

Woodbridge, New Jersey – April 6, 2021

**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 April 6, 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 911, the tragic loss of Middlesex County Commissioner Deputy Director Kenneth Armwood.

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  
Dennis Green, Health Director  
John Hagerty, Communications Director  
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator  
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.  
James P. Nolan, Esq.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from March 16, 2021?

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

Council Meeting:

March 16, 2021

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

- A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (HANDICAPPED PARKING – SPRUCE ST. AND CLAIRE AVE.) (21-16)**
- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-39 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (EVERGREEN SENIOR CENTER) (21-17)**

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.

- C. ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 21-10 ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR REDEVELOPMENT PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$625,000 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", ADOPTED MARCH 2, 2021. (21-18)**
- D. ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE #21-11 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS BLOCK 544, LOT 90.A**

**COMMONLY KNOWN AS 104 MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE PROPER BE ACQUIRED BY WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP”. (21-19)**

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 more information on the properties under Ordinance C & D. He wanted to know if yes/no the town were going to purchase these properties and why yes or why not. He apologized for asking questions and commented that the town has incurred considerable time, employee, research, and appraisals to have these Ordinances on a Second Reading. Asked if these were the properties that the Mayor was talking about in the State of the Township State House, and wanted to know what 104 is and where the Auto Parts store is located.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Responded Mr. Gardner that it is clear that these both Ordinances are being repealed, that he is answering his questions, and that due to the lack of agreement after negotiations went on, they decided to repeal them. Ordinances C and D are for property 104 Main St. and the Mayor spoke about 106 Main St. Mr. Cimilluca was not sure what the building in 104 Main looks like but mentioned that it is next to 106, which is the Bank Building, and since it is an even number will be on the same side on the street.

Council President Small: Responded to Mr. Gardner that The Auto Parts store is the building before the bank.

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 INMAN AVENUE AND CLEVELAND AVENUE/CAVOUR STREET, WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (21-20)**

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion that this Ordinance 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 this Ordinance and carried unanimously.

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

- F. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED “PENNVAL AND CUTTERS DOCK ROADS REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-1 et seq. (21-21)**
- G. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX. NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “DOWNTOWN WOODBRIDGE AREA 6 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN,” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40:A12A-1 et seq. (21-22)**

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 what the town was doing under Ordinance F, why, and if this was in conjunction with a traffic plan. Appreciated Ms. Marta Darden’s response. Added that there was a first step in every process whether it would be a warehouse or apartments, and explained that he asked questions looking for more clarification.

Mr. Gardner asked if Area 6 Redevelopment Plan was the entire Downtown District, and if there was a possibility that the property would be zoned for multi-family, and for the construction of more apartments. He suggested that the Council would like to know if we can’t limit more multi-family.

Director of Planning and Development Marta Lefsky-Darden: Responded that Ordinance F was an amendment to a previously adopted plan to add additional property. She explained that the plan is for zoning, that many areas in town have adopted flexible zoning where appropriate, and that there is a provision for warehousing. Commented to Mr. Gardner that he was probably aware of Pennval Rd and the long stories of violators which do not include to all the property owners or users in that area. And that the idea is to attract development of properties beneficial to the town, and to the multiple property owners by participating in the environmental remediation: bringing green infrastructure, reinvigorating the river, and restoring the wetlands. Since this is the zoning, anything regarding to traffic will be specifically handled at the Board level based on the specific applications received.

Ms. Darden explained that Area 6 is just a specific area of the Downtown District Area. The Downtown District Area which has been studied more than any other areas has been divided into specific areas to deal with issues like Mr. Gardner is addressing, and also to deal with the individual property owners that may want to participate in the redevelopment of their property. She also added that the plan included not only the opportunity for the construction of residential properties.

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. ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH WOODMONT INDUSTRIAL NBA URBAN RENEWAL, LLC. (21-23)**

**I. ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH 200 WOOD AVENUE SOUTH URBAN RENEWAL, LLC. (21-24)**

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 if Ordinance H and I were giving Long Term Tax Exemptions. Asked the planner if these properties had to be in need of redevelopment to qualify for it, and if there was any tax fee being paid on them currently. Apologized to Council President Small, told Mr. Cimilluca to answer the question, and repeated the question to Mr. Cimilluca about any tax fees being paid. Asked if this was for the same property owner or a new property owner, and what are they doing with the property, and if Ordinance I was the same as H on a different property.

Council President Small: Responded “correct.”

Director of Planning and Development Marta Lefsky-Darden: Responded yes.

Council President Small: Mr. Cimilluca

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Reminded Mr. Gardner that he should be directing through the chair of the Council. Asked Mr. Gardner to repeat the question and responded that Ordinance H pays approximately \$37,400.00 a year. Said that it is a PILOT program or agreement increasing their taxes to a \$108,000.00 a year for 30 years. Responded that the current property owner is the one that receives the PILOT, that it’s up to the owner to sell the property or not, and that he was correct.

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. BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$290,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION THEREON OF A PARKING LOT FOR THE BARRON ARTS CENTER IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**
- K. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150 LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP CODE. (STORMWATER CONTROL)**
- L. 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.**
- M. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR EMINENT DOMAIN OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 563.052 LOT 3, ALSO KNOWN AS 8 PORT READING AVENUE IN THE PORT READING SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**
- N. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH MAZZA URBAN RENEWAL, LLC.**
- O. ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH 101 ROSS STREET URBAN RENEWAL ENTITY, LLC.**

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, April 9, 2021 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on April 20, 2021 at 6:00 P.M

**The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:**

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution for the Annual Report of Audit for the State Fiscal Year 2020 budget filing.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that Resolution No. 8 adopted March 16, 2021, be corrected to reflect that the approval was for a Person-to-Person/Place-to-Place transfer of Liquor License No. 1225-33-039-12.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Resolution for street closing requested by Lace Up For Good 5K/Kids Run on July 11, 2021.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's Reappointment of Richard Duda to serve as a Tax Assessor for the Township of Woodbridge for a four (4) year term commencing July 1, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2025.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's Reappointment of Manuel Sanchez to serve as Constable for the Township of Woodbridge for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2024.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council consents to the Mayor's Appointment of Ashley Kurbanoglu to serve as a 2nd Alternate Member of the Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission fulfilling an unexpired term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2021.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's Appointment of John Lande to serve as a 1st Alternate Member of the Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission fulfilling and unexpired term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents the Mayor's Appointment of Martin Genser to serve as a Class C Member of the Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission fulfilling an unexpired term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue Refund checks for Overpaid Taxes.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a Refund check for Overpaid Sewer Fees.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a Refund check for a Dog license at the Director of Health's recommendation.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a Refund check from the Developer's Review Fund Account as advised by the Department of Planning & Development.

- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a Refund check from the Other Trust for Property Maintenance & Housing Bureau.
- (14) **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 is an Area in Need of Redevelopment. (Martin Street, Elliot Street and Rodgers Street).
- (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 Colonia section of Woodbridge is an Area in Need of Redevelopment. (St. Georges Avenue, Block: 414 Lot: 28.01).
- (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 Keasbey section of Woodbridge is an Area in Need of Redevelopment. (Smith Street and Crows Mill Road).
- (17) **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.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution designating certain properties (Block: 288.01 Lot: 2; Portion of Block: 288.01 Lot1; Former Block: 287.01 Lot: 16 & 17) in the Woodbridge Proper Section of the Township as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Non-Condemnation.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution designating certain properties (Block: 544 Lot: 76 and Block: 544 Lot: 89) in the Woodbridge Proper Section of the Township as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Non-Condemnation.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution designating certain properties (Block: 756 Lot: 1.01; Block: 756 Lot 1.02; Block: 753 Lot: 1 and Block: 753 Lot: 7) in the Sewaren Section of the Township as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Non-Condemnation.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement for the provision of Municipal Clerk Services between the Township of Woodbridge and the Borough of Metuchen.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Colliers Engineering and



Design d/b/a/ Maser Consulting, for professional engineering services for Intersection Improvements at Inman Avenue and Jordan Road, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Settembrino Architects, for professional architectural services for Feasibility Study for Our House Group Conversion, in an amount not to exceed \$24,500.00.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with The Vaughn Collaborative, for professional architectural services for New Marina Food and Beverage Establishment and Pavilion Hut, in an amount not to exceed \$254,260.00.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Keith Bonchi, Esq., Goldberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill for professional legal services as Tax Attorney for the Township of Woodbridge and a rate of \$150.00 per hour not to exceed \$25,000.00.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Naik Group, for professional engineering services for Sanitary Sewer Improvements (Sixth Avenue from Langford Street to Saints Boulevard, Port Reading), in an amount not to exceed \$98,000.00.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. for professional environmental services for Remedial Action Implementation at the Alibani Property, Port Reading, in an amount not to exceed \$378,835.80.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Community Grants, Planning & Housing for professional administrative agent services for Affordable Housing, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement with permitting an additional \$17,500.00 be encumbered for the legal representation of Patrolman Robert Bartko. (Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department).
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of Landscape Structures for 4th Street Park and Clyde Park in an amount not to exceed \$128,515.00.
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of Landscape Structures for Howell Street Park and Captain Carlson Park in an amount not to exceed \$148,560.00.

- (32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution for the execution of Final Change Order on the contract with National Water Main Cleaning Company, decreasing the contract amount of \$79,200.00 by \$766.50 to a total of \$78,433.50. (Contract#2016-019, 2016 Sanitary Sewer General Cleaning and Televising for Immediate Response).
- (33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that Resolution No. 14 adopted March 16, 2021, be corrected to reflect that the “not to exceed a total of \$71,474.60 should have read “not to exceed a total of \$76,079.82” for the purchase of one new Swenson Model 15’ DB SS, 15’ Dump Body.
- (34) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the submission of the 2021 Sustainable Jersey PSE&G Foundation “Small” Grant Application.
- (35) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution for the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2021 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Recycling Tonnage Grant (\$239,802.67).
- (36) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes Resolution authorizing the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2021 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Middlesex County Multi Service on Aging Grant (\$36,000.00).
- (37) **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 April 6, 2021 and the Supplemental Bill List dated March 12, 2021 through April 1, 2021.

Councilwoman Meehan abstains from #37.

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

Mr. Mitch: This is all I have 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, one-time period to speak.

Anthony Alfieri, Port Reading: Reminded that prior to COVID, they had started a plan to keep the trains away and their noise down to a certain amount, but nothing has been done. Compared Rosewood Ln. with a race track, and commented on how a child got hit, his dog got killed, how it is a point of hazard for children to be outside, how he disagreed when the Police Department told me him to keep the kids in the yard and not in the front, how he was told that a barrier will be put in there, how he wanted to know what is being done to avoid numerous kids being killed, how parents flying to get their kids to school on time may kill other’s kids, and how he has not received a returned phone call anymore after keeping in touch with certain members. He also added a car

accident involving the mini van's driver who took off after hitting a child and how the police got the video tape from him, how they can't put speed bumps up, how he was twisted one morning by a fast driver as he was getting in his car to go to work. Insisted that something needs to be done to protect the children and the people who live on that block, and apologized if he sounded adamant. He also spoke not in favor of putting a police officer for 2-3 hours that later will go to a new location.

Council President Small: I will address the train issue first. And you could not be more accurate. We know we live seven-eight houses apart and the switch is next to my house. The trains are out of control. You are absolutely right. It is unbearable sometimes. The business administrator has been working diligently and has come up with a new plan. And if he wants to talk about it, feel free please.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: We have a couple of things in place. One is the new spur that we talk about; the slowdown for the spur. We are going out to bid next week as far a replacement of the utilities that run underneath the new spur. So that will go out next week and you will probably see progress there within the next six months, as putting in the new utilities underneath the new spur as the railroad starts to build that.

Council President Small: Mr. Alfieri your time is up. But we are going to answer your questions. (Business Administrator Cimilluca mentioned that he would have Casey Wagner talk to Mr. Alfieri on the hallway and that he would call him tomorrow.)

Council President Small: As far as the traffic, the Police put the tracker out last year, 3,000 cars a day are traveling up and down a residential street, which in my opinion is absolutely absurd. The mother came to my house early during that incident too. I've provided the Carteret Police with a video tape of the suspect vehicle. Yes, it hit the little girl, a deaf girl and took off. I've been told that the Carteret police have solved that case. Thank God. And I know what it is to leave at 6:00 a.m. - 6:30 a.m. You are looking down the street to see who is doing 70 miles an hour. You know past experiences as a police officer, you know, I run radar there all the time, but you can't have someone there 24/7, and it is just crazy because the street is on all the maps that will cut you through instead of taking Roosevelt Ave. to Port Reading Ave. to go to the Industrial Parks, and then the warehouses that are on Port Reading Ave. cuts you down Rosewood Ln. So I understand exactly what are you talking about, and we have to do something. Casey wants to see you; he is going to provide you with some information. Thank you.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: First, Mr. Gardner recalled how he asked at the last Planning Board if Councilwoman Drumm is the Council's representative on the Planning Board - class 3 member, who attends the Planning Board meetings, and votes as a member of the Planning Board and as a member of the Council. He also said that he did not receive a response when he asked how long has she been on that board. Then Mr. Gardner said that he will call her.

Second, Mr. Gardner remembered how he was the Council President in town in 1992, how he got his first cell phone and compared the case to the size of a shoebox. Spoke about modern technology, and how the administration can take a drone video of Main Street. Complimented our TV-35 for their incredible job and remembered that during his term as a Council President, TV-35 recorded and showed the faces of people who came with questions to the meetings. He said that he doesn't need to be seen and that Business Administrator Cimilluca is much better looking than he is. Commented on how the African-American people has come to the meetings looking for justice, and that their faces

should be put on TV and that this can be done immediately. Said that he is also aware of how the administration is investigating ways to avoid discriminatory actions across the town government, and insisted to put on TV the people from Black Lives Matter and PBA, or any resident in town that come to speak, so they can be seen and watched to speak by others on TV.

Next Mr. Gardner spoke about how residents told him that they contacted the Council people about Adelaide Ave. behind Woodbridge High School - The culvert by the railroad running behind the library is clogged up with vegetation growing up and nothing has been done. Apologized and rectified saying that he shouldn't say Council people but that he should say Councilwoman Drumm as he does not want to put that on anybody else. Said that it needs to be cleaned out to get the water down the hill, and to stop it from backing up as some people in the area have sublevel driveways, garages, or basements. Explained that the water is getting backup right before where the pavement stops and that people is asking to be cleaned up.

Also spoke about Valentine Pl. and Dunham Ave. that runs between Amboy Ave. and Linden Ave. and commented the difficult situation when there is snow on these narrow streets. Complimented Mayor McCormac and how he put the plows on bicycles, George Brew and everybody else for doing a great job. Asked if there is any special plan for these streets. Told Council President that he would ask him the question if he wants to answer it.

Council President Small: Mr. Gardner you can do an OPRA request on that. Unfortunately Ms. Drumm is not here tonight.

Council President Small: Mr. Cimilluca take a look at that.

Business Administrator: So just to be clear. I am very familiar with that area. I have two friends that live there. Doesn't that ends in a 30 foot drop to the railroad tracks? Is it the railroad clogged or is it the street? I'll have DPW take a look at that.

So we use our smaller vehicles for that Mr. Gardner. We've also at Valentine's Pl. because I have a family member that lives there. They actually knock on the doors and asked them to move the cars if they possibly can, if the snow is not that high, and they try to plow the street on both sides. Thank you.

Council President Small: Your time is up Mr. Gardner.

Virginia Bertsch, Colonia: Spoke about the agenda, the listed resolutions for the meeting, the Devil's Place on Facebook, and how she saw there was a resolution on hiring practices for police, how the PBA urged the people to vote no on that resolution in support of the PBA, and how she did not see such a resolution. Asked if this was the first place where they were supposed to see it. Said that if the public was being asked to have an opinion on a resolution and to take a position before the Council to act on it, could she have learned about things before hand and known what the Resolution was about. Mentioned that she understands that from a Council perspective, but that she is just curious as the PBA urged the public to take a stance to report it back to the Council. Said:" I understand that the public doesn't have the same direct access to what the resolutions would be impacting." Commented about how they want to know what is going on with the town, the need for transparency, how they don't have to know all the details or private information, but how important

is for them to get clear, pertinent, timely information on police hiring policies in order to make an opinion.

Council President Small: I am sorry. What is it called? The resolution was pulled by the administrator and they are reviewing it.

James Nolan, Esq.: The draft is not available right now because is a rough draft. The Resolution is not here. There would be nothing for you to view. So when it is done and it is ready, then it will be put out. There is nothing currently proposed. There is nothing to look at until a document is prepared. The Council has no control over that, right. There are some State Statutes that you can look at that are out there. So you are welcome to look at what is available. See me after the meeting and I try to point you in the right direction.

James Dabrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about the civil rights lawsuit against Woodbridge Township by Carteret man Jeremiah Daniels-Porter for police brutality by 13 police officers after was mistakenly identified by the QuickChek employees located at Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge. Talked about his serious and permanent physical injuries and emotional distress caused by dead fear. Talked about how Woodbridge Township will not comment on a pending litigation as John Hagerty, Director of Communications mentioned via email. Spoke and described the police officer David Ricardo's posts on Facebook page wearing an Islamophobic shirt that read infidel, and another post showing a photo that reads: "Don't like cops, next time you are in trouble try calling a crackhead."

Spoke not in favor of Woodbridge PBA President, James Distelcamp, and his involvement on Daniels-Porter arrest, and how he posted a message for residents to vote "no" on a bipartisan diversity resolution passed by the NJ State Legislature that was supposed to be voted on in tonight's meeting by the Council on Facebook. Talked about the Resolution and the help for Woodbridge to diversify its white police force. Commented on his wife's concerns about the Police Department, Councilman Cory Spillar, Council President Small, Councilman Howie Bauer, Councilwoman Debbie Meehan, and Mayor McCormac. Spoke about the white supremacist insurrection on our nation's capital, appalling racism in Woodbridge. Asked for the presence of the good cops and good Council members, justice for Nijeer Parks, justice for Jeremiah Daniels-Porter, Black Lives Matter. Finally, commented on how Council President Brian Small and Business Administrator Vito Cimilluca offered feedbacks and responses and not the silent treatment.

Council President Small: Your time is up. Thank you.

Kason Little, Elizabeth: Spoke how disgusted is by his actions and leadership, the lack of courage to do the right thing, morals, ethics and values. Asked Council President Brian Small to resign. Continued to say how he ignored the community, turned his back on black people, turned his back on him and failed to act with courage and grace to do justice. Called them racists and told the rest of the Council members to resign too. Told them that if they didn't like to be called racist, they have to lead including people's concerns and ensuring that their needs are heard and addressed, and not neglected. Spoke about his grandmother, courage, strength, being on the right side of history and also about his ancestor's unfinished business. Repeated the word "resign" and spoke on the Mayor's racist administration. Continued by saying that he wants his people to live in a world of peace, dignity, respect, and justice, why they have to fight them and about Councilman Spillar Facebook comments.

Council President Small: Your time is up. Thank you.

Mr. Mitch: Are there any comments from the public this evening? Hearing no other comments from the public, can I get a motion that the public portion of this meeting be closed?

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**

Council President Small: Thank you. I'll go under the agenda section.

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

14. Mayor Mac Café.  
HOLD

15. Jazz Festival.  
HOLD

16. Concerts.  
HOLD

Council President Small: The Summer Concerts. I'll urge the public to go to the town's website. We have 53 concerts coming up, starting June the 21<sup>st</sup>, running Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, all in Woodbridge High School. There are so many to name, but there is a great show. I want to thank Brian Molnar for putting this program together and it is really good staff for our residents to go and see.

17. Light Parade.  
HOLD

18. Human Rights Commission  
HOLD

Council President Small: I just want to remind the public that April is Autism Awareness Month. I want to thank all our Firefighters and our EMT's for going out on Easter and putting a lot of smiles on kids' faces, delivering candy. I went out with the Port Reading. It was absolutely fantastic. I believe Mr. Bauer went out with Fords, Mr. Spillar went out with Avenel. Community servants, it was a great day. I want to thank again the Health Department for administering the vaccines. Everyone I talked to says that goes so well out there. I just want to thank Director Green - Thank you. And I just want to say to our Essential Workers and the Police, Fire, EMS, a great job out there as always. God Bless America, Vice President Bauer.

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

Council 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
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

Council Vice-President Bauer: I just have two announcements. Fords Clara Barton Baseball League opening day ceremony will be this Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. in Fords Park and Hopelawn Youth Organization Baseball League opening day will be on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, both with weather permitting. And like Council President Small said, we've put smiles to many people's faces on Easter weekend, young and adult. It's something the Mayor started last year during COVID-19, and something we will be doing every year. Thanks to my fellow firefighters, and all our First Responders, EMS, Police, Fire, and all our Essential Workers for everything they do every day. Thank you. That's all I have Council President.

I also want to thank the Fords Business Community for our last Saturday. They had their last minute Easter egg hunt for kids in the Fords Second Ward area. They put it out to Menlo Park Terrace School, school 14, school 25. They had an Easter egg hunt. There were like 15 businesses that participated, the Fire Company, and the Easter Bunny was out there. It had a great turn out. I thank all the businesses that participated in this event and I hope that we can do it again next year. And the Fords Business Community, again, will be starting their Annual Cruise Nights, and they usually do an Easy Trunk a Treat in October. So take a big shout out to the business community for supporting the community. Thank you everybody that attended the email the Fords Business Community, and thank you everybody for attending the event. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Anderson.

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



Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President. My agenda is in order.

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
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.  
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: I just have an announcement for item #10 – The Woodbridge Free Public Library. Library programs in April feature Hiking101 as well as Saving for College, and a Program for Small Businesses Owners, New Jersey Sales & Use Tax Workshop. All from the safety and comfort of your home. Visit the library calendar at [woodbridgelibrary.org](http://woodbridgelibrary.org) to register or to find more information about library programs. You can also call the library for more information at 732-634-4450 ext. 5. Thank you. That is all that I have.

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

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

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

Councilman Spillar: Hi Council President Small. My agenda is in order.

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
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 just have a few announcements. The gas company is going to be doing work installing new gas mains in Avenel and Port Reading. The Streets are Burnet St., George St., East Pennsylvania Ave., Minzer Ave., Commercial Ave., and in Port Reading it is already in progress work schedule to commence May 25<sup>th</sup> at Third Ave., Fourth Ave., Fifth Ave., Sixth Ave., Raritan Ave., and then paving will commence once the project is complete. I want just to reiterate the sentiment to not only the Avenel Fire Department, but to all the Fire Departments that participated in the Easter Bunny Drive. I can't tell you how much positive feedback I've got from residents and our little kids. So, thank you. That's all I have. Thank you all Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, our Woodbridge Police Department, OEM and C.E.R.T. Be smart, be safe. God Bless you. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

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

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President.

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

Councilwoman Meehan: Colonia Clean Up is this Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing our Annual Clean Up at the Charles Shaughnessy Park located on Inman Avenue. If you would like to come out and help us beautify the park, please join us at 9:00 a.m. Join the Clean Up this Saturday, myself along with the High School students that went to the Colonia Care group. We will be planting a garden remembering all our Colonia residents that have been lost to COVID. Once the garden is complete, we are going to leave stones and invite their families to come and put their names on the stones and they can put them in the garden. Just as a place for a remembrance, and of course our continued prayers with those families as well.

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

Councilwoman Meehan: Item #12 Woodbridge Township Addiction services under the direction of Dr. Bonnie Nolan are planning a series of fundraisers for Sober Living Fund, which provides the first month rent in sober living for people who have just completed and finished the inpatient treatment. So far, this fund has helped dozens of people on the path of lasting recovery. Information about this fund raiser will be announce shortly and we will post them on the Township website and Social media. The Reset Program which stands for recovery and employment solution, education and training was extended through March and it is now at 40 additional people affected by the opioid epidemic that to find training and employment with this round of funding. The Blue care program which enables law enforcement all over the county to connect with residents. Recovery coaching and referral services continues to be funded successfully by the Middle County Prosecutor's Office, and was recently awarded additional funding to cover more drug court programs. Our coaches in this program continue to do wellness checks on people who have overdosed with very good results. If you are someone or know somebody battling with addiction, you are not alone. There are places in

Woodbridge that can help you. Please reach out down to us. You can call 732-855-2800 ext. 5008.

13. Volunteer Directory.  
HOLD
14. Domestic Violence Response Team.  
HOLD
15. AED Program.  
HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: And I just want to thank the Colonia Fire Department. And also like the other Councilman said. I was able to go out with them the week before Easter with the bunny also, and it was great to see all the smiling faces and the parents. There were a lot of senior citizens waving from their windows. So, it really was important that we went out and spread a little sunshine. So thank you to all these firemen not only for their lives in danger. They also go out and do a lot of good things for our community. And lastly, Mr. Distlecamp, I hate when you say that. Mr. Dabrowski, sorry. Excuse me. I am going to talk. You always call me racist. I invite you to come out with me at any event. (Council President Small asks the officer to remove Mr. Dabrowski as he raises his voice, and Councilwoman Meehan continues talking). Anytime you can come out with me and the Community and I will show you what I do for the community. I never ask who they are; I just help them. Thank you. That's all I have tonight.

Council President Small: Thank you Councilwoman Meehan. Councilman Ficarra.

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

Councilwoman Drumm: Thank you Council President.

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. My agenda is in order.

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

2. Job Bank.  
HOLD
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 have two items to mention. One will be a clothing drive fund raiser this Saturday at 450 Chain O'Hills Rd. that was known as the Woodbridge Broncos Building, and that begins at 8:00 a.m. Anything you have shoes, pants, coats, and anything that would deem as clothing. And I also I would like to add that the Woodbridge Little League is having their parade this weekend on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Come out and support the kids.

The rest of the time I would like to speak about a great public servant that we loss this past weekend, and who happened to be a great friend of mine - Kenneth Armwood. As many of you knew Kenny was a man who put his world before himself. Whether you grew up with him in Newark, Irvington or Piscataway, or had the privilege of walking besides him at a local parade. He knew your mother's name, and asked about the recent event in your life. He remembered from the last conversation you had with him and kept up with the victories on line. He did that because he loved you, and he wanted you to succeed. While working at the Red Cross for many years, he had a chance to visit and help kids around the world. He was chosen to help provide assistance for Service Learning program at the University of Balamand in Lebanon. This was an experience that he felt very honored to be a part of. His infectious smile and his great political mind only gave him four years of reprieve and Kenny was asked to run for a position on the Piscataway Municipal Council on 2004. He served on the Council until 2013, and was selected by his peers as the Council President 2008 and 2013. He was soon shopped to fill out a vacancy on then named Board of County Chosen Freeholders. He is also the second African American ever chosen to the Board and in 2020, he was elected by his peers as a Deputy Director of the County Board. While serving as an elected official on the County level, Kenny was able to bring people from all over New Jersey together to make the biggest impact locally. No one truly understands what the County Government does. But if you have a few minutes to spare Kenny would tell you why was important to find out. Why was important to get involved. "You've got to do something", it is a phrase you'd often hear in every speech. Whether it was to get out the Vote Rally, a Black Lives Matter protest" or a long walk with one his mentees from Job Corps. You immediately felt compelled to change the world. He had that effect with me. I went to his funeral the other day, and I was very moved, especially by that students from Job Corps that referred to him as their dad. He mentioned that to them when they first got there. He let them know: "I am your father now." And there were some students that happened to be close to him until later on in the program, that they really did not have a father, and that he filled the void for them. He was a dear friend. He was a supporter, and he was a friend to all of us in Woodbridge, but we lost a great public servant, and truly we are going to miss him. Thank you very much for the time.

Council President Small: Thank you Councilman Anderson. We truly did, and I know your relationship with Mr. Armwood. Councilwoman DeJesus.

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

Councilman Ficarra. Thank you Council President.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).
    - (A) Senior Recreation and programming.
    - (B) Youth Recreation and programming.
- HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: First in the area of Recreation and Wellness. Just some announcements. At the Community Center the Skyline Mini Golf is open along with the batting cages, and in the month of April. The joiner's fee is waived if you join the Community Center with a friend so it is a kind of encourages fitness. It is not too early for starting to plan for summer camp. You have Kidsports at the Club at Woodbridge. The Community Center has its summer camp at Merrill Park. So, there is



numerous opportunities depending on the need of the children. Njwcc.com and the club.org is the best way to get that information.

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: Moving down to the Mental Health issue that I have been following up with, checking in with Dr. Nolan, there seems to be a good relationship and good reporting going on between the Police Department and the program since it started about two weeks ago. There have been already 30 residents to receive assistance that initiated through the Police Department and was passed on to the Specialized Case Management and outreach Services. So, that is coming from Dr. Nolan, and it is good to hear, and it is good to follow up, and be aware of that.

13. COVID-19 efforts.  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Also in the world of COVID-19, Director Green is here. He does a good job in keeping us informed. We had 28 clinics so far and 4,604 doses administered. In Woodbridge the COVID count- we had 77 at St. Josephs storing the pandemic, 836 in State facilities. The Community-At-Large has 10,466 cases for a total of 11,359 cases in Woodbridge Township. Also, just to notify that as of April 19<sup>th</sup>, all persons 16 years old or older will be eligible.

Two things I just have to point out of my agenda: The term tax abatement is used quite a bit, which seems to indicate that somebody is not paying taxes. The real name of the program is a PILOT program. The first letter in PILOT is “p” and that stands for payment, and these projects that are being redeveloped at times are tripling the amount of property tax that is being paid into our rateables. That is the incentive; that is why we are successful for that. Nobody is getting any kind of underhanded break here. We are bringing more money into the town. I doubt if we’ll ever lower taxes which we would all love. But trying to keep them leveled is the whole point of the PILOT program.

Secondly, I just wanted to point out that there was a resolution Mr. Dabrowski had brought up a little earlier. And Victoria, I am sorry you brought it up too. We don’t have that information in front of us, but it has something to do with police hiring. It was initiated by the Mayor and the Administration. There has been some questions about it that has to be cleared up, and that’s why it was pulled. So I wish Jimmy was here to hear where that came from. It did not come from anybody up here. It came from the Mayor. It’s being looked at a little further because there were good questions that were brought up that need to be answered. Council President, thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Patel.

**(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 few announcements. First of all, I would like to thank our Mayor and his staff members for creating COVID vaccine hotline in Hindi, English and Gujarati languages. Hindi and Gujarati languages are India main languages. The flyer read in English: Indian Seniors vaccination hotline. If you are a Woodbridge Township resident over the age of 65, and need help scheduling a vaccine appointment, please call 732-726-2352 John E. McCormac, Mayor and Virbhadra N. Patel, Councilman. (Councilman Patel read the flyer's message in Hindi and also in Gujarati.) I would like to thank Amjad Kasari (Sp.) for putting this Gujarati translation, and also Ashok Ohsa (Sp.) for putting this Hindi translation.

Also in the Islamic, faith observance of Ramadan is very important. This year, Ramadan will start on April 12<sup>th</sup> and will go on for a month, and will conclude on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Islamic followers will fast, pray and practice pure lifestyles. I wish them all a Happy Ramadan.

Also the Township Schools are closed for the spring break. I would like to wish all the students, parents and school staff members a happy and joyful spring break. That's all I have for tonight. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Mr. Mitch

**JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK**

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure:
  - A. Change of Corporate Structure for Red Chutney, LLC t/a Talli Bar & Grill, 1538 Oak Tree Rd., Iselin, NJ 08830.

Mr. Mitch: I continue to work with the Police Department trying to get a couple of matters resolved before this comes to you.

- B. 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.

Mr. Mitch: I am also working with the Police Department on this new transfer.

2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
  - A. 2021 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.

Mr. Mitch: You'll start seeing renewals probably in about another 30 to 45 days to come before you on Liquor Licenses. Also due to the ongoing pandemic and the restrictions of how many people we can have in a room. I, again decided not to have an in-person meeting with the 92 licensees. So we teamed up with the State ABC to do a virtual session on April 21<sup>st</sup> of this year. In fact, I'll send Councilman Ficarra an invitation if he cares to join us; I'm sure he will.

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

Mr. Mitch: Just one last comment. Just be reminded when legal is done, we are going right into the Board of Health. That's all I have. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

**MAYOR:**

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you. I'd just like to say on behalf of the Administration, Mayor McCormac especially, that the passing of Commissioner Armwood is a huge loss for Middlesex County New Jersey as a whole. He was a visionary, and he was a great man. So, he is going to be missed. His friendship is going to be missed and so is his legislation to be missed. So our thoughts and prayers got to go out to his family.

With that under administration I have an Overpayment of Sewer Tax. I have a 100% disability Veteran, I have shared services with the Avenel Fire Department for IT Services.

**POLICE:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a Traffic Ordinance.

**HEALTH:**

**RECREATION:**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a Refund under Current Account. Thank you, Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

**LEGAL:**

James E. 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 7:07 P.M.

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Brian Small,  
Council President

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