

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council August 23, 2021
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue
Executive Session 6:00 P.M.
Public Session 7:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Councilperson:
Furgione - Present
Giralo - Present
Gribbin – Arrived at 6:10
Oliva - Present
Olivo - Present
Rodio – Present
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor
Bob Vettese, PWM

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #101-2021

Motion by Council Person Olivo Second Oliva
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Rodio
Close Executive Session

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Councilperson:
Furgione - Present
Giralo - Present
Gribbin - Present
Oliva - Present
Olivo - Present
Rodio – Present
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor
Robert Vettese, Public Works Manager
Dave Cella of ARH, Town Engineer

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this meeting has been posted and given to official newspapers. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exits to the right and rear of the Council Chambers. Please do not proceed beyond the front benches without invitation from the Mayor to do so. Each person who wishes to address Council will be allotted 5 minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

- **Bob Ruberton 7 Anne Drive**- Regarding Blueberry Ridge basin. Trotters Run continues to pump water into Blueberry Ridge Basin. Who is responsible if something happens, if someone gets hurt?
- **Fred Pietropola 25 Alexander Drive** - There is a hole in the fence and kids are going through it. Public Safety issue.
- **Bill Cappuccio 267 Chestnut Ave** – Retention Basis issue at Blueberry Ridge. He feels he is owed an apology for the way he was treated last meeting. People in the cheap seats are just as important as anyone else.
- **Councilmen Furgione**- Wants to try to come some kind of agreement to a resolution this basin issue.
- **Walt Kelly 31 Alexander Drive**- Mediation Is coming and that is when we will come to a resolution.
- **Mayor DiDonato**- He has been in the poison of Mayor for 12 years. He prides himself in listening to the residents. There is an issue at Blueberry Ridge. Trotters run received approval form the HOA at Blueberry Ridge, the Town did not. The Town has no jurisdiction of the Basin. He apologized to everyone, he is not better then anyone else. He apologized to the residents at Blueberry Ridge and all the citizens of Hammonton.
- **Bob Ruberton 7 Anne Drive**- Responded by saying they are still pumping into the Basin.
- **Walt Kelly** – commented that the Town gave Trotters Run the permission to pump in to their basin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Minutes July 26, 2021

Council Minutes July 26, 2021

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Giraldo
Minutes are approved

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giraldo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PRESENTATION

- 1) HHS Softball- Councilmen Oliva gave presentation to team on their great season.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing of Ordinance #013-2021 Joint Municipal Court

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON ESTABLISHING A SINGLE JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT WITH MULLICA TOWNSHIP; REAFFIRMING AND AMENDING JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT WITH THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM, BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP AND EGG HARBOR CITY; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE I OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(b) authorizes the formation of a single Joint Municipal Court provided that an Agreement is entered into by the Town of Hammonton and Mullica Township and provided that the Agreement is filed with the State of New Jersey Administrative Director of the Courts and the Assignment Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton desires to enter into an Agreement to form a Joint Municipal Court with Mullica Township; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton, Borough of Folsom, Buena Vista Township and Egg Harbor City desire to enter into new Agreements for a Joint Municipal Court , which new Agreements shall replace the existing Joint Municipal Court Agreements set forth in existing Town of Hammonton Ordinance Section 41-1; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Hammonton to participate in a Joint Municipal Court with Mullica Township, Borough of Folsom, Buena Vista Township and Egg Harbor City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows;

1. Chapter 14, Article I, Section 1 is amended to read as follows:

§ 14-1. Establishment.

A Joint Municipal Court is established, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2B:12-I, et. seq., as amended and supplemented, consisting of the Town of Hammonton, Borough of Folsom, Egg Harbor City, Buena Vista Township and Mullica Township. The Joint Municipal Court with Folsom was created in accordance with an Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and the Borough of Folsom dated December 28, 2017, executed by the municipalities in January of 2018, and First Addendum to the Agreement dated September 19, 2019, fully executed on December 3, 2019 (the "Prior Folsom Agreements"), which Prior Folsom Agreements were replaced in their entirety with the Agreement for Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and the Borough of Folsom dated June 28, 2021, and

is subject to the terms thereof. The Joint Municipal Court with Egg Harbor City was created in accordance with an Agreement for Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Egg Harbor City dated January 2, 2020, and executed in January of 2020 (the "Prior EHC Agreement"), which Prior EHC Agreement was replaced in its entirety with the Agreement for Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Egg Harbor City dated June 28, 2021, and is subject to the terms thereof. The Joint Municipal Court with Buena Vista Township was created in accordance with an Agreement for Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Buena Vista Township dated August 24, 2020 and executed in August 2020 (the "Prior BVT Agreement"), which Prior BVT Agreement was replaced in its entirety with the Agreement for Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Buena Vista Township dated June 28, 2021, and is subject to the terms thereof. Mullica Township shall join the Joint Municipal Court of the Town of Hammonton in accordance with an Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Mullica Township dated June 28, 2021, and executed in August 2021.

2. The terms and conditions of the Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Mullica Township dated June 28, 2021, are hereby approved. The Mayor and Clerk for the Town of Hammonton are hereby expressly authorized to execute and deliver the aforesaid Agreement on behalf of the Town.

3. The terms and conditions of the Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and the Borough of Folsom dated June 28, 2021, are hereby approved. The Mayor and Clerk for the Town of Hammonton are hereby expressly authorized to execute and deliver the aforesaid Agreement on behalf of the Town.

4. The terms and conditions of the Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Buena Vista Township dated June 28, 2021, are hereby approved. The Mayor and Clerk for the Town of Hammonton are hereby expressly authorized to execute and deliver the aforesaid Agreement on behalf of the Town.

5. The terms and conditions of the Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Egg Harbor City dated June 28, 2021, are hereby approved. The Mayor and Clerk for the Town of Hammonton are hereby expressly authorized to execute and deliver the aforesaid Agreement on behalf of the Town.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the Courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in the time and manner prescribed by law.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Giraldo
Ordinance #013-2021 is open for public hearing

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Giraldo
Ordinance #013-2021 is adopted and approved for final publication

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giraldo - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva - Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

- Proclamation for the Porto Rican Association will be made at the flag ceremony this weekend.
- Reviewed Admin meeting
- Interviews for Code Enforcement officer are under way. Should have something for next month
- Met with Clocktoberfest representatives review plans for event in February.
- Spoke about Paul Esposito and his work he did for the Town. Sent his prayers to the family.

Business & Industry – Councilman Olivo

- Spoke about upcoming Town Events, Touch a truck and Porto Rican Event August 29th, 3rd Thursday, Crusin Main street September 17th, Town Wide Yard Sale and recycle center on September 18,
- Ribbon Cutting ceremonies Geo Steaks
- Economic Development is working for Hammonton. People and businesses are interested in coming to Hammonton. Capital Bank was purchased and will be opening as a financial institution; White Hall has several interested companies looking to move there.
- Cathedral is working to upgrade their bldg and make hotel rooms.
- Craft beer Witchcraft event will be October

Quality of Life – Councilman Oliva

- Environmental Commission met this month and reviewed 12 tree permits
- New Tree permit is updated and available online.
- Green Day will be on 10/7/2020 at 3rd and Vine from 12 to 4
- Hot line for help is still available 609-925-1166 or Help@hammonton.com
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Education - Councilman Giraldo

- Reviewed School board meeting- School will open the last week of August, Teacher to report on August 26th.
- Mask Mandate
- Kids are back to 5 full days
- Next board meeting will be September 9th

Public Works & Transportation - Councilman Rodio

- No action items to report

Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato

Police Chief Kevin Friel gave the report

- School will be opening please drive carefully
- New hires in police dept.
- Police Dept has 5 new vehicles
- If posted please wear your mask

Motion by Council Person Olivo Second Rodio

Approval to hire Richard Carpo as Police Officer at Step of the PBA contract effective September 7, 2021

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giraldo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- The Town to deliver on the new Vac truck and it will be in use in the next coming weeks.

ENGINEER REPORT

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Boyer Avenue Pump Station (ARH #11-50144):
Bids were received on Tuesday August 17, 2021. There were two bidders. Unfortunately, the bids have come in over the allocated budget. We will regroup with the PWTC to see if we can adjust the approach to the project. Due to funding available we recommend rejection of bids.

Action Requested:

1. Reject Bids for the Boyer Avenue Pump Station Project due to cost.

Resolution #115-2021- Rejects bids for Boyer Ave Pump Station

**RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR
BOYER AVENUE PUMP STATION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton received bids for the Boyer Avenue Pump Station Project on Tuesday August 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the bids received were in excess of the Engineer's estimate and the amount appropriated for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton reserve the right to reject all bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton reject the bids for the Boyer Avenue Pump Station Project received on August 17, 2021.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Giraldo
Reject Bids for Boyer Ave Pump station

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giraldo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Giraldo

Approval to solicit price quotes for work at Boyer Ave sanitary sewer project. After bidding twice town rejected bids to do no bids the 1st time and pricing to high on 2nd.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giraldo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

SOLICITOR REPORT

Introduction of Ordinance #014 – 2021- Amend Chapter 211

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 211, ARTICLE IV OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Chapter 211, Article IV, Sections 211-21 through Sections 211-32 are repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the Courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in the time and manner prescribed by law.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Olivo

Ordinance has passed 1st reading and is approved for publication

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – abstain

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Giralo Second Oliva

Approval of Noyes Museum new addendum to lease 3rd floor

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Mike Malinsky – reviewed Blueberry Ridge issue and spoke about the easement for the Basin.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Gribbin

Authorize pending lease and construction of Turf fields at Boyer Ave. Pending approval by lessee and any changes to be made to agreement.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

MAYOR REPORT

- No Action Items

PWM REPORT

542 Grape Street Concrete Gutter Repair

Price quotes for the concrete gutter were requested. Two contractors responded. Scrapple Brothers from Hammonton provided the low quote of \$2,300. We recommend Council approve the award and issue a purchase order for the project.

Motion by Council Person Giralo Second Rodio

Approval of Purchase Order to Scrapple Brothers in the amount of \$2,300.00

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Safe Routes to Schools, Sooy Elementary School

A kickoff meeting was held on Wednesday 08/18/2021 with Town representatives, the NJDOT and the project consultant, GPI. Surveyors will start the week of September. Surveyors will have cards and letter from Town.

Cedar Branch/Cedar Brook Stream Corridor Debris Cleaning

Requests for right-of-entry to complete light cleaning along the stream corridor was sent out to residents that reside along the stream corridor extending from Fourth Street to the White Horse Pike. We ask any property owners, who received the request to sign, notarize and return the documents as quickly as possible so that portions of the work could be scheduled.

Drainage Projects

Material for the work on the Ranere Ave. drainage project is scheduled to be delivered during the week of 8/23 with installation to start shortly thereafter. A damaged CMP cross drain pipe will also be replaced for a cost of \$4,950.00.

Rt. #54 NJDOT update

We met with NJDOT representatives about the emergency temporary resurfacing schedule for the downtown section. They will review and update the Town once a starting date is known.

Third Street, Co. Rt. #728 Resurfacing

The County's contractor, Arawak Paving, provided notice that the resurfacing work on 3rd Street extending between the Town line and Wood Street will begin during the week of 8/30, weather permitting.

Rt. #30, NJDOT Resurfacing Project, Atco Ave. to Rt. #206

A preconstruction meeting was held on 7/30/21. Construction submittals are being made by the contractor, AE Stone, to the NJDOT for review and approval. No date for construction start has been established at this point. We will keep Council informed of further progress.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station, Vine Street Parking Lot

We are waiting for the NJDEP to finalize the funding agreement with the Town before completing the specifications for receipt of price quotes.

Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan Report

Sam Schwartz has completed the final version of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Report. Copies of that report will be distributed to the Town.

Other items

September schedule (items must be out prior to 6 am)

- Bulky 6th to 10th – 3 item limit, Labor Day pick up to occur on Tuesday the 7th.
- Brush 13th to 17th – One (1) 6' x 6' pile allowed
- Recycling pickup by the County will occur on September 6th to the 10th and September 20th to the 24th.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

- 1) Accept resignation of Brianna Lee from her position as a Communications Operator in the Hammonton Police Department effective 7/28/2021.
- 2) Approve internship for Tyler Czerwinski for the Hammonton Municipal Court. No pay no benefits 1 to 3 days per as needed.

Motion by Council Giraldo Second Gribbin

Approval of items 1 to 2

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giraldo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

APPROVE BILL LIST & PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion by Council Giraldo Second Gribbin

Approval of Bill list and purchase orders

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #102-2021- Authorizing Down Town Trick or Treat

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT EVENT
WITH ROAD CLOSURES

WHEREAS, Saturday, October 23rd (rain date October 30th) is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Downtown Trick or Treat Event from 2:00pm – 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Businesses will be distributing treats and organizing activities from their stores for children throughout the event; and

WHEREAS, Mainstreet Hammonton is requesting the following road closures and police assistance for this event during the hours of 11am- 5pm at

Central Avenue between Bellevue Ave. (Rt. 54) and Vine Street

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the MainStreet Hammonton Downtown Trick or Treat Event is approved with road closures and police assistance specifically crossing assistance at intersections on Bellevue Avenue contingent upon contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event;

Resolution #103-2021 – Approval to purchase Police Vehicle

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR THE AWARD
TO PURCHASE A 2022 FORD F150 4X4 CREW CAB

WHEREAS, there exists a need to purchase a Ford F150 4X4 Crew Cab, for the Hammonton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department recommend, after comparing the price and particular suitability, that a contract be awarded to Winner Ford to purchase the vehicle under state contract # 20-Fleet-01189, in the amount not to exceed \$36,444.00.; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1-et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the awarding of the contract without competitive bidding and the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY that the Mayor and Town Clerk of the Town of Hammonton are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Winner Ford, for the purchase of a 2022 Ford F-150 4X4 Crew Cab; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law as a State Approved Contractor # 20-Fleet-01189; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between the Winner Ford and the Town of Hammonton.

Resolution #104-2021 – Extending Due Date for 3rd Quarter Property Taxes

Extending Due Date for 3rd Qtr Property Tax

WHEREAS, the 2021/2022 preliminary tax bills will be mailed late due to a delay in receiving the established tax rate from county;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize and direct the tax collector to extend the due date for the third quarter taxes to be due on September 30 or at least 25 days from date of mailing (certification to follow);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payments received after September 30, 2021 will be with interest; back to the August 1 due date

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this extension does not affect payment due date of Utility Billings which will remain August 1, 2021 with a ten day grace period.

Resolution #105-2021- Authorize Various Refunds

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS REFUNDS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the following refunds/close out of accounts are authorized as approved by the respective Department Heads of the Town of Hammonton:

Hershey Ice Cream	\$	60.00	Inspection Fee
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Resolution #106-2021- Approval of Clocktoberfest

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
CLOCKTOBER FEST

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council have and continue to support the efforts of organizations to promote the Town of Hammonton, and:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Town of Hammonton authorizes and endorses the Clocktober fest to held at the Hammonton Town Hall and Parking lot on Saturday October 9, 2021 from 12pm to 5pm with a rain date of Saturday October 16, 2021:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Hammonton will provide municipal services required for this event including police assistance if required.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that Clocktober fest is acknowledged and endorsed with the following streets being closed beginning at 7am:

Central Avenue from Bellevue Avenue to 3rd Street. (Contingent upon County Approval)
Vine Street from Central Avenue to 2nd
And the Use of Town Hall and it's parking Lot

Resolution #107-2021- Authorize Fireman's Christmas Day Parade

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
FIREFIGHTER CHRISTMAS PARADE

WHEREAS, the Hammonton Fire Department continues to support the Town of Hammonton in it's effort to promote events such as the Christmas Parade which is scheduled for December 11, 2021 (rain date December 12th) @ the hour of 7:00 p.m.;

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of the Hammonton Fire Department;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, which the Annual Hammonton Firefighter Christmas Parade is acknowledged and endorsed with the following streets being closed:

Liberty Street (from Hammonton Middle School to Bellevue) 5:00 to 9:00 pm
Route 54 (from WPH to Front Street) from 5:00 to 9:00 pm
Central Avenue (from Bellevue to Vine) from 5:00 to 9:00 pm
All Road openings onto Bellevue Avenue (from WHP to Front Street) be closed during event at 7:00 pm
Passmore Avenue (from Egg Harbor Road to Washington Street) from 7:00 to 10:00 pm
Front Street (from Bellevue to Line Street) from 7:00 to 11:00 pm
Liberty Street (from Bellevue Ave to Fairview Ave) from 5:00 to 8:00 pm
Vine Street (from Egg Harbor Rd. to Central Ave.) from 5:00 to 9:00 pm

Resolution #108-2021- Approval of Application for NJDCA Infrastructure Grant

**Supporting the Submission of an Application by the Town of Hammonton
For a New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Infrastructure Improvements Grant**

SCHEDULE I: RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Town of Hammonton desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for up \$400,000 for Infrastructure Improvements in the Town

Be it therefore RESOLVED,

- 1) that the Town of Hammonton does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the

Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Town of Hammonton and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Resolution #109-2021- Identifying Fair Housing Officer

IDENTIFYING CDBG FAIR HOUSING OFFICER
Public Facilities Fund: Infrastructure Improvements in the Community

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is applying for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (hereafter NJDCA) for funds to develop infrastructure improvements, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton must make efforts to affirmatively further fair housing, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has reviewed various actions that would be acceptable to the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has made assurances in the grant agreement that:

- (1) It will comply with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and regulations issued thereto, and;
- (2) It will comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations issued thereto it, and;
- (3) It will comply with the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and will affirmatively further fair housing, and;
- (4) It will comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and with the Rehabilitation Act of

1973.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Frank Zuber shall be designated as the Fair Housing Officer for the Town of Hammonton, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fair Housing Officer shall contact USHUD Regional Office of Housing and Equal Opportunity and the NJ Division on Civil Rights, inform those agencies of her appointment as Fair Housing Officer and request Fair Housing Information, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fair Housing Officer shall provide fair housing advisory services and assistance and referral advice to persons requesting such assistance from the Town of Hammonton, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Hammonton will publish in the local newspaper of record and post at the municipal building a public notice announcing the appointment of the Fair Housing Officer and the availability of local fair housing services.

Resolution #110-2021- Approve Grant Management Plan

GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN

FY2022 Small Cities Programs

Public Facilities Fund: Infrastructure Improvements in the Community

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is applying for a Small Cities grant from the Public Facilities Fund (PF) and, if awarded funding, will entered into a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Town is required to submit a Grant Management Plan as part of each Small Cities application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that:

The Grant Management Plan prepared by the Town and submitted to DCA Small Cities with the application for infrastructure improvements is hereby adopted to identify Tammy Wetzel of Triad Associates as the Project Coordinator and Municipal Clerk Frank Zuber as the Program Director and Official Contact Person.

Resolution #111-2021- Approve Citizens Participation Plan

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

FY2022 Small Cities Programs

Public Facilities Fund: Infrastructure Improvement Project

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is applying for a Small Cities grant under the Public Facilities Fund and if awarded intends to enter into Grant Agreements with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, these Grant Agreements will require the Town of Hammonton to comply with all federal regulations with respect to citizen participation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that:

The Citizen Participation Plan developed by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities CDBG Program, is adopted by the Town of Hammonton; and

The Town of Hammonton will follow all regulations set forth in that document throughout the term of the Grant Agreement cited above, if awarded.

Resolution #112-2021- Commit to Competitive Contracting for Small Cities Grant

TO COMMIT TO THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCUREMENT PROCESS PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:11-4.1 THROUGH 40A:11-4.5 FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, CONTINGENT UPON AN FY2022 SMALL CITIES GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton intends to submit in September 2021 an application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities Public Facilities Fund to develop Infrastructure Improvements in the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Small Cities Program requires, in certain instances, that professional services associated with the implementation of a Small Cities award be procured through a Competitive Contracting process;

BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Towns of Hammonton does hereby commit to authorize the issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFP), under the aforementioned State Competitive Contracting guidelines, for Professional Engineering Services, contingent upon award of said Small Cities grant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk will be directed to advertise these RFPs for a period of not less than 20 days in the Town's official newspaper of record; that the Town will strive to obtain three or more proposals; and the Town will proceed with the RFP evaluation process if at least two proposals are received.

Resolution #113-2021 – Appoint Emergency Management Coordinator

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN
Emergency Management Coordinator**

WHEREAS, The Atlantic County of Emergency Preparedness has request that the Town of Hammonton appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator for the purpose of designating an emergency contact within the Town of Hammonton: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that Kevin Friel, the Chief of Police is hereby appointed as the Emergency Management Coordinator for The Town of Hammonton for a 3 year term that commenced on January 1, 2021 and will expire December 31,2023.

Resolution #114-2021- Authorizing Hammonton Arts Center Event

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
HAMMONTON ARTS CENTER 25th ANNIVERSARY EVENT
WITH ROAD CLOSURES**

WHEREAS, Saturday, October 23rd (rain date October 24th) is the scheduled date for the Hammonton Arts Center 25th anniversary Event from 10:00am – 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Hammonton Arts Center is requesting the following road closures and police assistance for this event during the hours of 10am- 4pm at

2nd Street from Bellevue Ave. (Rt. 54) to Vine Street

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Hammonton Arts Center 25th Anniversary Event is approved with road closures and police assistance contingent upon contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event;

Resolution #116-2021- Authorize Fiesta Hispanic Month Event

**Authorizing "Fiesta" Hispanic Heritage Month
"Fiesta" Hispanic Heritage Month EVENT**

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton and Hammonton Health Coalition has and continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled events in the downtown business district, and help under-served individuals with emotional and behavioral problems move toward recovery through culturally affirmative and linguistically appropriate services, including counseling, education, and community support

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of MainStreet Hammonton; and Hammonton Health Coalition By continuing support in raising the flags during September.

WHEREAS, Thursday, September 16, 2021 is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Annual "Fiesta" event during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; During this celebration, we are creating an atmosphere of inclusion and culture sharing with our community we hope to offer traditions, history, art and different cultures from all Latin America.

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton and Hammonton Coalition have requested the following street closures for this event between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m to parking and traffic:

S. 2nd from Bellevue Avenue to Vine Street; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested appropriate Police Parking Control signs to be posted noting NO PARKING AFTER 4:00 p.m.; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the September 16, 2021 and the "Fiesta" event, including the above requests for street closures, and posting of "NO PARKING" signs are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

Motion by Council Person Giraldo Second Gribbin
Resolutions #102 to #114 and #116 are approved.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giraldo – yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PUBLIC HEARD

- **Mark Santora 385 Old Forks Road**- Question about putting the meeting the back on channel 9 for review each week. Can we do that?
- Peter Beninate 50 Lahn Lane- Street sign is down can we get it replaced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #117-2021

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Rodio

Enter into 2nd Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Rodio

Close 2nd Executive Session

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person Giraldo Second Gribbin