

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2021**

Call to Order

Time: 7:45 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Invocation

Council President Blass

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 Razze: Present
CFO Considine: Present

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Present
Councilman Mazzola: Present
Councilman Weng: Present
Borough Solicitor Krachun: Present
Clerk O'Donnell: Present

2021 Municipal Budget

Ordinance No. 2, 2021 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Motion to open to the public: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Time: 7:56 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public portion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Time: 7:56 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes
Councilwoman James: Yes
Councilwoman Rudley: Yes
Mayor Razze

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

Resolution No. 66, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the 2021 Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Razzo: _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

2021 Municipal Budget Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution of the Borough of Pitman for the year 2021 was approved by the Borough Council on April 12, 2021 and was published in the "South Jersey Times" in the issue of April 22, 2021. Copies were made available for public inspection in Pitman Borough Hall and the McCowan Memorial Library since April 15, 2021.

Motion to open to the public: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Time: 7:59 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public comment: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Time: 7:59 p.m.

Motion to table 2021 Municipal Budget Resolution until May 24, 2021: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Razzo _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Approval of Minutes

Formal Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021

Motion: James

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Razzo _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Council Reports

Councilman Fitzpatrick

Combined Planning and Zoning Board

The Combined Planning and Zoning Board has not met since the last Council meeting. The next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board will take place on May 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Borough Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Construction Office

In the month of March, the Construction Office inspected 102 houses, issued 57 permits, 29 Certificates of Continued Occupancy, and collected \$12,946.00 in permit fees. Miscellaneous fees collected totaled \$875.00.

Councilwoman James

2021 Liaison: Parks & Recreation, Public Events, Library Board, Chamber of Commerce, Task Force on Diversity & Inclusion

Parks & Recreation

Thank you to everyone who participated in Youth Week last week! It was wonderful to have so many safe and fun in-person activities this year. Also, a huge thanks to our Parks & Recreation Department, Director Andy Fox, and all our volunteers for their hard work.

Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce will have their monthly meeting virtually on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. Please email info@uptownpitman.com if you would like to participate.

McCowan Memorial Library

During the month of April 2021, 3,200 people visited McCowan Memorial Library and there were 119 internet users. There were two live children's programs with a combined attendance of 45 people. There were 18 virtual programs with a reach of 3,875. There were four craft videos and 89 craft kits distributed.

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

Council President Blass

Public Works

A crew from the Water and Sewer Division was dispatched last weekend for a water main leak on East Holly Avenue.

Monthly totals for April:

Trash to Wheelabrator totaled 211.42 tons at a cost of \$16,247.63

Trash to the county landfill totaled 143.33 tons at a cost of \$11,060.77

New magnets with updated recycling information will be mailed out over the summer. The Public Works page on the Borough's website has detailed information on what can and cannot go into the recycling tote. Remember the mantra – "When in doubt, throw it out."

Councilman Mazzola

Finance Office

Tonight, for the fourth consecutive year, Council puts forth a budget that features a zero increase in municipal taxes. In this \$9.8 million Current Fund budget we have an increase year after year of \$230,000.00. If you subtract the state mandated statutory expenditures and salary increases, spending is down by \$69,000.00 without cutting services.

Some of the larger items include:

- State mandated retirement/pension payments increase \$125,000.00
- Salaries increase \$173,000.00
- Interest on bonds is down \$61,000.00
- Miscellaneous local revenues are down \$127,000.00

I would like to thank CFO Considine, Administrator O'Donnell, Chief McAteer, Mr. Rodi, Mr. Fox, Mr. Aspras, Mr. Duffield, Mr. Powell, Mr. Pierson, Mr. Morganti, and the Mayor and Council for their work on producing this year's budget.

Board of Education

In anticipation for an FDA authorization for the use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in children aged 12-15, Pitman Public Schools are asking that parents of children in that age range complete a survey indicating their interest. There may be an opportunity for the schools to partner with a provider to schedule vaccinations for the Pfizer vaccine as soon as possible with a second dose to be scheduled three weeks later.

Clean Communities:

Our Clean Communities program is up and running and we are looking for Pitman non-profits to participate! Help our community and receive grant money for your organization! Please reach out to me at adam.mazzola@pitman.org for more information.

Councilman Weng

The following is my report for the Council meeting being held this evening, Monday, May 10, 2021. Please let me know if you need any clarification or have any questions.

Police Department

Patrol Officer Dominique Khoury recently completed the following three-part webinar training course offered through Calibre Press Training. Chief McAteer would like to congratulate and thank P/O Khoury for her continued dedication and hard work. She has completed following training:

1. Street Tactics (April 15, 2021)
2. Mental Tactics (April 22, 2021)
3. Emotional Survival (April 29, 2021)

Chief McAteer is happy to announce that the Bike Unit has been re-established after a few months off for a winter break. Residents and business owners can expect to start seeing the bike officers out on patrol once again.

Listed below are the Final Results from the 2021 Distracted Driver Patrol Grant which was held between April 1 and April 30, 2021 and consisted of seventy-three total hours of time. The following dates and statistics are updated from my last Council Report.

- There were 182 motor vehicle stops
- There were 179 traffic summons' issued
- There was one DWI investigation and charge
- There was one vehicle impounded
- There were two total arrests

The following statistics reflect the month of April 2021

Calls for service in April	1,347
Investigation Reports	45
Arrests	6
Motor vehicle stops	198
Traffic Summons'	129
<u>Year to date</u> calls for service:	5,110

Councilwoman Rudley

Environmental Commission

The Environmental Commission met for its regularly scheduled meeting on May 6, in person at Borough Hall.

Memorabilia Committee and Museum

The Memorabilia Committee met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 4 at the Grove Auditorium and plans are well under way for the 150th Anniversary of the First Pitman Camp Meeting. The celebration will be held on August 7 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Grove Auditorium and Museum. The Hobo Band hopes to have a performance that evening to celebrate both this momentous event, as well as their own 75th Anniversary.

Miss Pitman Pageant

The Miss Pitman Pageant Committee met on Tuesday, May 4, at Merryman’s Pub. They decided to move forward with an outdoor Miss Pitman Pageant and hope to hold it on Friday, July 2 at Sunset Auditorium. An event permit will be presented at the next meeting of Mayor and Council.

Senior Outreach Committee

Senior Outreach is planning to hold a combination fair and Pop-up Park on June 24 at Ballard from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. We plan to have some Senior Citizen friendly attractions, including music, senior exercises, information and services, and classic cars!

Glassboro-Camden Line

I spoke with Councilwoman Shaneka Boucher from the City of Camden regarding their plans for the GCL, as well as their experiences being along the Riverline. This was extremely informative in that they do find a population of suburban individuals coming to Camden for the purpose of purchasing drugs. They attempt to police it as best they can. To the extent that the GCL will truly be coming, they would like to partner with us to ask for more policing for the GCL as they find that the Riverline could use more policing of individuals coming into Camden for drug-seeking purposes. Councilwoman Boucher advised that their emergency services do communicate with the Riverline and she has not seen any interruption or delay due to the train passing. The Riverline is not on any of their parade routes, so that has not been a problem for them.

I heard back from the DRPA representative who does not have a sample Risk Transfer Policy for a Quiet Zone. I will be reaching out to the few communities in North Jersey who do have Quiet Zones to inquire as to their insurance rates and their risk policies or agreements with the rail line.

Town-Wide Yard Sale

The Town-Wide Yard Sale is still set for June 5, rain date June 6. If you would like to register, please feel free to send me an email or give me a call.

If you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to contact me at amy.rudley@pitman.org or at 609-214-6342.

New Business

Resolution No. 67, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Sale of a New Plenary Retail Consumption License to Advance Pitman Investment Group, LLC to be Placed at 43-47 South Broadway in the Borough of Pitman

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Resolution No. 68, 2021 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing a Closed Meeting

The general nature of the subjects to be discussed at said meeting will be:

Real Estate Negotiations

Action may be taken upon returning to an open meeting.

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze _____

Payment of Bills

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Abstains to # 50010; approves payment of other items

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Abstains to # 50012 and #18005; approves payment of other items

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze _____

Event Permit Applications

Event: Pride flags on historic light poles for Pride Month

Date: June 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021

Location: Uptown Historic District

Sponsor: Karen Stanwood

Motion: James

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Abstain

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

Event: Annual Independence Day Parade and Fireworks

Date: Monday, July 5, 2021 (Rain date 7/10/2021)

Time: 9:55 a.m., fireworks at dusk

Location: See Event Permit

Sponsor: Pitman Parade Committee

Motion: James

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Mayor Razzo: ____

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Event: Pop-up Park

Date: Thursdays, June - August 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Ballard Park

Sponsor: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Motion: Rudley

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Abstain

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razzo: ____

Event: Fourth Friday Celebrations

Date: May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Uptown Pitman, Theatre Avenue, Ballard Park

Sponsor: Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

Motion: James

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Abstain

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razzo: ____

Event & Signage: Pitman Garden Tour

Date: Saturday, June 12, 2021 (Rain date June 13, 2021)

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sponsor: Pitman Garden Club; Guy Groff

Motion: James

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Council President Blass: Yes

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilwoman James: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Rudley: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razzo: ____

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Rudley

Second: Mazzola

Time: 8:08 p.m.

No public comment

Motion to close the public portion: James
Time: 8:09 p.m.

Second: Blass

Miscellaneous

Mayor Razze offered condolences to Clerk O'Donnell and her family on the recent loss of two family members.

Closed Meeting

Motion to enter a Closed Meeting: Rudley
Time: 8:10 p.m.

Second: Mazzola

Motion to return to an Open Meeting: Rudley
Time: 8:24 p.m.

Second: Weng

No action was taken by Council as a result of discussion in the closed meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: Mazzola
Time: 8:25 p.m.

Second: Weng

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator