

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on May 4, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.**

Members of the Council and all those present gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Small: Please rise for our Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for our men and women serving in our military, the families and victims of COVID-19.

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on December 18, 2020. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cory Spillar, Gregg Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel, Kyle Anderson, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Brian Small.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nancy Drumm.

**ALSO PRESENT:** John Mitch, Municipal Clerk  
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator  
Marta Lefsky-Darden, Director of Planning and Development  
John Hagerty, Communications Director  
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator  
James Nolan, Esq.  
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from April 20, 2021?

Council Vice President Bauer moved the adoption of the following minutes seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council Meeting:

April 20, 2021

**The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinances by title on Second Reading as Consent stating that copies of these Ordinances were posted on the bulletin board.**

- A. BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,750,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS. (21-30)**
  
- B. BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF BODY CAMERAS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS). (21-31)**

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion that these Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council President Small moved the public hearing to be held on these Ordinances and carried unanimously.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Asked for the further explanation on each of the Ordinances including the type of machineries that we were getting. Gave thanks for the information received and commented that he would appreciate that similar explanations be given for every Ordinance so the people could know what is going on. Also asked on the time given to speak when 2 Ordinances were group together.

Council President Small: Responded that it's for various public improvements: a storage building for the Police Department and Public Works and apologized for not being able to continue reading as he did not have his glasses on him.

Mr. Mitch: Continued reading the improvements to Mr. Gardner -installation of a storage building for the Police Department, the Police Tow Yard, the design phase for construction of an addition to DPW Garage, addition to improvements to the athletic field of the Woodbridge Middle School, lighting upgrades at Fields 1 and 2 at Colonia Middle School, electrical and site improvements at the Scout Pavilion, electrical improvements at the Skate Park, improvements to the Cricket field at Avenel Middle School, green infrastructure projects, including installation of rain gardens for drainage and tree planting at various locations, and additional other items. As far as to the equipment and machinery question, Mr. Mitch responded that these were for Public Works Department – Division of Sewers/Roads including a front-end loader and a paving machine. Mr. Mitch also responded that Mr. Gardner could continue speaking on the 2 Ordinances.

John Vtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke on Ordinance A and asked for the down payment amount and the total cost.

Council President Small: Responded that the amount was listed.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Explained the down payment was to the issuance of the Bond Ordinance, and the cost was \$4,750,000.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Asked how a resident could get an itemized breakdown or allocation of the budget.

Mr. Mitch: Responded the breakdown could be seen on the Woodbridge Township website and it's been posted there since the introduction.

Frank Trombattore, Woodbridge: Asked if this was cost to add an issue or for the entire issue.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Responded that it was for the entire issue and that he did not have the information in front of him.

Christo Makropoulos, Edison: Commented on Ordinance B and the police body cameras. Asked how many body cameras were being bought? Said that this was a good investment to protect the public and even police officers. Commented on how his Civil Rights were violated during the last meeting he attended. Said that no one who disagrees and comes to a Council Meeting, should worry to be removed from the building by a police officer. Continued speaking on equal treatment and asked who introduced the Ordinance. Commended for the good job on getting the body cameras.

Council President Small: Clarified that the amount in Ordinance B was for \$1,250,000.00 and it could buy over 200 police body cameras, reminded Mr. Cristo that he must talk on the Ordinance, and responded that the administration and Mayor McCormac introduced the Ordinance.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke in favor of the police body cameras, said that this was a good investment for the protection of the citizens and the police.

Council Vice President Bauer moved the public hearing closed and these Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

**C. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “KEASBEY 6 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN,” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (21-32).**

**D. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “DOWNTOWN WOODBRIDGE AREA 7 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN,” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (21-33)**

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion that these Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council President Small moved the public hearing to be held on these Ordinances and carried unanimously.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Asked about the reason for having Keasbey 6 Redevelopment Plan, and on the tax breaks. Requested the details on Woodbridge Area 7, asked how it has changed and the detailed plans that were on the Woodbridge Township website. Explained that responses for questions on an Ordinance in a public hearing should be addressed in detail as required by law, and commented on his fairly education in Municipal Government. Continued to ask on the intention for Properties 106 or 107, and the difference in Ordinance D as businesses and restaurants were already allowed on Main Street, Finally, asked the Council to vote no before the possibility of building more apartments.

Director of Planning and Development, Marta Lefsky-Darden: Explained that Keasbey 6 Redevelopment Plan is about keeping the zoning of the area up to date with the industrial usage permitted in the specific identified area that had already been permitted a couple of decades ago. Explained that zoning 7 is an update of what has been discussed in previous meetings and recap the type of usages permitted entitles the zoning guidelines specifically. Added that now they were adopting the zoning standards in Ordinance D, and yes to the possibility of building more apartments.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Responded that there is no plan on tax breaks at this time, it is 106 Main Street and 103 N James Street, and the plans in detail were on the Woodbridge Township website; they were only to vote on the Ordinance and not to lay out the details.

Council President Small: Responded that 106 is the old bank, and there is interest in that property to become a restaurant.

John Vtaric, Woodbridge: Asked about houses in James Street.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Indicated that there were no houses involved on James Street, but a vacant piece of land.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Talked about his concern as a resident of Hopelawn on the Keasbey 6 Redevelopment Plan regarding to the term industrial and requested a further explanation. Asked also about a power plant and recycling facility.

Director of Planning and Development, Marta Lefsky-Darden: Explained that this was just to comply and be in line with all other existing areas, and for the need to be updated with the zoning standards, and responded that this Ordinance was only on industrial usage.

Council Vice President Bauer moved the public hearing closed and these Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

**E. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF WOOD AVENUE SOUTH AND 100 WOOD AVENUE/METRO CORPORATE PARK DRIVE, WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (21-34).**

**F. ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF WOOD AVENUE SOUTH AND PRUDENTIAL/HILTON DRIVEWAY, WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (21-35).**

**G. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF WOOD AVENUE SOUTH AND SIEMENS/HILTON DRIVEWAY, WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (21-36).**

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion that these Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council President Small moved the public hearing to be held on these Ordinances and carried unanimously.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Asked about traffic signals.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Explained that these Ordinances were to update the traffic signals that were already there.

Council Vice President Bauer moved the public hearing closed and these Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

**H. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (LORETTA STREET, BAMFORD AVENUE). (21-37).**

**I. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.5 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (WALTER DRIVE). AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150 LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP CODE. (STORMWATER CONTROL) (21-38)**

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion that these Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council President Small moved the public hearing to be held on these Ordinances and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President Bauer moved the public hearing closed and these Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

**The Municipal Clerk called for a First Reading of the following Ordinances as consent:**

**J. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED “PQ CORPORATION (PADDOCK STREET WEST) REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.**

**K. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, ADDING SECTION 150-24 (A) (40), RELATING TO ABOVE GROUND UTILITY AND METER CABINETS.**

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, May 7, 2021 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on May 18, 2021 at 6:00 P.M

**The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions 1 through 21 as Consent and pulled #10 and #11.**

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Business Administrator's Appointment of Edward Skolnick to continue serving as Deputy Tax assessor of the Woodbridge Township for a (4) four year term from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Fords Business Community to close South Brook Street, and New Brunswick Avenue to end of South Brook Street to sponsor a Cruise Night on Monday, June 7, 2021 from 5:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. (Rain Date: June 21, 2021). A certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Woodbridge Police Department Traffic safety Enforcement Unit, the Fords Fire Company No. 7, Woodbridge Township Ambulance & Rescue Squad, the Fords Business Community, and to the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders for a consenting Resolution.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a Refund check for Overpaid Sewer Fees.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue Refund checks from the Developer's Review Fund Account as advised by the Department of Planning & Development.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of a Toro GroundsMaster 7210 from Storr Tractor Co. through ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System, in an amount not to exceed \$57,760.00.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase through Sourcewell Contract #041217-SFR of (637) 95-Gallon Green Garbage containers and (644) 95-Gallon Blue Recycling containers for the Department of Public Works from Sanitation Equipment Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$75,197.00.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into SFY 2021 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Gary S. Kuzniak Animal Shelter Donation (\$5,000.00).
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into SFY 2021 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – City of Linden Shared Services Agreement for Local Public Health Services (\$18,000.00).
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into SFY 2021 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Borough of Metuchen for Municipal Clerk Consulting Services (\$16, 667.00).
- (10) **PULLED**

- (11) **PULLED**
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Traffic Signal Agreement with the County of Middlesex in connection with the Route 9/Main Street Intersection Improvements in the form substantially similar to that on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to submit the 2021 Annual Action Plan documents for the Community Development Block Grant Program - FY2020 total budget of \$848,680.72 allocating \$703,254.00 in Block Grant program and \$145,426.72 in Program Income funds.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution referring the amended “PQ Corporation (Paddock Street West) Redevelopment Plan” to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment pursuant to the local Redevelopment and Housing Law.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Avenel section of Woodbridge Township is an Area in Need of Redevelopment. (US Highway 1 N, Block: 838, Lot: 1).
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Avenel section of Woodbridge Township is an Area in Need of Redevelopment (US Highway 1 N, Block: 824, Lot: 14).
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Woodbridge Township is an Area in Need of Redevelopment (Pearl Street, Block: 543.01, Lot: 34.01; Block: 543.01, Lot: 40; and Block: 543.01, Lot: 42).
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of a contract modification with Governance & Fiscal Affairs, LLC for Professional Qualified Purchasing Agent services for the Township of Woodbridge in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to enter into an Agreement to join the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (“NCPA”) for the Township of Woodbridge to utilize contracts that have been procured through that National Governmental Purchasing Cooperative.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Township Law Department and Municipal Clerk to execute the documents that are deemed necessary to effectuate the terms of a Settlement Agreement with Fords Room, INC. (“Licensee”) - holder

of plenary license number 1225-33-024-010 was charged with various violations of Township and State ABC laws.

- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Chief Financial Officer of the Current Bill List dated May 4 April 20, 2021 and the Supplemental Bill List dated April 16, 2021 through April 30, 2021.

Council Vice President Bauer moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Councilman Spillar: Mr. Mitch I would like to ask my fellow Council members for their consideration and support on Resolutions 14 and 15. This is the area along in Route 1 for specifically the Avenel and Americana motels, the areas long needed a facelift and this will continue our mission to redevelop it.

Mr. Mitch: Any other comments from council? Mr. President.

**Public Meeting:**

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch. We now go into open the public session of the meeting, please state your name and the part of town you live in. You have a five-minute time limit and if you are filming, please stay in the box. Please leave the mic alone.

Christo Makropoulos, Edison: Spoke about the protest prompted by George Boyd's death, the integrity of the American socio-political order, the war declared on the police, political institutions and on the very fabric of society. Talked about Black Lives Matter movement, the vandalizing of Confederate Statues - General Robert E. Lee statue, Ulysses S. Grant statue, Columbus statue, George Washington statue, and Thomas Jefferson statue, and commented on the violent attacks against the national heroes and founding fathers of the United States, the pillars of the constitutional, political and social order of America, and continued speaking about anarchy, anti-racist movement, the Democratic Party, the American identity, the attack to the missionary father Junipero Serra statue and Christian symbols, how Shaun King is not in favor of Jesus statues, and the American Flag. Asked how much time he had left and continue speaking about Councilwoman DeJesus, body cameras, Jimmy Dabrowski, Councilman Anderson, how much he missed not seeing some people, and commented on the Perth Amboy kids' bike riding video.

Council president Small: 1 minute 30.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Former Council President Gardner commented on his name plaque and appreciated that way former Council Presidents are recognized. Spoke on 2 newspaper articles while he was the Council President. From the Star Ledger in 1992 – “We are not building 3,000 condos”. “We kept our promise to change the direction of development in the town. We have told the developers there are not going to be anymore redevelopment. Gardner said the new land use law shows that we are concerned about controlling development.” Mr. Gardner reminded Council President Small that he is prepared to lead the effort again before the Council. Continued backing up his position with a second article from the News Tribune in October 1991 when as a candidate and

while running for a Council position said: “We hope to look at what we have developed over the last few years that qualifies as affordable housing.” Reminded on how developers were trying to build 3,000 units to give a couple of units to the low income people, and how they were suing communities trying to get them the affordable housing. Explained Council President Small that in 1992 the Council inherited these lawsuits from a previous administration that he was not part of, how their plan stopped the developers from building these multi-family units in the First Ward in the Sewaren section, (the Pirates Cove Marina), how the Council joined efforts with consultants and the administration stopped these developments, and how the rules they put in place prevented any unit construction in all these years. Commented not in favor of hearing the 1970’s regulations and studies performed before and spoke on how a study on a new development may be reviewed, and left out if the outcome is negative. Said: “The development is out of control.” Continued speaking about the actual projects and called them self-inflicted ones, how Councilwoman Drumm’s position on the Planning Board since 2016 could have stopped the progress of those projects. Acknowledged the Council about the probability to put more units behind the Hess Property, the bridge into Sewaren, how the Planning Board withdrew some plans probably until after the election, and asked each of the Council members to say “NO” and stop these future developments. Mr. Gardner reminded them that due to a consultant’s study in 1992 on the vacant land, the developers were stopped from forcing to build multi-family units. Spoke about how the administration was requesting this, Councilwoman Drumm on the Planning Board was voting to support it, the Council was voting on tax abatements to support it, told them that he was not against any of the members personally, and that he admired them.

Charles Kratovil, Food & Water Watch: Spoke about this being his first time at a Woodbridge Council Meeting and recommended the Council to reconsider for a larger room to hold these in-person meetings, and accommodate all residents willing to witness them and talk. Talked not in favor of the Planning Board Meeting in 2018, the approval of a second gas fire power plant project in the Keasbey section, the Council approval of its long-term exemption, and how he was looking that this project’s air permit application be rejected by calling on the governor through the passing of a Council Resolution. Explained how the Power Plant’s emissions of greenhouse gases and poisonous chemicals would impact the residents’ health negatively in Central Jersey and Staten Island. Spoke about the 70 public schools around this plant, the existing 725-megawatt gas-fired power plant that would duplicate the emissions in tons of nitrogen oxides, particular matter, carbon monoxide, Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), sulfur dioxide, total suspended particles, ammonia, and sulfuric acid which they are asking for permission to emit into the atmosphere. Asked the Council to listen to the residents and pass the Resolution given to them along with a letter, clarification on a waterfront park promised to be open with the first CPV power plant open in 2016 as he was recently told that it was not a public land. Commented on the response Business Administrator Cimilluca’s gave on the November 24<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting about plans to open a second power plant and his concern on the record, asked also if Council President was aware of the fossil fuel burning power plant and what was his position about it.

Director of Planning and Development, Marta Lefsky Darden: Replied the park is under construction and the property continues to be under zero remediation. The goal was to complete it by 2016 and the remediation continues and it will continue until it is remediated to standards that are safe for the park to be open not only for the Woodbridge residents.

Council Presidents Small: Replied that he appreciated his concerns and explained that they don't have jurisdiction on the item that was voted on 2018, it was not pending before the Council, and it was up to the State and Federal Agencies to approve it or not. Your time is up sir.

Josephine Paredes, Food & Water Watch: As a Middlesex County resident spoke about her concerns of the plans to build a gas power plant in Keasbey near homes, the transparency about the plan, the transition to using cleaner forms of energy, the need for a solid infrastructure to prevent catastrophes of pollution, the importance of having clean water, public safety and preventive measures to make decisions.

Anthony Prosapio, Woodbridge: As a resident shared his concern for his friends, the schools, the children, the health problems, the climate change and spoke not in favor of building a gas power plant.

Amber Jarret, Woodbridge: Talked about her concerns on the power plant, the business administrator response on fossil fuels, the lack of transparency, the public misinformation, the fossil fuel, a second CPV plant, emission of methane and water contamination. Spoke on how to keep the air clean and healthy and protect the ability to breath. Asked the Council to re-evaluate the plan and have the State disapprove the permit, adopt more sustainable and renewable sources of energy in Woodbridge, stop contributing to the overall problem and also commented about her disappointment with the CPV website and Mayor McCormac's statement about a power plant, the low income people of color in Keasbey, racial injustice, asthma in children, and not having the gas power plant in Colonia.

Reverend Donna Stewart, NAACP: President of the Perth Amboy Area of the NAACP informed about the State and the NAACP- Environmental and Climate Justice Committee concerns about building a gas plant as well as the letter that would be signed on in favor of overburdened communities such as Keasbey where minorities are treated unfairly in regards to environmental and climate justice.

Frank Trombattore, Woodbridge: Spoke about his vast 20 years of experience in executive chemical management, pollutants, scrubber systems that keep down pollutants, growing population, the need for electrical infrastructure and power, windmills in Oklahoma and Iowa, solar panels, and electric cars. Suggested the use of turbines in the water mains to generate power for the residents and how the township can make the money, talked about Keasbey, how people feels, and offered to help as needed.

Jhon Hsu, Edison: Spoke about his concerns on the power plant, asked if the town was supposed to notify the residents of Woodbridge or Perth Amboy about it, and if the Council had a position on the program and the Resolution.

Council President Small: Responded that he did not believe they are required to notify the residents. Also responded that it was already approved in 2018 and that he would not comment on that at this time.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Answered that the township did not have anything pending, and that any process will be through the DEP or EPA.

John Vtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about his concern on the gas plant and a park in Keasbey, the need for electricity in Woodbridge, and the taxpayers. Commended the Woodbridge Community Health Department, the Police Department, the First Aid for working as a team, and asked the Council to recognize them for their great job.

Council President Small: Mr. Vtaric I guess you are here at every meeting. If not myself, Councilman Ficarra speaks on the Health Department with the COVID Vaccines and the Health Department and we commend Phil and the staff because they have done a tremendous job since the last week of December through today. It runs like a clock, it runs like a machine. It is so impressive; thank you for your comments. We all see that, but it is nice to hear it from somebody else. It is our Health Department employees and the School Nurses. It was a joint task force.

James Dabrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about the Insider NJ article posted on May 1st that read "I'm the Mayor, Everything is Mine." Continued speaking not in favor of Mayor McCormac, the Council, Boards and Commissions. Talked about a toxic narcissistic corrupt excuse for leadership, the Woodbridge PBA, the Middlesex County Democratic Organization's Chairman Kevin McCabe, the Mayor's plans for another giant gas-fired power plant in Keasbey, and how the environmentalists have warned us off that emissions from the plant will affect the health of future generations. Commented also on global warming, Climate Change and Environmental Justice, Hess Corporation, Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) Corporation website, diversity, equity, inclusion, anti-racism, wrongful arrest of Nijeeria Parks, racism in Woodbridge, Police Director Robert Hubner, the Civil Rights lawsuit against Woodbridge, lack of accountability and transparency. Said justice for Najeer Parks, Jeremiah Daniels Porter, Black Lives Matter, and stop the Keasbey power plant.

Councilman Ficarra: Council President, I just want to make one statement and recognize that we voted to approve the power plant a number of years ago. I recognize the tax implications that it brings into the town. A few things concern me. Since we voted that in, there's been legislations. I believe appropriately titled environmental justice that brings in, as Ms. Jarred brought up, overburdened communities which I feel that it is part of. While I do recognize that it is somewhat water over the damp, I would wonder if the administration can somehow at least express the concern of these people whether it is in a letter or whatever it is. I would feel better about it if we could possibly do that. So I am requesting that through you Mr. President that hopefully it will go where it is. And then another point I want to make, the term used during the open portion of the meeting of abatements, I think the people are referring to PILOTS, which the first word of a PILOT is payment in lieu of taxes, and it does bring considerable money into the town. If you have an elected official that is going to tell you they are going to lower the tax rate, they are not really speaking properly. Your goal is to minimize any kind of tax increases, try to stabilize it, and PILOT programs attract certain businesses into the community that will contribute to the tax base. Of course in the case of the power plant you are always striking that balance. So, thank you for the time. Sorry.

Council President Small: Thank you.

Mr. Mitch: Asked for a motion to close the public portion of this meeting.

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

**BRIAN SMALL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

1. Woodbridge News.  
HOLD
2. Mayor’s Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E).  
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.  
HOLD
4. Website E-Government.  
HOLD
5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths.  
HOLD
6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations.  
HOLD
7. School Projects.  
HOLD
8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#).  
HOLD
9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House.  
HOLD
10. Property Fraud ([www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov](http://www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov) search for “Property Alert” to Register).  
HOLD
11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels.  
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day.  
HOLD
13. Marine Eight.  
HOLD

Council President Small: That is Port Reading Fire boat is going back into service next week. I just want to commend they worked very hard on that boat and they had much success with quite a few rescues over last summer.

14. Mayor Mac Café.  
HOLD

15. Jazz Festival.  
HOLD

16. Concerts.  
HOLD

Council President Small: A reminder everybody #16 – our summer concerts are going to kick in the end of June. Please go on the website; there are some fantastic shows. Everybody enjoy, so come out.

17. Light Parade.  
HOLD

18. Human Rights Commission  
HOLD

Council President Small: Just 2 announcements – Happy Mother’s Day Councilwomen and Happy Mother’s Day to all moms out there; have a nice day. May 9<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> is National Colleague League. I just ask everyone to recognize that and to the Woodbridge Police Department, to the men, women and to all the police officers who serve our country, God bless you. God Bless America. Vice President Bauer.

**HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT / 2<sup>nd</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

Vice President Bauer: Thank you Council President, my agenda is in order.

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Road Projects.  
HOLD
2. County Greenway.  
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Avenue.  
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey.  
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero Banners.  
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community.
  - A. Cruise Night
  - B. Trunk or TreatHOLD

Council Vice President Bauer: Last, I have announced for the Fords Business Community, the first Cruise Night 2021 will be Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. located at 372 New Brunswick Avenue, Fords at Siperstein's Paint's parking lot. Bring the whole family. Performances by the European Dance School, DJ Richie Flash music, food trucks, trophies, 50/50, free prizes and more. Social distancing will be updated as all the guidelines to what Governor Murphy has changed is up to that day. So at this time, social distancing and masks are required until anything else changes during the governor's announcements. Thank you very much. That's all I have Council President.

7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies.  
HOLD
8. Fords V.F.W.  
HOLD
9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America.  
HOLD
10. Pathmark Property.  
HOLD
11. Brownfields.  
HOLD
12. Hickory Senior Center.  
HOLD
13. Greenway Family Success Center.  
HOLD

Vice President Bauer: First and foremost I would like to wish my fellow Council mates a Happy Mother's Day. To all those amazing mothers out there, enjoy your special day. Second, it is Teacher's Appreciation Week. Thank you to all the educators for stepping up to ensure that our students are safe and educated. Thank you for your hard work, your initiative, and flexibility during these trying times. We appreciate all you do.

Council President Small: Councilwoman DeJesus.

**LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE**

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President.

1. Housing Authority.  
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation.  
HOLD

3. Youth and Government Day.  
HOLD
4. History Museum.  
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations.  
HOLD
6. Youth Employment/Job Fair.  
HOLD
7. Township Parks and Playgrounds.  
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage Month.  
HOLD
9. Barron Arts Center.  
HOLD

Council President DeJesus: Item #9 the Barron Arts Center- the Senior Arts Exhibit is online to view. It can be seen at the Barron Arts Center's page of Facebook, Twitter, and the Mayor's page. Also PoetsWednesday is on May 12th at 8:00p.m., and there will be open readings.

10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.  
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: The Public Library of Woodbridge has launched a series of Business Education programs starting with a Grow with Google and improving awareness of your business with Constant Contact at noon tomorrow May 5<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m., the library will host a special virtual program by Zoom with Woodbridge hometown hero and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient US Army Colonel Jack H. Jacobs who will speak on the history of business. Visit the library's calendar to register at [Woodbridgelibrary.org](http://Woodbridgelibrary.org) or call the library for more information. Also one of the programs that I am very proud that the library has put out, especially during this time when so many of our kids have lost a lot in not being in school for a year, it is called Brainfuse Helpnow. On demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning for all ages and learning levels. There will be virtual tutors available from 2:00p.m. to 11:00p.m. They read as a free program and anyone who has a library card, can use it. Contact the Woodbridge Library for more information. Also the library cards are free. So again, visit all of our branches; they have recently open so you can go to any branch to get a library card. Again, it is called Brainfuse Helpnow on demand for all our kids in our township.

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.  
HOLD
12. Green Infrastructure.

HOLD

13. Girl Sports.  
HOLD
14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp.  
HOLD
15. Census 2020.  
HOLD
16. Youth Leadership Council.  
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Happy Mother's Day to my fellow Councilwomen and to all the moms out there. Thank you, that's all that I have Council president.

Council President Small: Thank you Councilwoman DeJesus. Council Spillar

**CORY S. SPILLAR, 3<sup>rd</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Small.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (**11/28/21**) / Port Reading Day (TBD).  
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park.  
HOLD
3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve.  
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements.  
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.  
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: Item#5. I had the pleasure to attend today's Avenel Middle School National Junior Honor Society Induction's program. I'd like to congratulate all the students on all of their accomplishments as they move to their High school years. It was so nice. We were outside and it is so nice to see the kids, the parents, and the staff trying to get these kids back to some type of normalcy so I'd like to thank Ms. Anan the advisor, who does an incredible job, Principal Short, Vice Principal Hugelmeyer and all the advisors and staff. That's all for my agenda Council President.

6. Port Reading Knights/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak.

HOLD

7. Route 1 Redevelopment.
  - a. Star / City Motels.
  - b. Americana / Avenel Motels.
  - c. Rt. 1 @ So. Inman Ave.
  - d. Bud's Hut.
  - e. Big Top property.
  - f. Holiday Inn Express expansion.
  - g. Pier I Imports property.

HOLD

8. Avenel Fire Department.  
HOLD
9. Social Clubs Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.  
HOLD
10. Woodbridge Developmental Center property.  
HOLD
11. Cable Commission/Renewal.  
HOLD
12. School 4 & 5.  
HOLD
13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers project.  
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: I have a couple of announcements. Mr. Cimilluca, I will send you an email tomorrow, if we can have DPW go over Boynton - an area of basketball courts in the front it needs some tidying up. I know we did it at Pelzman; we put some signage up. Yes, we have plenty of bins, but please look into that. Thank you. I'd like to congratulate Avenel's owner Eric LeGrand who made the cover of NJ Business Week. Eric's business "Eric LeGrand Coffee House" was featured as part of Small Business Week. You can visit [www.njbiz.com](http://www.njbiz.com) to read the article. The Eric LeGrand Coffee House is scheduled to open right down the road this summer in downtown Woodbridge.

Thank you to all our Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, our Police Department, C.E.R.T., and all our Public Works employees. I'd like to say Happy Mother's day to all our Council's moms, all moms that may be in the audience, watching, to my wife "Happy Mother's Day", and I think that's it. Be safe, be smart, God Bless America. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. One second. Councilwoman DeJesus.

Councilwoman DeJesus: I really missed to say that Woodbridge Middle School also had their

National Honor Society Induction today and I was there as a parent. So, I want to congratulate all of the students that were inducted into the Woodbridge Middle School. Thanks to Principal Crowe and Vice Principal Harris for putting together such a good program. And it was also outdoors, which was nice. You know, after a year of not being able to celebrate our kids, it was nice to be there. So congratulations to all the students. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

**DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5<sup>TH</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN**

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council president Small. My agenda is in order.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.  
HOLD
2. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.  
HOLD
3. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center / Senior Services.  
HOLD
4. Events: Taste of Colonia.  
Have a Heart Food Drive.  
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.  
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run.  
Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.  
Support the Troops Rally.  
Colonia Pride Day.  
Colonia Clean Up.  
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.  
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank.  
Toys for Tots Run.  
Breast Cancer Walk.  
HOLD
5. Food Pantry.  
HOLD
6. Reinhard Manor.  
HOLD
7. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.  
HOLD

8. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.  
HOLD
9. Veteran's Issues.  
HOLD
10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.  
HOLD
11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.  
HOLD
12. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force.  
HOLD
13. Volunteer Directory.  
HOLD
14. Domestic Violence Response Team.  
HOLD
15. AED Program.  
HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: I just have one announcement. Woodbridge Addiction Services is presenting a concert on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 1:00p.m. to 9:30p.m., and will be held at Woodbridge High School. There will be 4 bands, food, vendors, and dancing social distancing. All proceeds will go to the roads of Hope to help people trying to obtain sober living. If you would like to order tickets, you can go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and you buy the tickets for \$25.00. I just want to thank the Public Works Department Bobby Higgins and his crew for helping me build a garden a couple of weeks ago. This past weekend we filled it with flowers, and it was for people that passed away from COVID in Colonia. So, we made a little garden in Charles Shaughnessy Park, and we had 22 families that showed up sadly. I know there is more people, but it was an emotional morning. There were a lot of stories told. There were a lot of tears, but it was beautiful and if anybody could not make it there that day, I'll be happy to meet them down at the park. I'll bring paint; you can paint a rock for your love one. This is just a nice tribute. So, thank you to the Public Works for that. Happy Mother's Day to everybody, to my Council mates and all the moms out there. That's all I have, thank you.

Happy Mother's Day everybody, to my Council mates and all the moms out there. That's all I have, thank you.

Council President Small: Great job. Thank you. Councilman Patel

**NANCY J. DRUMM, 1<sup>st</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN (ABSENT)**

1. Events: Relay for Life.

Fishing Derby.  
Parker Press Concerts.  
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.  
Saint James Street Fair.

HOLD

2. (DMA) Downtown Merchants Association.  
HOLD
3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).  
HOLD
4. Chamber of Commerce.  
HOLD
5. Buy Local Program.  
HOLD
6. Transit Village.  
HOLD
7. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.  
HOLD
8. Main Street and Route 9.  
HOLD
9. Animal Shelter.  
HOLD
10. Dog Park.  
HOLD
11. Arts.  
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.  
(B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild.  
HOLD
12. PACE.  
HOLD
13. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116.  
HOLD
14. Woodbridge Fire Department.  
HOLD

15. Coast Guard.  
HOLD
16. Sewaren Library Programs.  
HOLD
17. Acacia Center.  
HOLD
18. RISE Program  
HOLD
19. Sewaren Marina  
HOLD

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I also want to acknowledge the Woodbridge Bronco's in particular the Woodbridge Township High School football coaches. As you know we had to forgo our fall season, and we had a spring season this year for the Woodbridge Bronco's. It is also a perfect opportunity for something that we've been talking about for a very long time. How do we get the High School coaches more involved with these young men before they get to the High School? We were able to split. We had such a response. We split our teams into two teams and we had such a strong response for the Woodbridge team. The Woodbridge High School coach came down and with a few of these volunteering coaches, dedicated their time to coaching the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. And then on the other team, we had students that were going to Kennedy in Colonia, and they were coached by coach T R Roarty and his assistant. We also had Coach Tarig Holman who came down and helped as well. So it's been such a great response, but this is something that we all know and that Councilman Small and I talked about it and Recreation how we get our High Schools more involved, High School Baseball, High School Soccer, High School Football, and even our cheer coaches, and soccer coaches. So forth, involved in them while they're still in their sport before they get to the High School. It's been great; it's been a lot of fun, and the coaches have had a lot of fun. The teams are playing on a National scheduled which is very competitive. They are seeing really a lot of good competition, but it is great seeing the coaches there developing their relationships with the students before they get into the High School. So I am very proud of that. I am thankful to coach Joe La Sala, Roarty, and Coach Tarig Holman

2. Job Bank.  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: The first item is the EISCO. Our Environmental Industrial Services Corporation is a provider located in Hopelawn, and they are looking for labors for \$16 to \$18 an

hour and drivers for \$25 to \$30 an hour. Solar Landscape, you can go on the [Solarlandscape.com\trainingprogram](http://Solarlandscape.com/trainingprogram) or call the Division of Engineering at 732-602-6057. Central Jersey Federal Credit Union right behind us is looking for part-time tellers between 10 and 20 hours. They are looking for someone who is fairly flexible; you can on to [www.cjfcu.org/about/careers](http://www.cjfcu.org/about/careers). And also right on our website, you can click on the Woodbridge Township website and if you are looking for a job as a substitute teacher, I have a daughter who just finished her sophomore year. So, I think that she will be illegible to get a job as a substitute teacher. There are positions that are available and I know that there are in high demand right now with the remote learning, and schools getting back into session. Federal Express is looking for some ground warehouse workers. You can go to [Groundwarehousejobs.fedex.com](http://Groundwarehousejobs.fedex.com) and that starts at \$18.60 an hour.

I do want to wish them Happy Mother's Day. I just have one comment about diversity, and inclusion, and I know that we have this resolution that has been talked about. I can recall a conversation I had with my father who owned a home and was a businessman in Newark back in 1967 when a Historic Riots took place. I would often asked him what took place, what caused the riots and he told me, you know the way the climate was in the country at that time, every major city was vulnerable to some type of civil unrest. He would also mentioned that Newark had become more than 50% minority but only held 5% of the Municipal jobs. And this is something where we have a company come in and look at our township. During an investigation, Mr. Dabrowski, I will say I did come and publicly announced that I did disagree with the Mayor. I disagreed with the Mayor in the very beginning, I made it known in emails, but I am in agreement with regards to the resolution. Minorities were taxpayers back then, but could never expect an opportunity to work for the city in which they resided because of clear nepotism. The nepotism became racism when those positions were denied from those residents. And thus, the riots happened. And Newark still sees the effect. There are still burned out lots in Newark. I have a lot of family in Newark that never recovered from that. It has really been taught for that. So in 1999, I was looking forward a position as a police officer, I met with I believe was a detective at that time Detective Tom Scanlon and had meeting with him. They were very actively looking for an African American police officer because we did not have any at that time. I was not selected because they transferred for African American police officers from another department. And this Resolution allows for inter-departmental transfers. One of the transfers is a very close friend, he served here as far as 14 years as a Woodbridge Police Officer. Prior of that, he was an East Orange Police Officer. He moonlighted in Teaching Administration at that time and the day he retired, he ended up going up to East Orange School District as a School Administrator. Councilman Small at that time was on the Board of Ed, was very instrumental in getting him down here as a Vice Principal for Woodbridge High School. He served Woodbridge High School and went backed up to East Orange as a principal and then went down to the Department of Education as the Assistant Commissioner, and now he serves as the superintendent of East Orange School District. These alternate routes work, and sometimes you find talent that you did not have in your town. There are people that if they are vetted properly you can bring somebody here. He was also a veteran as well. It was serving two purposes. So I just want to say that I like for everyone to understand this Resolution is going to be coming up and I am in favor of it. I want to continue to talk diversity inclusion and what it means to every community. I think often about what went on in Newark and why that happened. So, thank you very much. Also for our job bank, I neglected one thing that Roosevelt Deli in Fords is hiring right now. So, if you are a deli worker or would like to become a deli worker, please 732-738-9399. Also don't forget Jersey Boys Pizza in Avenel Street. They are going to be opening any day and we'll be there. Mr. Carmine Testa is a high school friend of mine. We are rooting for him to be very successful, but they are looking for

employees, part-time servers, anything that you see in a restaurant. So thank you very much. That's all I have. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, on the Council, and to the moms in the audience.

Council President Small: I just want to mention something about you foregoing your football season, you made a very intelligent decision very early, seriously.

Councilman Anderson: Thank you.

3. Mayor's Trophy.  
HOLD
  
4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.  
HOLD
  
5. Taste of Woodbridge.  
HOLD
  
6. Charity Raffle.  
HOLD
  
7. Drive-In Movies.  
HOLD
  
8. N.A.A.C.P. (*NAACP.org*)  
HOLD
  
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.  
HOLD
  
10. Independent Club of Colonia.  
HOLD
  
11. Tooling Around Program.  
HOLD
  
12. Boy Scouts/Camping.  
HOLD
  
13. League Consolidation.  
HOLD
  
14. Middlesex College.  
HOLD
  
15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I'd also want to acknowledge the National Junior Honor Society students and to all the Middle Schools. In particular the Colonia Middle School were my twin boys attend and they were fortunate enough to be selected. One of the members of the Council, Councilwoman Meehan was very instrumental, arranging, and coordinating a number of events that they could donate their time. That is where kids are going around looking for opportunities to do the community service. I think, that's the part about National Honor Society. Kids, students, we all know there are students that are just very good students and are going to get their A's. And when you are applying to colleges and also even before that it is about what else are you doing. Are you cleaning up your park, are you participating in other's townships activities. Councilwoman Meehan coordinated an event for Meals on Wheels; she does it regularly and also a food drive that was coordinated at Colonia Middle School, and my boys, my twins got some great experience there. So, thank you very much for that.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Ficarra.

**GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

Councilman Ficarra: Thank you Council President. A couple of few things before I start. I just want to mention that everybody that wanted to speak had the opportunity to speak and if needed to be we would have stayed here to listen to them. So, I just want to make that point.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).

(A) Senior Recreation and programming.

(B) Youth Recreation and programming.

HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Let me addressed one of the things on my agenda. Over the Community Center, it is a cool thing to do the spring and summer time to go skating and there is open skating on Saturdays from 1:45p.m. to 3:00p.m., masks are required. It is Senior Month and there are activities going on for seniors. Please check our website and check with your Senior Centers throughout the town. Also at the Community Center, on Mother's Day, moms can get a free round golf or mini golf courses as long as they are with their child, and the child pays the child admission. That is from 12:00 noon to 9:00p.m.

2. Youth Month – April.

Senior Month – May.

HOLD

3. Mentoring Programs.

HOLD

4. Mayor's Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.

HOLD

5. Fireworks.

HOLD

6. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.  
HOLD
7. Pedestrian Safeway's / East Coast Greenway.  
HOLD
8. Annual Pizza Run.  
HOLD
9. Jacob's Landing.  
HOLD
10. The Club at Woodbridge upgrades.  
HOLD
11. Crossroad's Race.  
HOLD
12. Mental Health / Wellness.  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: I've touched base with Dr. Nolan and she reports that the Police Mental Health program continues to run smoothly. Mutual cooperation with her department and the police has already connected hundreds of people with care that they need.

13. COVID-19 efforts.  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: COVID vaccine report is mentioned by Council President Small - It's been 40 clinics so far 6,662 doses, 3,981 first doses, second doses are coming up. As far as cases are concerned - 77 at Saint Joseph's, 837 positives in state facilities and then 11,312 from the Community-At-Large totaling up to 12,226 cases. Effective April 18, we now know that people 18 years and older are illegible. We do have vaccines available at our clinic at the Health Center. The next round is this Friday May 7th. I am going to give you the number slowly, but you can check it on our website; it is 732-855-0600 ext. 5004 and you can make your reservations. We continually have clinics and they are right here in our back yard.

I would just like to join the Council and say Happy Mother's Day to all the moms. Of course, tomorrow is Cinco de Mayo, not as important as Mother's Day, and also join Councilman Patel with prayers for the folks in India, and any of our families here in town that have family in India. Thank you Council President Small.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

Councilman Anderson: I have one other mention that I missed. Middlesex County received a \$25,000,000 in Federal Grant for Emergency Rental Assistance to assist renter households that are behind on their rent or/and their utilities as a result of COVID or anything you may experience in most recent months. Please visit [www.Middlesexcountynj.gov/rentalassistance](http://www.Middlesexcountynj.gov/rentalassistance). On that you can find the criteria and who you need to contact. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

**(VIRU) VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4<sup>th</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President. My agenda is also in order.

1. American Legion (T. Nulty Post).  
HOLD
2. Oak Tree Road Special Improvement District (SID).  
HOLD
3. JFK High School Field and Building Improvements.  
HOLD
4. Sucker's Brook Bank Stabilization.  
HOLD
5. 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Road Projects.  
HOLD
6. Magnolia/Willow/Walnut Area Commuter Parking.  
HOLD
7. Sign Ordinance.  
HOLD
8. Cooper Field.  
HOLD

Councilman Patel: I have a couple of announcements. This month is Asian Pacific Islanders History month and those citizens who are from those countries they are celebrating their contribution to this country, and I would like to thank and congratulate them. I'd like also to send my prayers to those who are living in India actually. They are hit with the COVID pandemic. Many people are getting sick every day, and many of them dying every day. Their hospitals and basic healthcare system have almost collapsed. I'd like to thank our country US and many other countries that came forward to help India. I'd like to also to wish Councilwomen a Happy Mother's Day and also all the mother's out there Happy Mother's Day. That's all for tonight. Thank you.

Council president Small: Councilman Patel, I would like to apologize because I went in the wrong order, and thank you. Councilman Anderson.

**JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK**

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure:
  - A. Person-To-Person / Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-002-010 from HOP Woodbridge LLC t/a Houlihan's to DARYL, LLC for 55 Brook St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
  - A. 2021 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.

Mr. Mitch: Just dropping down to #3 in particular letter A -We had a very successful Annual Retail Licensee Meeting just about two weeks ago. So, we will be preparing renewals for you very shortly as soon as we start getting some of their tax documents to order. That's all I have. Thank you.

4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
5. Elections.
  - A. 2021 Primary Election: June 8, 2021
  - B. 2021 General Election: November 2, 2021

Council President Small: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

**MAYOR:**

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Business Administration Cimilluca: I have a Refund on Tax Sewer Overpayment and I have a Proposal for Environment Services at a Port Reading Avenue. Thank you.

**POLICE:**

**HEALTH:**

**RECREATION:**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

**LEGAL:**

James Nolan Esq: Nothing this evening Council President. Thank you.

On a motion made by Councilman Bauer seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President Small adjourned the meeting at 7:34 P.M.

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Brian Small,  
Council President

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John M. Mitch, RMC, CMC, CMR,  
Municipal Clerk