atlantic City Electric representative who made sure that our light posts on Broadway were put right back up.

Council President Blass read the following report:

I wanted to highlight some of the smaller jobs that were performed by the employees of Public Works in addition to their regular responsibilities over the past couple of weeks. They include;

Filled in the large pothole at Cedar and Carew Avenues

Replaced a stop sign on Linden Avenue

Raked the alley behind West Avenue

Removed the graffiti on First Avenue twice

We were made aware of all these jobs by people from the public who contacted me. So, if you see any issues, please make sure you let me know.

I asked Public Works to collect the bundles of leaves gathered by the Class of 2022 during their cleanup at Glen Lake Park, which was this past weekend.

I thank the employees of Public Works for all the little things that they do over and above their daily responsibilities.

Councilman Austin

No report, but Councilman Austin encouraged everyone to vote on November 5, 2019.

Mayor Johnson made the following statement:

“I do want to say on record how disappointed I am that one of our merchants in our community felt the need to release the video footage from their private camera, of the terrible accident on Broadway. We have to remember that there is a family attached to this tragedy.”

New Business

Resolution No. 183, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving Payment #1 to Command Company in the Amount of

\$242,103.12 for the Reconstruction of Theatre Avenue Project

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 184, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Confirming the Report of the Tax Collector in the Matter of the Performance of Board-up Services for 59-67 S. Broadway, Block 74 Lot 5.01, on the Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 185, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Endorsing the 2019 Best Practices Inventory for the State of New Jersey

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

***Resolution No. 186, 2019 – 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:

Personnel: New Hires and Promotions for Police Department

Collective Bargaining Negotiations: Borough of Pitman – PBA Local 122

This resolution was added to the agenda for the Work Session meeting held prior to this meeting.

Resolution No. 187, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Award of Competitive Contract for the Lease of Advertising Space

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Absent

Councilman Razzo: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 188, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Advertisement and Procurement of Proposals for a Concession Agreement for Advertising Space on the Borough’s Municipal Sign

Motion: Rudley
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Second: Weng
Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Resolution No. 189, 2019 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Awarding Contract for 2018 Community Development Block Grant South Broadway Sidewalk Project - Phase 2 to Abhzeen Design, Inc.

Motion: Blass
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Second: Austin
Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Payment of Bills

Motion: Austin
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Second: Blass
Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Event Permits

Event: Tree Planting

Sponsor: Pitman Environmental Commission
Contact Person: Patrice Sheehan
Date & Time: Saturday, November 2, 2019; 8 a.m. - Noon
Location: Shertel Park & McBurney Field

Motion: Razzo
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Second: Blass
Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Event: Laurel Market Harvest Fest

Contact Person: Keryl Hausmann – Gwyn Glass
Date & Time: November 23, 2019; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Location: Sunset Auditorium

Motion: Razzo
Roll Call:

Second: Blass

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Approved by Council contingent upon the approval of the Pitman Police Department.

Signage Application

Sponsor: First Presbyterian Church
Contact Person: Bev Donofrio
Dates: November 22-24, 2019
Location: Library Lawn
Motion: Razzo
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Absent
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Second: Blass
Council President Blass: Yes
Councilman Razzo: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Approval is contingent upon the submission of a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured, and the signed approval of the Borough's Zoning Officer.

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Razzo
Time: 8:21 p.m.

Second: Blass

Walt Madison, 152 West Avenue – Mr. Madison said that there is still a pallet with what appears to be pavers left over from the pocket park construction in the parking lot. He asked that the Borough remove them as they will need the space next week for the buses that will be bringing patrons to the theater.

Chris Wilson, 16 Adams Avenue – Mr. Wilson reminded everyone that today is National First Responders Day, and stated that in his opinion, Pitman has the best first responders in all of New Jersey.

Motion to close the public portion: Razzo
Time: 8:24 p.m.

Second: Blass

Adjournment

Motion: Razzo
Time: 8:24 p.m.

Second: Weng

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator

