

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 28, 2022**

Call to Order

Time: 8:14 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Moment of Silence

Council President 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 January 7, 2022, posted on the Borough Hall front door, and advertised on the Borough of Pitman website continuously since January 7, 2022.

Roll Call

Council President Fitzpatrick: Present

Councilman Kelly: Present

Councilwoman Milward: Present

Mayor Razze: Present

Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Councilperson James: Present

Councilman Mazzola: Present

Councilman Weng: Present

Borough Solicitor Vigilante: Present

Approval of Minutes

Work Session, Formal Meeting, and Closed Formal Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2022

Motion: James

Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze _____

Council Reports

Councilwoman Milward

Pitman Police Department

On Friday, March 25th, I met with the Pitman Police Department, the Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce, and members of Council regarding Pitman business district parking. I would like to remind residents that Pitman has untimed parking available at the following locations from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Sunset Auditorium, Shertel Park, Borough lot (northwest corner of Broadway) Simpson Avenue, and McBurney Field parking lot on Cleveland Avenue. Many streets along our Uptown District are also untimed, please take note of parking signs prior to parking. Please note that overnight parking permits do not override the timed parking limitations. Overnight parking permits give you permission to park overnight in designated Borough or Grove lots only.

The Pitman Police Department recently had its required inspection by the New Jersey State Department of Corrections of the holding cell and processing area and received a positive evaluation and certification of safety for the area. On March 3, Detective Barbetta and P/O Hoffman attended Tactical Medical Training for First Responders. Detective Barbetta attended the Reid Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation Techniques on March 25, as well as “Cop Shot” – The Aftermath Training on March 22.

Congratulations Patrolman Bailey for being offered a position at the Gloucester County Prosecutor’s Office. Officer Bailey was an intricate part of our community and will be missed.

Thank you to members of the Pitman Police Department and Public Works for installing a new cross walk between Kelly Green Brewing Company and the McCowan Memorial Library at Pitman Avenue.

Pitman Fire Department

Pitman Fire Company No. 1 is always looking for new volunteers. They invite you to attend a Tuesday night meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m. The meetings are located at Pitman Fire Company No. 1. All are welcome to attend.

The Highland Chemical Engine Company Spring Chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday, April 9, starting at 3:00 p.m. They invite you to come out and enjoy a delicious chicken dinner. Dinners sold out fast last year, so be sure to mark your calendars and come early! Highland’s Giant 50/50 Drawing will be held on May 7 at Bogeys Café. For additional information on how to obtain your 50/50 ticket, please visit Highland’s Facebook page. Highland Chemical Engine Company is always looking for new volunteers to not only assist with fighting fires, but also as social members, who are non-firefighters that work to support their mission through non-firefighting activities. To join Highland, you may contact them by phone 856-589-0832, social media, or just come to the station any Tuesday evening after 7:00 p.m.

The Pitman Fire Department is hosting their First Bubbles for Autism event on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Pitman Fire Company No. 1, located at 1 Commerce Avenue. Scheduled attendees include Pitman Volunteer Firefighters, You’re Not Alone, Gloucester County EMS, Gloucester County Sheriff’s Department, and many more! The Pitman Police and Fire Departments will have Autism/Developmental Disability registration forms available. Information provided on this form can greatly assist police and fire personnel while managing an emergency situation involving a loved one with a disability.

The Pitman Fire Department is always looking for members to participate in the Junior Program. The age to participate in the Junior Program is 14 to 17 years old. For more information, please reach out to district28explorers@gmail.com or through Pitman Fire Department Junior Firefighters on Facebook.

Senior Outreach Committee

Senior Outreach held their first event of 2022, on Friday, March 25th at VFW Post 6469. The event was a huge success, and residents had a wonderful time! Our next Senior Outreach Event will be held on April 11, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at VFW Post 6469, located at 142 Oakcrest Avenue. Games, prizes, and a light lunch will be served. We invite all Pitman Seniors to attend! I want to remind our residents that the Senior Bus schedule for April, can be found on the Borough of Pitman website, www.pitman.org. Senior Outreach will continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference

Room in Borough Hall. If you are interested in staying up to date with our 2022 Senior Outreach events, please contact Lucille Petrillo by phone (856) 357-2286, or email lucelu16@yahoo.com

As always, you can reach me anytime at courtney.milward@pitman.org or 856-716-4249.

Councilman Weng

Similar to last month's report I would like to devote my time to honor Women's History Month by talking about a famous Pitman resident, Jane Moffet. Jane Moffet was born in Pitman in 1930 and she was a member of the Pitman High School class of 1948. She was a two sport athlete playing basketball and field hockey. During World War II, in 1943, several Major League Baseball executives created the All American Girl Professional Baseball League. Today we would probably call it the All American Women's Professional Baseball League. The story of the All American Girls Baseball League was presented in a fictional fashion in the movie *A League of Their Own*.

In 1949, while she was a first-year student at Susquehanna State University, Jane attended try-outs with a friend. She was there for a moral support, and she helped out during the try-outs. She helped field balls and was such a natural athlete that she left that try-out with a contract in her hand. She played professional baseball for four seasons; she was the utility player, catcher, first base, and in the outfield.

Jane Moffet is currently a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown as part of the Women in Baseball exhibit.

After retiring from professional baseball, she earned her Master's Degree in Education from Rutgers University and taught in public schools until she retired after a combined forty years of teaching and as Principal of Saddlebrook High School.

Councilman Mazzola

Finance and Administration

The Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), through the Gloucester County Municipal Alliance, has awarded the Borough's Youth Council a grant in the amount of \$4,000.00, to be used for youth centered activities.

Beginning April 4, the website will be open for Borough Officials to complete their Financial Disclosure Statement online. Please contact the Borough Clerk for assistance. Please do not try to complete it prior to April 4.

Board of Education

The Board of Education met twice in March and has produced a balanced budget for next year and will have the public hearing on May 4, 2022. This budget includes a reduction of \$1.132M in state aid due to declining enrollment and the continued phase out of Senate Bill 2. Tax increases and cuts to spending were all considered in order to reach the balance.

An adjustment to the school calendar was made for the 2021/2022 school year to move the Pitman Middle School Moving up Ceremony to June 15, 2022, and Pitman High School Graduation to June 16, 2022, due to one unused snow day.

In recognition of Women's History Month, I would like to take this opportunity to thank an amazing team of women in the Finance Office here in the Borough. Judy, Nancy, Beth, and Andrea work hard for the residents of Pitman each and every day and I consider myself lucky to work with this amazing team.

Council President Fitzpatrick

Backyard Chicken Pilot Program

The chicken pilot program is now live, five households have applied for a coop.

Combined Planning and Zoning Board

The Planning and Zoning Board met on March 21 where they approved two site plan waivers and passed a resolution to hire the Borough Planner to conduct a study to see if Pitman should make the former Sony property a Condemnation Redevelopment Area. They are also updating the rules for a site plan waiver.

Community Development Block Grant

The Borough applied for, and received, a Community Development Block Grant from Gloucester County in the amount of \$50,000 for the addition of ADA curbs at Crafton, and S. Broadway, Cedar and Grant, Cedar and Laurel, East Holly and Linden, and East Holly and Franklin. This was part of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan that was created a few years ago.

Sustainable Jersey

Sustainable Jersey will be getting word out about the plastic bag ban that goes into effect on May 4. The Chairperson also wants to create a bike trail that will link the future dinosaur park with Uptown Pitman then back on the trail at Ceres Park.

Clean Communities Grant

Boy Scout Troop 55 cleaned up Shertel Park on Saturday and collected twenty bags of debris. If your nonprofit organization is interested in a Clean Communities Grant, print the application from the Borough's website and return it to me.

Councilperson James

2022 Liaison: Parks & Recreation, Library Board, Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce & Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Parks & Recreation

This is the last week for Pickleball, which was an enormous success. Tee ball will start on Wednesday, April 13, with the first practice of the season. The fifth through eighth grade Field Hockey Clinic is underway at the Middle School gym.

Anthony DeMatteo has stepped down from his position as Assistant Supervisor at Alcyon Lake Park and has moved south - he will be missed. Spring Soccer has started, and baseball/softball is also starting in a couple of weeks.

Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Pitman Chamber of Commerce meets twice on the first Monday of each month. The next meeting is on April 4, 2022. This month the speaker series topic will be "How to Hack your Google Business Profile to Drive Sales" from presenters Glenda Barachko and Jeff Rollins. You can hear the

presentation at the Chamber Check-in at 10:00 a.m. at Wonder Time or at the Monthly Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Hall. See this presentation, network with other business owners, and discover what's next for the GPCC.

Representatives from the Chamber recently met with the Pitman Police Department to discuss parking enforcement and the lack of parking Uptown. One of the issues discussed was ensuring that business owners, their employees, and visitors to Pitman know about parking areas within walking distance where they can park with no time limit. The Chamber will be disseminating this information more widely both on social media and through other means. We ask our business owners and their employees to please seek parking alternatives within a short walk to the Uptown, so that prime parking spots remain available for customers. We are working to create and implement some viable solutions and will continue to update you on our progress.

Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The next meeting of the DEI will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Conference Room. Meetings are open to the public.

Finally, in honor of Women's History Month, I wanted to call attention to some of the local women's history right here in Pitman. First, I would like to recognize Pitman's first and only female Mayor, Alice Polocz. Mayor Polocz served as Mayor for Pitman from 2004 to 2008 and prior to that, she served as a member of Pitman Borough Council for ten years. Mayor Polocz also served Pitman while on the Board of the Business Association, as President of the Pitman Rotary, and for forty-eight years, she owned and operated Bob's Hobbies in Uptown Pitman. Additionally, Mayor Polocz was instrumental in helping to establish our Pitman Craft Fairs which we continue to enjoy in the spring and fall of each year!

Secondly, I would like to acknowledge the Women's Club of Pitman who just celebrated their 100-year Anniversary this past summer! The Women's Club of Pitman supports a variety of charitable causes in Pitman, including the McCowan Memorial Library. Thank you to Mayor Polocz and the Women's Club of Pitman for your years of service to our Borough.

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.

Councilman Kelly

Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee signed a contract with Graham Communications for the production of a video promoting business development in Pitman. They also are in the process of receiving three bids for the installation and the purchase of two E/V charging stations. We have two sights that they are considering, one at Holly Avenue and Broadway, and the other behind Borough Hall.

Public Works

February waste and recycling

Twenty-five loads to Wheelabrator, totaling 262.35 tons at a cost of \$21,031.80

Two loads to Gloucester County Landfill totaling 23.65 tons, at a cost of \$19,03.58

Total solid waste disposal was 285.99 tons at a cost of \$22,935.38

Ninety cubic yards of brush was hauled to various places at a cost of \$810.00
Electronic waste collected totaled 0.97 tons
Recycling collected totaled 67.12 tons at a cost of \$1,116.16, with a plastic bag charge of \$50.00

Youth Council Report- Fiona James, Youth Advisory Council Member

The Youth Council members have approved a survey that they will be sending out this week to the students at Pitman High School and Pitman Middle School. The survey will accompany the announcement to the students about the creation of the Youth Advisory Council and encouraging attendance at our public meetings.

A member of the Youth Council attended a meeting of the Recreation Commission in order to establish a baseline relationship.

The Youth Council approved the creation of the official email for the Pitman Youth Advisory Council and assigned oversight to the email account. The email is [Pitmanyouthcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:pitmanyouthcouncil@gmail.com)

Finally, we continue to discuss our involvement in the upcoming Annual Youth Week Youth Council meeting. In doing so, we brainstormed potential activities around our older youth citizens and we also assigned a few members to meet with the Supervisor of the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss the coordination of planning Youth Week events.

New Business

Prior to considering new business, Mayor Razzo announced that Ordinance No. 1, 2022 will be removed from the agenda as it was incomplete.

Ordinance No. 1, 2022 – Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman Authorizing and Encouraging Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment (EVSE) and Make-Ready Parking Spaces

He also announced that Resolution No. 57, 2022 will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered by Council separately.

Resolution No. 57, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Opposing the Glassboro-Camden Line

Motion to Remove from Consent Agenda: Kelly Second: Fitzpatrick

Motion to Amend Resolution No. 57, 2022

Motion: James

Second: Weng

Councilperson James – I would like to make the following amendments to this motion. I believe that it is in the best interest of Pitman to take a neutral position on the GCL at this time. I am personally not for it or against it, we have discussed this at length at Council meetings and I share the same position as the Mayor. If we are in a neutral position and request additional information, that will hold their feet to the fire more than if the Council sends a solid no. If we say no, the higher powers are not going to listen to us as much as if we remain neutral and are collecting and asking for additional information. _So, with that in mind, this is how I propose that we amend this resolution.

For the title instead of saying opposing we insert ‘concern.’

For the first paragraph, we insert ‘it is our understanding.’

In the second paragraph we insert ‘it is our understating.’

The third paragraph insert instead of ‘stands to be,’ we put in ‘Pitman may be negatively impacted’
For the fourth paragraph, where ‘as the governing body of the Borough of Pitman strongly believe that we owe a duty to the residents and the tax payers, instead of saying ‘we oppose the GCL until such time’, we strike that and insert, ‘to vigorously pursue additional information regarding the GCL including the opportunity to access the engineering report when they are available’, and then the remainder of that paragraph.

The next paragraph, instead of saying ‘opposing the GCL,’ we insert ‘we request the aforementioned information regarding construction of the GCL.’

Councilman Kelly – Taking out the word “oppose” basically is saying we don’t care one way or another because it has been voted on in several towns already. Woodbury voted yes, and Glassboro voted yes. What we have right here is the present Conrail line, and it is not good for the people of Pitman. We are a walking school district and you can put up all the safety things you want but how many times do we cross the railroad anyway? Environmentally, it is not a good for our community. There are properties along the railroad track that are already contaminated. These tracks have been there since the 1800’s so opening them up could create an assortment of problems, this is a great concern.

Councilman Weng - When you say other municipalities voted recently voted to support the GCL, didn’t Pitman vote to have stops? Was this a vote or a discussion?

Mayor – I believe there was a vote when that took place.

Councilman Weng – There was a vote at that time, to request stops. I agree with Councilperson James.

Councilwoman Milward – Can we vote to remove the stops?

Mayor – This Governing Body can vote to do whatever we would like to do. At the end of the day I’m not sure how much authority we have and I only say that because when it has come up before, I have spoken with some officials along the River Line. I know of one town that opposed a stop in their community, and their opposition did not stop them from putting in a stop.

Councilman Weng – For the record, this resolution itself is symbolic, we cannot stop the train, nor can we stop the stop.

Councilman Kelly – But what we can do, is maybe use Alternate 1 and Alternate 2, which would actually reduce traffic on the highways. Change the route, use Route 55 to tie this to Atlantic City to Philly and Cape May to Philly lines.

Councilperson James – I share a lot of concerns that Councilman Kelly has expressed about the environment and different things. My position is a more strategic one. I believe Pitman is in a stronger position if we stay neutral on this and make demands for information and really say we might go either way or we may have more questions. I need answers before I say no. If we say no, why would they want to listen to us anymore?

Councilman Weng – At the end of the day, we are trying to send a message to the policy makers who can change this plan. I think it is naïve to think that they don’t already know. They know our position and

this resolution will not change this; they already know our position. A no vote can shut us out of some of those discussions. Whereas a yes vote might give us a better bargaining position as far as addressing our concerns.

Councilman Kelly – We owe it to our constituents.

Councilperson James – We need to be the best advocates we can for Pitman, and it’s my position by keeping this stance.

Councilman Kelly – We will lose 110 parking spaces. The business district cannot handle this. We just had someone complaining about parking. I know it is symbolic and whatever we decide to do, I’m not sure they would do it anyway.

Mayor – Just to be clear on the changes, and I’m not reading the entire original resolution. Specifically, the fourth paragraph, where Councilperson James made the most notable change says, ‘whereas the governing body and the Borough of Pitman strongly believes that we owe a duty to the residents in the town and taxpayers to vigorously pursue additional information regarding the GCL, including the opportunity to assess the engineering reports when they are available.’ This is the next step in this process. The next step is for them to move forward and have the engineering done on this project, as they move towards completion.

The original reads ‘whereas the governing body of the Borough of Pitman strongly believes that ultimately we owe a duty to the residents and taxpayers to oppose the GCL unless and until such time as the Borough and its residents are given conclusive and supplemental information and documentation to address aforementioned concerns of the residents and the Borough Council, as well as the opportunity to provide additional input to our elected and appointed officials at the state level.’

Acting on the Motion to amend Resolution No. 57, 2022 as Councilperson James presented it:

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: No	Councilperson James: Yes
Councilman Kelly: No	Councilman Mazzola: Yes
Councilwoman Milward: No	Councilman Weng: Yes
Mayor Raze: No	

Acting on the original version of Resolution No. 57, 2022 opposing the GCL as presented:

Motion: Kelly Second: Fitzpatrick

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes	Councilperson James: No
Councilman Kelly: Yes	Councilman Mazzola: No
Councilwoman Milward: Yes	Councilman Weng: No
Mayor Raze: Yes	

New Business

Consent Agenda – All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by this Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be

considered separately.

Resolution No. 68, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman Authorizing the Public Sale of Tax Sale Certificate 18-00008

Resolution No. 69, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman Authorizing the Opportunity for Residential Ratepayers to Enter Into an Installment Plan for Satisfying Unpaid Balances on Water and Sewer Bills Accrued Between March 9, 2020, and March 15, 2022

Resolution No. 70, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Adoption of the 2022 Gloucester County, New Jersey Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Resolution No. 71, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving Payment No. 2 (Final) and Change Order No. 1 to the Contract With Lexa Concrete, LLC for the FY 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program Grant Reconstruction of Tuohy Avenue Project

Resolution No. 72, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving Payment No. 4 (Final) to the Contract With Paving Plus, LLC for the FY 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program Grant for the Resurfacing of Glen Lake Avenue, Seneca Avenue and Adams Avenue Project

Resolution No. 73, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Refund of Electrical, Plumbing, Fire, and Building Permit Fees Collected by the Borough of Pitman Construction Office From Northeast Mechanical Services, Inc. for a Project Affecting the Pitman United Methodist Church in the Borough of Pitman

Resolution No. 74, 2022 – 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:

Personnel: Use of Sick, Personal, and Vacation Time Prior to Retirement

Action may be taken upon returning to an open meeting.

Resolution No. 75, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing Submission of a Strategic Plan for the DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant for the FY 2022-2023

Resolution No. 76, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing Shawn McGough as a Member of the Borough of Pitman Economic Development Committee

Resolution No. 77, 2022 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving Participation With the State of New Jersey Federal Grant Program Administered by the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety

Motion: Fitzpatrick

Second: Kelly

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: Yes

Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

Raffle License Application

Applicant: Pitman Athletic Association

Type of Raffle: Off-Premises Draw

Date and Time: May 21, 2022; 4:00 p.m.

Location of Drawing: Pitman Craft Show – 110 S. Broadway

Contact Person: Denni Lockman-Stoms

Motion: Milward

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

Event Permit Applications

Event: Bubbles for Autism/Fire Prevention

Date & Time: April 2, 2022; 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Fire Company No. 1

Sponsor: Pitman Fire Department

Contact Person: Joe Evans

Motion: Milward

Second: Weng

Roll Call:

Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes

Councilperson James: Yes

Councilman Kelly: Yes

Councilman Mazzola: Yes

Councilwoman Milward: Yes

Councilman Weng: Yes

Mayor Razze: _____

Event: Live Music

Date & Time: April 1, 2022 – October 2, 2022

Wed. & Thurs.; 5pm - 9pm Fri. 5pm – 10pm Sat. & Sun. 12pm – 10pm

Location: Ballard Park at Broadway and Pitman Ave.

Sponsor: Merryman's Pub
Contact Person: Bill Merryman
Motion: Milward
Roll Call:
Council President Fitzpatrick: Yes
Councilman Kelly: Yes
Councilwoman Milward: Yes
Mayor Razze _____

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

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

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Milward
Time: 8:52 p.m.

Second: Mazzola

Judy Walker, 503 Hudson Avenue – It was pretty clear on Councilperson James vote on the strategic advantage of neutrality, I am less clear on the no vote.

Mayor – I struggled with the neutrality, the commitment made that we owe it to the residents as a governing body, to be their voice. So, I took what we heard at prior meetings and I went back and this is for me only, I'm not speaking for anyone else. I looked at the survey that Council put out to the community. It's the only look essentially, other than the comments we get on the street when we are walking around. I went back to the survey and looked at the results of that survey as an indicator of where our residents were. When I look at that survey, 63% of respondents, (it was a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being not in favor and 10 being in favor), 63% of the residents scored a 4 or less that responded to that. So more than half of the residents responded in opposition of the GCL. So in my mind, as I was preparing how this vote would go, was that I could vote the way I saw the residents wanting us to vote and based on those results that's how I voted and made my determination.

Charles Hughes, 31 N. Childs Street, Woodbury NJ - I oppose the GCL. There will be 140 passes in town, traffic will come to a stop, it will cut the city off, all the rails will be replaced for faster and heavier trains, 90% of the people who signed the petition are not in favor. Electric buses are coming to New Jersey. The people who are in favor do not live along the tracks.

Paul Blass, 517 E. Holly Avenue - For the vote in 2013 to approve train stops, our major reason was for safety.

Anthony Aliveiri, 522 Delaware Street, Woodbury NJ - I am against the GCL. I canvassed your town and not one resident that I met was in favor of the GCL. We have a pamphlet that has 12 points that show why this is no so great.

Sandy Keller, 139 W. Holly Avenue - Regarding recycling, are you saying that we are not selling our recycling and now have to pay to have it removed? Councilman Kelly responded, yes, that the foreign countries stopped buying our recycling years ago. Ms. Keller asked if there are ways to improve Pitman's recycling? Councilman Kelly said that we have seen some improvement in the fact that we were only fined \$50.00 for plastic bags in our last load. Ms. Keller, in regard to the parking issues, asked if it is the

residents who are monopolizing the parking spots? Chief McAteer said that the Police Department started an audit last Friday on the parking issue but does not have any numbers yet.

Clarisse Maggio, 58C S. Broadway - I bought a parking permit for \$100.00, which I thought was for me to park all day and night. Now I am told that I have to move my vehicle every three hours during the day or I will get a ticket.

Karen Landy, 58 S. Broadway- Parking issue, this is too much to keep moving my vehicle every three hours and I was told to park at a lot that is not timed then move my vehicle back at night, this is all too much. The parking issues are a deterrent for anyone who wants to move to Pitman.

Kevin Austin 562 Florence Avenue - Alcyon Lake west bank stabilization project?

Mayor - This is the beach at Alcyon Park, which has heavy erosion due to rainfall and runoff.

Kevin Austin - The school budget, does Council communicate with the school?

Councilman Mazzola - We have no say. I have had conversations with the members on the budget and ask questions to stay informed. They are facing drastic cuts in aid. They are going to have state officials come in for the fraction of the cost to help out.

Mayor - We have two Council members at the meeting who are constantly asking questions.

Kevin Austin - Regarding the E/V charging stations, this is crazy to take away two parking spots. Only 3% of cars in the nation are electric.

Kevin Austin - The GCL is not good for safety reasons but also for house fires. If a fire truck gets stuck because the train gates are down this could be devastating.

Lois Hatfield, 256 Evergreen Avenue, Mantua - I have lived in Pitman for 75 years off and on. The GCL is evolving every day and I am in favor of this. It will help with the parking situation.

Joe Hitzel, 192 S. West Street, Wenonah - I am not against the train, but I am against the alignment of the train. Both the DEP and Conrail had concerns about the environmental impact which was noted in the 2021 study. The DVRPC does not know the results of the studies. Read the Environmental Impact Study before reading the Engineering Study.

Walt Madison, 152 West Avenue - We could always make the two triangle parks back in the Grove into parking areas. Not in favor of Sunday Craft Shows because of the impact it will have on church parking.

Motion to close the public portion: Weng
Time: 9:42 p.m.

Second: Milward

Closed Meeting

Motion to Enter a Closed Meeting: James
Time: 9:43 p.m.

Second: Weng

