

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL AGENDA\ACTION MEETING
January 24, 2022**

1 Jean Walling Civic Center
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

7:30 P.M.

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1. Council President Wendell 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,
Councilwoman Sullivan, Council President Wendell

Also Present: Mayor Brad Cohen, Michael Baker, Township Attorney
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 into 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. Presentations, Proclamations and Discussions:

A. Presentation: Democratic Chairperson – David Lonski

Mr. Lonski presented the three names to be considered for the open Council seat: Verne Whitlock Jr; Dana Winston and Dana Zimbicki.

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

None

5. Public Hearing:

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance:

- 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)

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Alex Spielman, 6 Douglas Road – Asked about the size of the fireworks.

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

Councilwoman Sullivan was pleased with the changes within this ordinance. Council President Wendell indicated we tried to please everyone with the changes in this ordinance. There being no discussion from the Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance:

- 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 second and final reading, that it be submitted to the Mayor for his approval and thereafter published according to law. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public for discussion. There being no discussion, the public portion was closed. There being no discussion from the Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Mayor Cohen – February 14th State of Township Address. Celebrate Lunar New Year. We received DEP approval on 110 Tices Lane hockey rink. Residents can obtain COVID tests all over.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator – Shade Structure for the senior center is on the agenda. We received some grant funds. Item M is a water interconnection with New Brunswick.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney – The ordinances for first reading will require land acquisitions.

Nennette Perry, Township Clerk – Lettering on the consent agenda needs to be corrected.

7. Public Portion:

Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public.

Troy Bailey, 16 Glen Court – Saddened by loss of Phil Hossler and asked about dedicating a room in his honor. Thanked the Mayor for the hockey rink but asked about a feasibility study re: taxes and asked if the gym in that area is part of the redevelopment project.

Drew Weingarh, 2705 Commons Drive – Asked what the specific improvements are that are covered under Ordinance 22-06.

Alex Spielman, 6 Douglas Road – in the Redevelopment area is there an inclusion for a recreation center for younger adults.

Sharon Christie, Dean Lane – was upset about taxes being raised and crime increasing.

Dave Herrera – spoke about increase in home invasions and asked how residents should handle this when it happens.

Resolution Re: Approval of Bill List

WHEREAS, the Township Council for the Township of East Brunswick has approved Ordinance 74-1-BB amending the municipal ordinances accordingly requiring the Township Council's approval before any disbursements are made. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council for the Township of East Brunswick that the following bills have been duly audited and found correct by the Director of Finance and she is ordered to pay the amounts as hereinafter stated.

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

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes and the Consent Agenda Items A, C to P were declared adopted.

Council President Wendell read the following resolution.

- B. 17300 Establishing the Municipal "Green Team" for 2022 for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program

Councilman McEvoy moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. Councilwoman Sullivan indicated there should be a council member on this team. She made a motion to amend the resolution. Councilman McEvoy seconded the motion to amend. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll to amend:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes and the resolution was amended.

There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll for the amended resolution:

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

9. Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing Date: February 14, 2022

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title only:

- A. Ord. 22-06 Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property Required for Public Purpose (Cranbury Road and Fern Road Traffic Signal Improvements) in Accordance with the Local Land and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-4 et seq.

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 February 14, 2022 at the Municipal Building located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy asked for a brief synopsis of the ordinance. The Administrator indicated the light at the intersection would need some parcels and temporary easement. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

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10. New Business:

None

11. For Good of the Cause:

Councilman McEvoy asked Mr. Baker if there was any news from the County on the Cranbury Road speed being reduced. Mr. Baker indicated Mr. Kipp has been in contact with the County. The Mayor indicated Planning and Engineering was not in favor of widening Cranbury Road.

12. Adjournment: 9:02 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, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.



JAMES WENDELL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



NENNETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK