

MINUTES

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Council President announced that the meeting was accessible to the public online and those who did not have the ability to access Zoom on a computer were able to participate using the telephone.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

**COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER APELL
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM CARTER, III
COUNCILWOMAN SANGEETA DOSHI
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE GOLKOW
COUNCILWOMAN CAROLE ROSKOPH
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT BRIAN BAUERLE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID FLEISHER**

Council President reviewed the agenda.

Dan Long, the special counsel, read the resolution authorizing the executive session to discuss an insurance matter involving the attorney-client privilege.

On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph, seconded by Councilwoman Apell, Township Council moved into executive session.

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

Council convened in Executive Session.

On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph, seconded by Councilwoman Apell Township Council ended the executive session.

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

ADOPTED: JULY 24, 2023

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

**PATTI CHACKER, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION

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PROCLAMATIONS AND/OR COMMENDATIONS - NONE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON PRIOR REGISTRATION - NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilwoman Apell the minutes of June 26, 2023 were approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle and Council President Fleisher

ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Doshi and Councilwoman Golkow

COMMUNICATIONS – CORRESPONDENCE

APPLICATIONS FOR A TEMPORARY USE LICENSE

Deer Park Fire Company Hoagie Sale
985 Cropwell Road, CH

09/23/2023
10:00 am -1:00 pm

Hannie Peng selling Barbie themed merchandise
2000 Route 38 Cherry Hill Mall, CH

10/14/2023
10:00 am-7:00 pm

BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION

Rockingham Block Party
Rockingham Rd/Borton Mill Rd/Farmington Rd

10/8/2023
10:00 am-6:00 pm

MASSAGE BUSINESS APPLICATION & MASSAGE THERAPIST

Oasis Spa
2442 Route 38 Suite 8, CH

Energy Plus
401 Cooper Landing Rd, St. 5 CH

TOTAL (2) LICENSES

Yan Liu

Iryna Pastavalava

APPLICATION FOR TAXI/LIMO

Ernie's Transport
811 Church Road, Suite 105 CH

TOTAL (2) LICENSES

Business License (1)
Driver's License (1)

Harold Niederman

On a motion by Councilwoman Golkow, seconded by Councilwoman Doshi the applications detailed above were approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEAD – NONE

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

2023-5 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A STORM WATER EASEMENT FOR CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1767 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE (BLOCK 528.42, LOT 46)

Council Fleisher opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2023-5 asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance.

Seeing no one was interested in speaking for or against the proposed Ordinance, Council President Fleisher closed the Public Hearing on said Ordinance.

On a motion by Council Vice President Bauerle, seconded by Councilwoman Roskoph Ordinance 2023-5 was approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

2023-6 AN ORDINANCE BY TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL'S ZONING ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 429 - FLOOD PLAIN (FP) OVERLAY ZONE; AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL'S GENERAL ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW GENERAL CODE CHAPTER 12 – FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS;

TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Cosmas Diamantis, Community Development Director provided an overview of the ordinance.

Council Fleisher opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2023-6 asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance.

Seeing no one was interested in speaking for or against the proposed Ordinance, Council President Fleisher closed the Public Hearing on said Ordinance.

On a motion by Councilman Carter seconded by Councilwoman Apell Ordinance 2023-6 was approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

RESOLUTIONS

2023-7-1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by Council Vice President Bauerle, seconded by Councilman Carter the bill list in the amount of \$4,146,063.74 was approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph (Abstain any/all payments to Cherry Hill Board of Education), Council Vice President Bauerle (Abstain any/all payments to Connor, Strong and Buckelew) and Council President Fleisher (Abstain any/all payments to Connor, Strong and Buckelew)

Consent Agenda 2023-7-2 THROUGH 2023-7-7

2023-7-2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAX SALE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-19

2023-7-3 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES OF INTEREST FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES, SEWER CHARGES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS DUE TO THE TOWNSHIP AND PROVIDING TEN DAY GRACE PERIOD

2023-7-4 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET

2023-7-5 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 0409-33-002-007 AS AN INACTIVE POCKET LICENSE FOR CHERRY HILL THREE, LLC FOR THE 2023-2024 LICENSE TERM IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIAL RULING TO PERMIT THE RENEWAL OF AN INACTIVE LICENSE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39

2023-7-6 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A POOL OF TOWNSHIP APPRAISERS

2023-7-7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN TO SHARE THE COUNTY CERTIFIED ARBORIST ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS

On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph seconded by Councilwoman Golkow the Consent

Agenda, Resolutions 2023-7-2 through 2023-7-7 were approved by the following vote

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rick Short

Cherry Hill, NJ

Mr. Short talked about his concerns about safety at Cherry Hill Public Schools.

Council President Fleisher speaking on behalf of his colleagues and himself are concerned about student safety. The Chief of Police has made it plain that he and the professionals on the police force are available to help with any and all, both design and strategic planning, linked with school safety. The Council President stated that it would be preferable to bring up Mr. Short's concerns with the school board.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL

Councilman Carter

In addition to thanking everyone for attending, Councilman Carter said he was looking forward to the conversation around cannabis.

Councilwoman Doshi

Councilwoman Doshi praised the volunteers who participated in National Trails Day and emphasized the shared service agreement with the county for an arborist.

Councilwoman Golkow

Councilwoman Golkow expressed her gratitude to the police force and the Department of Public Works for their aid during the storms and expressed her eagerness to hear from the public on the topic of cannabis.

Councilwoman Roskoph

Councilwoman Roskoph addressed Mr. Short's public remark. Councilwoman Roskoph noted that while she backed his right to an opinion, calling people "morons" in a public setting was disrespectful.

Councilwoman Apell

Councilwoman Apell stated her colleagues covered it all.

Council Vice President Bauerle

Council Vice President Bauerle thanked the police, fire, and DPW departments for their assistance and support during the storm.

Council President Fleisher

Council President Fleisher expressed his wishes for everyone's safety and good times this summer.

On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph, seconded by Councilwoman Golkow, Township Council made a motion to enter a 5-minute recess.

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

Council convened in a 5-minute recess

On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph, seconded by Council Vice President Bauerle, Township Council made a motion to end the 5-minute recess

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

Cannabis Public Forum

Council President Fleisher provided a brief overview of the agenda for the public forum. Council President Fleisher stated the purpose of the meeting was to continue the conversation and the process regarding the potential of cannabis businesses operating in Cherry Hill. Council President Fleisher underlined the significance of making sure the township takes the best course of action for Cherry Hill's residents.

Cosmas Diamantis, Community Development Director gave a presentation. (Please see attached presentation).

Chief Robert Kempf made comments on cannabis safety issues.

Cosmas Diamantis, Community Development Director stated that the next phases are ongoing public engagement, Township Council consideration, local zoning regulation consideration, and local licensing regulation consideration.

The following people spoke against cannabis businesses within Cherry Hill

Rick Short
Jeff Podowitz
Sara Joslin
Nicole Nance
Dan Cirucci

The following people spoke in favor of cannabis businesses within Cherry Hill

Steven Tyman
Lonnie Affrime, CEO of Voltaire
Jacquetta Seon
Ray Croce

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