

BOROUGH OF PITMAN
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2021

Call to Order

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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: Present
Clerk O'Donnell: Present

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

Discussion

Motion to Open Discussion: Weng
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Second: Mazzola

Potential Sale of Liquor License

Council President Blass reviewed the discussion from the Work Session meeting on January 11, 2020 pertaining to the sale of one or two liquor licenses this year. Discussion followed between members of Council as to the drafting of a resolution authorizing the sale as well as the terms and locations to be included in the resolution. Other items discussed include the minimum bid, the time frame for the bidding process, and how many licenses would be sold. Councilwoman James urged Council to include the former Sony and former Armory properties as approved locations for businesses that could have a liquor license attached to them. Councilwoman James also supported the time frame of requiring the restaurant to be up and running within two years of acquiring the license.

Borough Solicitor Krachun will have a resolution prepared for introduction at the February 8, 2021 meeting.

125 Tenth Avenue Municipal Lien

Councilman Fitzpatrick asked about the demolition in 2017 of the abandoned property located at 125 Tenth Avenue. He wondered if it would be possible for the Borough to foreclose on the lien and sell the lot to a developer. Solicitor Krachun stated that it would be in the best interest of the Borough to do this because the lot would be developed, generating tax revenue, and relieving the Borough of having to pay the county and school taxes on the property. At this time, there is an outside lien in the amount of \$16,839.13, and a municipal lien in the amount of \$21,639.62 attached to this property, which is known as Block 22 Lot 38 on the tax map.

Councilman Fitzpatrick will get an updated list of vacant/abandoned properties from the Code Enforcement Officer to determine if there are other properties with municipal liens that could be foreclosed on.

