

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 26, 2021**

**Call to Order**

Time: 8:00 p.m.

**Salute to the Flag/Invocation**

Councilwoman Rudley

**Open Public Meetings Act Statement** - Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of the time and date of this meeting was published in the South Jersey Times on January 7, 2021, posted on the Borough Hall front door, and advertised on the Borough of Pitman website continuously since January 7, 2021.

**Roll Call**

Council President Blass: Present  
Councilwoman James: Present  
Councilwoman Rudley: Present  
Mayor Razzo: Absent  
Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Present  
Councilman Mazzola: Present  
Councilman Weng: Present  
Borough Solicitor Scaffidi: Present

**Approval of Minutes**

Work Session and Council Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2021

Motion: Weng

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes  
Councilwoman James: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Razzo \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes  
Councilman Mazzola: Abstain  
Councilman Weng: Yes

**Council Reports**

**Council President Blass**

No Report

**Councilman Fitzpatrick**

**Combined Planning and Zoning Board**

The Planning and Zoning Board met on July 19, 2021, and two variances were approved. The Cannabis Ordinance was approved as being not inconsistent with our Master Plan. The Master Plan Committee is working on updating the area of the plan that deals with accessory buildings on properties such as garages, sheds etc.

The Planning and Zoning Board will meet again on August 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Councilwoman Vanessa E. James

**Parks and Recreation Department**

Check out the newest Recreation Program for 2021 – GeoLocal Explorers Pre-K Program. This is a community program to engage children aged 4-5 years in local based environmental education programming that inspires exploration, science literacy, and environmental awareness. You can register from the Parks & Recreation page on the Borough Website.

[https://www.pitman.org/departments/parks\\_recreation/programs/fall.php](https://www.pitman.org/departments/parks_recreation/programs/fall.php)

**Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce**

Pop-Up Park Thursdays continue this week at Ballard Park from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Laurel Market Pitman is open every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Sunset Auditorium. Thanks to Councilman Mazzola for filling in for me at this month's GPCC meeting while my family was on vacation.

As always, I am available to answer any questions or concerns via email at [vanessa.james@pitman.org](mailto:vanessa.james@pitman.org) or by phone at 336-407-8604.

Councilman Mazzola

**Administration and Finance**

Today I met with Administrator O'Donnell, Councilwoman James, and representatives from the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce to discuss Pitman hosting the Best of Gloucester County Awards on September 20th. This is a very exciting opportunity to showcase our Uptown and our local businesses by bringing hundreds of people into town for the evening to eat, drink, and shop locally. The Borough will be coordinating efforts with the Pitman Police Department, Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce, and County representatives to ensure a successful event. More details to come, but in the meantime, please head to [www.gcbestof.com](http://www.gcbestof.com) to vote for your favorite Pitman businesses, events, etc.

Tax bills are being printed and should be going out to residents by the end of next week. The due date has been pushed back to Aug 31, 2021.

Bids are scheduled to be opened this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. for the Eighth Avenue project.

The TRICO JIF Planning Retreat is this Thursday and Friday. We will be sending two representatives from the Administrative Office to attend and represent Pitman.

Finally, there are open positions in the Borough for a Water & Sewer Clerk and for a Recording Secretary for the Planning & Zoning Board and for the Historic Commission. Interested applicants should apply to Administrator O'Donnell by August 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Councilman Weng

No Report

Councilwoman Rudley

**Senior Outreach Committee**

The Senior Outreach Committee met on Thursday, July 15, 2021, and put together plans for the first joint event with the Pitman VFW Post 6469 on Oakcrest Avenue. This event will be a movie night, showing



**Resolution No. 103, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Confirming the Report of the Tax Collector in the Matter of Property Maintenance**

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: Absent

Council President Blass: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 104, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Omega Pest Management to Investigate the Presence of Pests at the Vacant Property Located at 349 Boulevard Avenue, Block 28 Lot 58 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman**

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: Absent

Council President Blass: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 105, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Confirming the Report of the Tax Collector in the Matter of the Performance of Pest Control Services for 349 Boulevard Avenue, Block 28 Lot 58 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Pitman**

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: Absent

Council President Blass: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 106, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Cancellation/Refund of Firearm Permit Application Fees to Stephen Parkes**

Motion: Weng

Second: Mazzola

Roll Call:

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: Absent

Council President Blass: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 107, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Cancellation/Refund of Firearm Permit Application Fees to Catherine A. Gillman**

Motion: Weng

Second: Mazzola

Roll Call:

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes  
Councilman Mazzola: Yes  
Councilman Weng: Yes  
Council President Blass: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman James: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Raze: Absent

**Payment of Bills**

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Rudley

Roll Call:

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Abstains to # 50498; votes to approve all other items on bill list.  
Councilwoman James: Yes  
Councilman Mazzola: Abstains to # 50456; votes to approve all other items on bill list.  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Councilman Weng: Yes  
Mayor Raze: Absent  
Council President Blass: \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Permit Applications**

**Event:** Promote Awareness of Drug / Opioid Addiction

Date and Time: September 26, 2021; 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Sunset Auditorium

Sponsor: Amir Hall

Motion: James

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes  
Councilman Mazzola: Yes  
Councilman Weng: Yes  
Council President Blass: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman James: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Raze: Absent

*Event was approved contingent upon providing the Borough with a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured, and the submission of a Facilities Use Form.*

**Event:** Fall Craft Show

Date and Time: September 18, 2021; 5:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, September 19, 2021

Location: Broadway, Pitman, Ballard, and Ballard Park

Sponsor: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Contact Person: Jenny Mazzola

Motion: James

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes  
Councilman Mazzola: Abstain  
Councilman Weng: Yes  
Council President Blass: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman James: Yes  
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes  
Mayor Raze: Absent

*Event was approved contingent upon providing the Borough with a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured.*

**Event:** Music Show

Date and Time: August 21, 2021; 5:00 p.m.

Location: Sunset Auditorium

Sponsor: Guinnevere Phillip

Motion: James

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Raze: Absent

Council President Blass: \_\_\_\_\_

*Event was approved contingent upon providing the Borough with a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured.*

**Event and Signage:** 5K Road Race and 1 Mile Walk and Virtual Event

Date and Time: October 16, 2021; 8:30 a.m.

Location: Maps included

Sponsor: Pitman Education Foundation; Kristen Russell

Motion: James

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Abstain

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Raze: Absent

Council President Blass: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signage:** Public Information Sign at Edward J. Campbell War Memorial

Date: Beginning July 26, 2021

Location: Three signs in and around Memorial for 90 days

Sponsor: Meredith Owen

Motion: James

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Raze: Absent

Council President Blass: \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Portion**

Motion to open to the public: Mazzola

Second: Rudley

Time: 8:17 p.m.

**Jim Pierpont, 23 Crafton Avenue** - Mr. Pierpont announced that the VFW is partnering with the Borough to try and keep their doors open by turning their facility into a warming and cooling center when needed. The notification would come from an email from the County Office of Emergency Management declaring what might be happening and Borough Administration could then open the building for the residents.

Mr. Pierpont said regarding cannabis, that before Council moves forward with decisions and changes,

members should consider contacting communities that have cannabis stores and see what their revenue is with this new movement. This could be a new source of surplus for the Borough of Pitman.

Mr. Pierpont thanked Councilwoman Rudley for her help with the plans for the VFW.

Motion to close the public portion: Rudley  
Time: 8:21 p.m.

Second: Weng

**Adjournment**

Motion: Weng  
Time: 8:21 p.m.

Second: Rudley

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell  
Borough Clerk/Administrator