

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL AGENDA\ACTION MEETING
May 24, 2021**

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. Council President Sullivan 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, Michael Baker, Township Attorney
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator; Nennette Perry, Township Clerk

2. Statement of Notice of Publication:

The Clerk read the following statement:

At a previous Council meeting, the meeting was disrupted by several callers zoom bombing and shouting out racial and religious slurs in an effort to disrupt the meeting.

Be advised that any future attempts to disrupt an East Brunswick Council meeting will be considered harassment and your IP address or Phone number will be turned over to the East Brunswick Police Department and you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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.

The Township is using the telephone meeting format in an effort to mitigate the chance of exposure to COVID-19, as a part of the Township's ongoing effort to slow the rate of transmission and avoid overwhelming our treatment centers. The Dial in Information and Final Agenda have been posted on the Township website and are posted on EBTv for members of the public.

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.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we implement this new technology to continue to move the Township forward during this Health Emergency.

3. Presentations, Proclamations and Discussions:

None

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

None

5. Public Hearing:

A. Budget Amendment Public Hearing

Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to hold a public hearing on the amended budget. There being no public comment, the public portion was closed.

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance:

- B. Ord. 21-12 Amending Chapter 192, Design Guidelines and Standards, Article IV, Design and Performance Standards Applicable to all Development of the Township of East Brunswick, County of Middlesex

Councilman Spadafino 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 Wendell seconded the motion. Council President Sullivan 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, Spadafino - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - 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 – expressed concern about political signs using vile or foul language when it is not necessary. He also expressed condolences to the Ronnie Li's family.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator – no report.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney – no report.

Nennette Perry, Township Clerk – no report.

Council President Sullivan reminded residents that twice a week solid waste pickup starts this week.

Councilman Spadafino indicated the first annual Recreation golf outing was very successful.

7. Public Portion:

Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public.

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

8. Consent Agenda: (Resolutions)

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

- B. 17096 Granting Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses in the Township of East Brunswick for the Year 2021-2022
- C. 17097 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund Tax/Utility Overpayments
- D. 17098 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994 c.72
- E. 17099 Authorizing the Purchase of Three (3) Hewlitt Packard Enterprise Servers under the New Jersey NASPO State Data Communications Equipment Contract M-7000 in the Amount of \$56,099.70 (*SHI International Corp.*)
- F. 17100 Authorizing Approval of Wrecker Licenses - 2021
- G. Approval of Raffle License RA2500 – VFW Post 133 East Brunswick Memorial – April 17, 2021 to April 16, 2022.
- H. Approval of Council Agenda\Action Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2021.
- I. Approval of Bill List (approval of bills owed by Township to various individuals, companies and accounts).

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.

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the Consent Agenda Items B to I. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the Consent Agenda Items B to I were declared adopted.

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- A. 17095 Endorsing the Library Renovation Project

Councilman Spadafino moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman McEvoy seconded the motion.

Mike Bobish, Acting Director gave an overview of the application and answered Council questions.

Councilman McEvoy supports the projects outlined in the resolution. He also asked about the timeline to submit the application. He was told the deadline is June 4th.

Councilman Wendell asked questions about the HVAC which was funded in prior years. He indicated he would like to see the Phase I and II plans before moving forward. He also asked how much the Library is contributing.

Council President Sullivan questioned why the lighting would be fixed in Phase I if they are going to work on the children's section being proposed for phase II.

Mayor Cohen indicated that the HVAC is the Township's responsibility because it is our building. He indicated that the prior bonds were never funded for the HVAC project.

Councilman Spadafino asked the attorney what does "endorse" mean in this instance. He was told it means support.

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

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Wendell - no, Sullivan - yes and the resolution was declared adopted.

9. Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing Date: June 14, 2021

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance by title only:

- A. Ord. 21-13 Amending Chapter 209, Vehicles & Traffic – Section 52, Schedule XIII: Stop Intersections of the Code of the Township of East Brunswick

Councilman Wendell 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 June 14, 2021 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, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the ordinance was adopted on first reading.

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance by title only:

Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing Date: June 28, 2021

- B. Ord. 21-14 Providing for Various School Capital Improvements in and by the Township of East Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Pursuant to a Shared Services Agreement, with the East Brunswick Board of Education, Appropriating \$4,421,053 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,200,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Councilman Wendell 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 June 28, 2021 at the Municipal Building located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney indicated that the costs are passed through. Councilman Wendell indicated we have done shared services with the Board of Education for years. It saves the taxpayers money. Councilman Spadafino indicated this allow the Board of Education to fund at a lower rate. Councilman McEvoy indicated this saves money but would like a better breakdown of the projects. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

10. New Business:

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- A. 17101 Adoption of the Municipal Budget of the Township of East Brunswick for Calendar Year 2021

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Councilman Wendell thanked everyone for their hard work on this year's budget. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- B. 17102 Authorizing Contract in Accordance with Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 through Cooperative Purchase of the Division of Purchase and Property in the State of New Jersey for Body-Worn Cameras, Hardware, Licensing and Storage in the Amount of \$447,525.03

Councilman Spadafino moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman McEvoy seconded the motion. Councilman Wendell asked how many patrolmen will receive body cameras. He was told all of them. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- C. 17103 Authorizing Execution of Settlement Agreements in Regard to Docket Number MID-C-141-17 and Docket Number MID-C-1401-18

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Mr. Baker, Township Attorney explained the settlement agreements and how they came about. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

11. For Good of the Cause:

Councilman McEvoy spoke about marijuana and that the Township needs to opt out by August 21st. He asked Mr. Baker to produce an ordinance for Council review.

Council President Sullivan agrees with opting out.

12. Adjournment: 8:25 P.M.

Councilman Wendell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll:

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SHARON SULLIVAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


ANNETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK