

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 2022**

Call to Order

Time: 12:15 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Invocation

Councilman Fitzpatrick

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 August 25, 2022, posted on the Borough Hall front door, and advertised on the Borough of Pitman website continuously since August 25, 2022.

Roll Call

Council President Fitzpatrick: Present
Councilman Kelly: Present
Councilwoman Milward: Present
Mayor Razze: Present
Redevelopment Attorney Givens: Present

Councilperson James: Present
Councilman Mazzola: Present
Councilman Weng: Present
Borough Solicitor Vigilante: Present
Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Unfinished Business

Ordinance No. 10, 2022 – Ordinance of the Borough of Pitman Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Block 138, Lot 1 Within the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

Second Reading - Public Hearing

Motion: Fitzpatrick

Second: James

Motion to open to the public: Fitzpatrick

Second: James

Time: 12:19 p.m.

Barbara Stech, 715 N. Broadway – Ms. Stech asked why Council is having a special meeting for the adoption of Ordinance No. 10, 2022. Mayor Razze explained that the proposed buyer/developer of Block 138 Lot 1 has a deadline of September 9, 2022 to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Borough for the Redevelopment Plan in order for the acquisition of the property to move forward. The ability to enter into an MOU is contingent upon the adoption of Ordinance No. 10, 2022, which adopts the Redevelopment Plan.

Motion to close public comment: Fitzpatrick

Second: Milward

Time: 12:23 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Kelly: Yes
Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes
Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

New Business

Resolution No. 161, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing Conditional Redeveloper and Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding

Motion: Fitzpatrick

Second: James

Councilman Weng asked what plans the developer has for the property located at Block 138 Lot 1. Redevelopment Attorney Emily Givens explained that the developer intends to build two cold storage warehouses and one dry warehouse, maintain ownership, and rent to one tenant. She also explained that the MOU is a six month agreement between the Borough and the developer which can be extended or closed out at the discretion of the Borough. It also establishes an escrow account to be set up by the developer to cover the cost of all fees associated with the redevelopment of the property, as well as other options for the Borough including eminent domain.

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

Resolution No. 162, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing Water and Sewer Clerk, Main Office Assistant, and Dog and Cat Registrar for the Borough of Pitman – L. Hoffman

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Milward

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

Payment of Bills

Motion: Mazzola

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Abstain to #52237, #52238 and #52239

Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Mazzola

Second: Kelly

Time: 12:30 p.m.

