

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL AGENDA\ACTION MEETING
REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 10, 2022**

1 Jean Walling Civic Center
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

7:30 P.M.

**All agendas\attachments are available on the Website: www.EastBrunswick.org at section Government.*

1. The Township Clerk called the meeting to order. After a Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence, the Clerk called the roll:

Present: Councilman Behal, Councilman McEvoy, Councilman Spadafino
Councilman Wendell, Council President Sullivan

Also Present: Mayor Brad Cohen, Rajvir Goomer, Esq.
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator; Nennette Perry, Township Clerk

2. Statement of Notice of Publication:

The Clerk read the following statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by specifying time, date, location and to the extent known, the agenda by posting a copy on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the East Brunswick Municipal Building, providing a copy to the Home News Tribune and Sentinel newspapers, posting a copy on the Township's website and by a filing a copy in the office of the Township Clerk which will be entered in the minutes.

In order to make sure a clear record of the meeting can be made and that all parties are heard in an organized fashion, all members of the public will be muted during the meeting. If a member of the public wishes to speak during any public comment portion, please press *9 (star nine) in order to raise your hand to speak. We will unmute members of the public individually if they have their hand raised. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a notification that you have been unmuted. It is at that time that you should begin to ask any questions you may have. You will have three minutes to speak, at the conclusion of which you will be muted again, and the council or administration will respond as necessary. Should you have any further comments or questions, the Township Council is always available by email and phone, and you can always call the Mayor's office during normal operating hours. Each member of the public shall only have one opportunity to speak during each public portion. As the technology does not allow us to know if there are multiple callers on an individual line, we ask that if you wish to speak, that you dial in on a separate line so that we can recognize you as a separate individual.

3. Election of Council President:

The Township Clerk opened the nominations for a Council President. Councilman McEvoy made a motion for Councilman Wendell. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Councilman McEvoy made a motion to close the nominations. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Township Clerk called the roll for Councilman Wendell to be Council President for one year.

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan – yes and Wendell – yes. The meeting was turned over to Council President Wendell.

4. Election of Council Vice President:

Council President Wendell opened the nominations for a Council Vice President. Council President Wendell made a motion for Councilman McEvoy to be Council Vice President. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Councilwoman Sullivan made a motion to close the nominations. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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The Township Clerk called the roll for Councilman McEvoy to be Council Vice President for one year.

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan – yes and Wendell – yes.

5. Presentations, Proclamations and Discussions:

Councilman Spadafino offered up his resignation as Councilman. He thanked everyone and indicated it was a pleasure working with all of them.

Council President Wendell thanked him for his service to the township.

Councilwoman Sullivan wished him and his wife the best for the future.

6. Agenda Session: (Discussion Only – No Vote)

None

7. Public Hearing:

None

8. Reports of Mayor, Administrator, Director of Law, Clerk, Council Committee/Board, Ad Hoc Committees Reports, Request Communication:

Mayor Cohen indicated there will be Facebook Live on January 18th. He spoke about his Executive Order for wearing face masks in public places. He gave a COVID update. Thanked Councilman Spadafino for his service.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator – Thanked Sharon for her service as Council President. Offered his congratulations to Council President Wendell and Council Vice President McEvoy. He also thanked Councilman Spadafino and wished him well on his retirement.

Rajvir Goomer, Esq. – no report.

Councilwoman Sullivan – thanked and congratulated Council President Wendell and Vice President McEvoy. She also thanked anyone who volunteers for their service.

9. Public Portion:

Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public.

Tina Patel, 17 Fresh Ponds Road – indicated a construction worker was hit by a car on the street because there are no sidewalks. She has safety concerns for those who live on the street. Council President Wendell indicated he would have someone look into the matter.

There being no further discussion, the public portion was closed.

10. Consent Agenda: (Resolutions)

Council President Wendell asked if anyone wished to have any items separated from the Consent Agenda. Councilman McEvoy asked that Item M be separated from the agenda. Council President Wendell read the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

- A. 17264 2022 Mayor Appointments with Advice and Consent of Township Council to Various Boards and Commissions

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- B. 17265 Of the Township Council of East Brunswick Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website
- C. 17266 Appointing Nennette Perry as a Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of East Brunswick in the Awarding of Contracts Pursuant to P.L. 1975 c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27)
- D. 17267 Authorizing the Tax Assessor to File Appeals and Execute Stipulations of Settlement on Behalf of the Township of East Brunswick
- E. 17268 Official Newspapers for 2022
- F. 17269 Authorizing Contracts with Approved State Contract Vendors During 2022 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a
- G. 17270 Authorizing Mailing and Advertising of Tax Sale Notices
- H. 17271 Granting Discretion to the Tax Collector for Cancellation of Property Tax Refunds or Delinquent Amounts for All Municipal Charges of \$10.00 or Less
- I. 17272 Authorizing an Electronic Tax Sale
- J. 17273 Authorizing Interest Rate/Grace Period/Year End Penalty
- K. 17274 Authorizing the Township of East Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, to Continue as a Member of the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System, NJWCPS
- L. 17275 Appointing a Fund Commissioner and Safety Representative to the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund
- N. 17277 To Affirm the Township of East Brunswick's Civil Rights Policy with Respect to all Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public that Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers
- O. 17278 Authorizing Governing Body to Sign Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "*Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*"
- P. 17279 Of the Township of East Brunswick Appointing Affirmative Action Officers
- Q. 17280 Authorizing the Administrator to Execute Contracts of \$44,000 or Less for Year 2022
- R. 17281 Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 2022
- S. 17282 Authorizing the Appointment of Municipal Court Judges
- T. 17283 Re-Appointing Municipal Court Administrator
- U. 17284 Re-Appointing Municipal Deputy Court Administrators
- V. 17285 Adopting the 2022 Cash Management Plan in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14

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- W. 17286 Authorizing Temporary Appropriations for 2022
- X. 17287 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to “Fair and Open Process”, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (*Township Attorney*)
- Y. 17288 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to “Fair and Open Process”, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (*Township Engineer*)
- Z. 17289 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to “Fair and Open Process”, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (*Bond Counsel*)
- AA. 17290 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to “Fair and Open Process”, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (*Auditor*)
- BB. 17291 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to “Fair and Open Process”, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (*Property Tax Matters*)
- CC. 17292 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to “Fair and Open Process”, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (*Municipal Prosecutor*)
- DD. 17293 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to “Fair and Open Process”, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (*Public Defender*)
- EE. 17294 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to “Fair and Open Process”, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (*Zoning and Planning Boards*)
- FF. 17295 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to “Fair and Open Process”, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (*Engineering Services – Special Projects, Environmental, Traffic Signal & Intersection Design, Road, Sewer, Water, Traffic, Parking, Parking Decks*)
- GG. 17296 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to “Fair and Open Process”, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (*Tax Appeal, Appraiser, Special Litigation Counsel, General Legal Services Attorney, Redevelopment, Labor Counsel and Conflicts Counsel*)
- HH. 17297 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to “Fair and Open Process”, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (*Architectural Services- Special Projects, Redevelopment Consulting Services, Planner Services*)
- II. 17298 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to “Fair and Open Process”, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (*Library Board*)
- JJ. Approval of Council Agenda Action Meeting Minutes – December 27, 2021.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved the adoption of the Consent Agenda Items A to L and N to JJ. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes and the Consent Agenda Items A to L and N to JJ were declared adopted.

Council President Wendell read the following resolution.

- M. 17276 Appointments of the East Brunswick Emergency Management

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Councilman McEvoy moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy thanked everyone who served on this committee. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes and the resolution was declared adopted.

11. Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing Date: January 24, 2022

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title only:

- A. Ord. 22-01 To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Councilwoman Sullivan moved that the ordinance be adopted on first reading, that it be published according to law and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on January 24, 2022 at the Municipal Building located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes and the ordinance was adopted on first reading.

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title only:

- B. Ord. 22-02 Amending Chapter 132, Land Use Procedures, Section 132.32 Fees and Section 56.1 Zoning Permits Required of the Township of East Brunswick

Councilman Behal moved that the ordinance be adopted on first reading, that it be published according to law and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on January 24, 2022 at the Municipal Building located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman McEvoy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes and the ordinance was adopted on first reading.

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title only:

- C. Ord. 22-03 Amending Chapter 228, Article XXVI, Regulations Applicable in All Districts, Zoning of the Township of East Brunswick

Councilwoman Sullivan moved that the ordinance be adopted on first reading, that it be published according to law and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on January 24, 2022 at the Municipal Building located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes and the ordinance was adopted on first reading.

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title only:

- D. Ord. 22-04 Of the Township of East Brunswick Adding Chapter 104, Firework Displays (Commercial), to the Ordinances of the Township of East Brunswick

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Councilman Behal moved that the ordinance be adopted on first reading, that it be published according to law and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on January 24, 2022 at the Municipal Building located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Councilwoman Sullivan is in favor of this version of the ordinance. The Mayor is in favor and indicated it covers the cleanup of the area. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - no, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes and the ordinance was adopted on first reading.

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title only:

- E. Ord. 22-05 Amending Ordinance No. 21-03 Fixing Compensation for Temporary Part Time and Seasonal Employees

Councilwoman Sullivan moved that the ordinance be adopted on first reading, that it be published according to law and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on January 24, 2022 at the Municipal Building located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes and the ordinance was adopted on first reading.

12. New Business:

None

13. For Good of the Cause:

Councilman McEvoy offered his condolences to the family of Phil Hossler long time athletic trainer at East Brunswick High School.

14. Adjournment: 8:15 P.M.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.



JAMES WENDELL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



DORETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK