

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL AGENDA\ACTION MEETING
June 14, 2021**

1 Jean Walling Civic Center
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

7:30 P.M.

**All agendas\attachments are available on the Website: www.East Brunswick.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: Michael Baker, Township Attorney
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator; Nennette Perry, Township Clerk

Absent: Mayor Brad Cohen

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 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:

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance:

- 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 second and final reading, that it be submitted to the Mayor for his approval and thereafter published according to law. Councilman Spadafino 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:

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator thanked EBTU who were being honored by Jersey Access for 5 programs.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney – no report.

Nennette Perry, Township Clerk – no report.

7. Public Portion:

Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public.

Alan T, Edison – asked about Ordinance 21-16 and indicated he wants to start a business in East Brunswick.

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. Council President Sullivan read the items on the Consent Agenda.

- A. 17104 Granting Discretion to the Tax Collector for Cancellation of Property Tax Refunds or Delinquent Amounts for all Municipal Charges of \$10.00 or Less
- B. 17105 Approving Person-to-Person Transfer BL Restaurant Operations LLC to BLH Acquisition Co., LLC

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- C. 17106 Granting Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses in the Township of East Brunswick for the Year 2021-2022
- D. 17107 Assurance of Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements and with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- E. 17108 Authorizing Participation of the Township of East Brunswick in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to Apply for, and Receive, \$4,983,687.27 to Refund to Acute Pandemic-Response Needs, Fill Revenue Shortfalls, and Support Communities and Populations Hardest-Hit by the COVID-19 Crisis
- F. 17109 Awarding Contract to FAI-GON Electric Inc. for Intersection Improvements to Church Lane & Fresh Ponds Road Contract #2021-02
- G. 17110 Applying to Obtain a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the Amount of \$400,000 for Enhanced Security and Accessibility
- H. 17111 Of the Township of East Brunswick Appointing Affirmative Action Officers
- I. Approval of Raffle License RA2501 – VFW Post 133 East Brunswick – July 24, 2021.
- J. Approval of Council Agenda Action Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2021.
- K. 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. 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 was declared adopted.

9. Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing Date: June 28, 2021

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance by title only:

- A. Ord. 21-15 Of the Township of East Brunswick Adding Chapter 104, Firework Displays (Commercial), to the Ordinances of the Township of East Brunswick

No motion was made so the ordinance failed.

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance by title only:

- B. Ord. 21-16 Prohibiting the Operation of any Class of Cannabis Businesses within the Township of East Brunswick's Geographical Boundaries and Amending Chapter 228, Zoning, Section 3, Definitions and Word Usage and Section 229.4, Prohibited Uses, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of East Brunswick

Councilman McEvoy 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. Council President Sullivan seconded the motion.

Councilman Wendell asked about licensing. He indicated he wants to explore the revenue aspect to the Township and wants to wait.

Councilman Spadafino indicated he wants time to review. He made a motion to table. There was no second so he removed his motion.

Council President Sullivan supports the ordinance and wants to wait and see what the State does.

Councilman McEvoy indicated he did his due diligence and wants to opt out.

Councilman Spadafino again made a motion to table until June 28, 2021. Councilman Wendell seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll:

Behal - no, McEvoy - no, Spadafino - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - no and the motion to table the ordinance failed.

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

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

10. New Business:

None


11. For Good of the Cause:

Councilman McEvoy - thanked the Mayor, Administrator and Recreation Director for the article "Recreation and COVID" in the League magazine.

12. Adjournment: 8:19 P.M.

Councilman McEvoy 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, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.



SHARON SULLIVAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



NENNETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK