

Special Meeting of Mayor and Council July 6, 2022
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue
Closed Session 5:30
Public Session 6:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT ALSO

Chris Fallon in for Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor
Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #096-2022

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Olivo Second Furgione
Close Executive Session

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

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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. Also, each person who wishes to address Council will be allotted 5 minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one desired to be heard

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance #017-2022 by Title only - Registration of foreclosure mortgage properties

Motion by Council Person Olivo Second Gribbin

Ordinance #017-2022 passed 1st reading by title only and is approved for advertisement

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin- Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Resolution #97-2022- Determining Redevelopment Area

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES IDENTIFIED ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP AS BLOCK 2608, LOTS 1 AND 2 AND BLOCK 2902, LOT 12 CONSTITUTE A REDEVELOPMENT AREA AS SPECIFIED IN N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6(b)(5)(b)

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council approved Resolution #104-2019 authorizing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation to determine, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and 40A:12A-6, whether the area in question comprised of Block 2608, Lots 1 and 2 and Block 2902, Lot 12 is an area in need of redevelopment without the municipality’s use of its eminent domain power; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board at its meeting of June 1, 2022 conducted a hearing, the result of which was that the area in question be determined by the municipal governing body to be a redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, following receipt of the Planning Board’s recommendation, Mayor and Council are to determine whether to adopt or reject that recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council have given careful consideration to the Planning Board’s recommendation, and the Report of Findings, Non-Condemnation Preliminary Redevelopment Investigation, Washington & 11TH Street Study Area, prepared by Stuart B. Wiser, P.P., A.I.C.P. of ARH Associates, and dated April 27, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ON THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY, 2022 resolved that:

1. The property referenced above (Block 2608, Lots 1 and 2 and Block 2902, Lot 12 on the Town of Hammonton Tax Map) is a redevelopment area; and

2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of Community Affairs for his/her review and to take any other action required by the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq.) .

Motion by Council Person Wuillermin Second Olivo

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin- Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Other items of discussion

- 11 Street / Washington Street/ West End Ave Redevelopment

Motion by Council Person DiDonato Second Gribbin

Approval to assemble a committee to review and discuss the Redevelopment project noted above. This committee will consist of Councilpersons: Furgione, Wuillermin and Olivo

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin- Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PUBLIC HEARD

- **Stewart Wiser of ARH-** Spoke about the redevelopment plan. The resolution on tonight's agenda is only to move forward with the process. This does not obligate the Town to do anything. It is just the next step in the process. He also spoke about the historical continuation and remediation that occurred on the property.
- **Susan Picchione 232 S. Washington Street** – Upset about this proposal of redevelopment. She is concerned about the extra traffic and excess building this could cause.
- **Christina Pinto 268 Washington Street-** Questioned the mention at the planning board meeting that there maybe contamination at the location. Is this True? Also asked if this does occur what type of Units would go there and who would be the winner in this situation.
- **Councilperson Furgione and Olivo spoke about what they would envision there if this did come to pass.** They would like to see Town homes like the ones on Judy's court.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva