

**Township of Mount Laurel  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 12, 2021  
Via Zoom**

Mayor Steglik called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

**ROLL CALL**

Councilwoman Karen Cohen – present, Councilwoman Fozia Janjua – present,  
Councilman Nick Moustakas – present, Deputy Mayor Kareem Pritchett - present, Mayor  
Stephen Steglik - present, George Morris, Township Solicitor – present, Meredith  
Tomczyk, Township Manager/Township Clerk - present

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Public Announcement, which is required by the “Open Public Meetings Act” of the  
State of New Jersey and read at every meeting of the Township Council was read by the  
Municipal Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to Move: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Janjua  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,347,434.36**

Motion to Move: Councilwoman Cohen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #74-2021: AMENDING 21-R-32 SETTING MEETING LOCATIONS BECAUSE OF  
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #74-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman  
Cohen  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #75-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL DECLARING  
SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND ALL COMMUNITIES, AND  
REAFFIRMING THE TOWNSHIP’S COMMITMENT TO COMBATING RACISM AND  
DISCRIMINATION IN ALL FORMS**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #75-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman  
Janjua  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #76-2021: AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A 30 FOOT WIDE ACCESS EASEMENT AREA FOR BLOCK 1302.01, LOT 9

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #76-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #77-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1110.02 LOT 15

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #77-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #78-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1003.07 LOT 59

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #78-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #79-2021: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020 OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING AND FOR THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND CERTIFY THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #79-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Pritchett

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #80-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP AND EVESHAM TOWNSHIP FOR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SERVICES

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #80-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #81-2021: GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

COMMISSION'S "ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964"

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #81-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #82-2021: RESOLUTION TO ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2021 BUDGET USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM THE PRIOR THREE YEARS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #82-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Pritchett

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #83-2021: 2021 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL (Public Hearing on May 10, 2021)

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #83-2021: Councilwoman Cohen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #84-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1509 LOT 26

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #84-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #85-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 803.09 LOT 3

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #85-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #86-2021: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2021 CLICK IT OR TICKET SEAT BELT MOBILIZATION MAY 24 - JUNE 6, 2021

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #86-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman  
Cohen  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #10-2021: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 43, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 43-2 OF THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP CODE (“POLICE DEPARTMENT – QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT”)

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.  
Motion to move Ordinance #10-2021: Councilwoman Cohen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor  
Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #11-2021: AUTHORIZING A SHORT TERM LEASE WITH VOLUNTEERS FOR PAWS FARM, INC. TO ALLOW VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN, MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE THE FACILITIES AT BLOCK 402, LOT 2, FORMERLY KNOWN AS DISCOVERY MUSEUM AT PAWS FARM

Attorney Morris explained.

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.  
Motion to move Ordinance #11-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman  
Cohen  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

#### ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #7-2021: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO DELETE IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 22 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AND TO REPLACE IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 22 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AS SET FORTH HEREIN PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1 ET SEQ.

Attorney Morris explained.

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Gina Cohl, 111 Hartford Road – Supports Ordinance.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #7-2021: Councilwoman Cohen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #8-2021: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-6,  
ARTICLE III, CONCERNING CONTINUING CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Dawn Hogan, 105 Yorktown Drive – Questioned effective date, list, person performing inspections, application and payment on website. Hardship on residents.

Andrew Gaus, 154 Kettlebrook Drive - Agrees with Dawn Hogan.

Jackie Tsiartas, 169 Memorial Lane – Questioned Section 89-16 Certificate requirement inspections.

Dawn Hogan – Previous owner responsibility was no for permits prior to ownership. Now it is yes. Feels everything should have been finalized before Ordinance was voted on.

Cynthia Astrom, 165 Memorial Lane – How many towns have CO.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #8-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Cohen  
Roll Call 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE #9-2021: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

No public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #9-2021: Councilwoman Cohen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Andrew Gaus, 154 Kettlebrook Drive – Mr. Gaus asked multiple questions about the construction office and adopted ordinance.

Pat Halbe, 2101 Denham Court – Thanked Council for Ordinance 2021-11.

Harriette Cohen, 10 Alderton Lane – Playgrounds are safer and delightful.

Jackie Tsiartas, 169 Memorial Lane – Ms. Tsiartas expressed her concern with the adopted ordinance.

Sharon Coffman, 290 St. David Drive – Wants to meet with Council regarding opening of Ramblewood pool.

Sharon Kercher, 284 St. David Drive – Issues with stray golf balls. Concerned with well-being and safety of family. Wants buffer of trees.

Nutthinee Marchlik, 212 St. David Drive - Mill Run Development – Shares concern of stray golf balls and swimming pool.

Cynthia Astrom, 165 Memorial Lane – Wants wording changed on 21-R-75 to include “Black lives matter”.

#### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mayor Steglik – Thanked everyone for joining and for speaking. Rancocas Woods events.

Deputy Mayor Pritchett – Thanked everyone for participating. Continue to be safe.

Councilwoman Cohen – Thanked everyone for input. Be kind to all. Green Team and Rancocas Woods events. April 24<sup>th</sup> shredding event at Police Garage. May 8<sup>th</sup> tree saplings distributed.

Councilwoman Janjua – Vaccine events. Thanked everyone for coming. Be safe.

Councilman Moustakas – April 16<sup>th</sup> library and mental health awareness. Thanked everyone for participation.

#### RESOLUTION #87-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO DISCUSS PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR PERSONNEL MATTERS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #87-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman  
Cohen  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

Return to Open

RESOLUTION #88-2021: RESOLUTION AWARDDING TRASH BID

Motion to Move Resolution #88-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman  
Janjua  
Roll Call 4 yes votes, Councilman Moustakas - absent

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Janjua, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Pritchett

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Meredith Tomczyk, RMC  
Township Clerk

