

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**July 24, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Time: 7:05 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 and the Courier Post, posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, and advertised on the Borough of Pitman website.

Roll Call

Council President Fitzpatrick: present
Councilman Kelly: present
Councilwoman Milward: present
Mayor Razzo: present
Clerk McCafferty: present

Councilperson James: present
Councilman Mazzola: present
Councilman Weng: present
Borough Solicitor Vigilante: present

Discussion

Motion to Open Discussion: Weng
Time: 7:05 p.m.

Second: James

Armory Discussion

Councilman Weng opened the discussion about the armory and the cleanup which lead into another discussion regarding the buffer zone and the area that could possibly be developed. Councilman Weng continued to discuss having an appraisal done to the site to help give a value of the property and the best use of the property.

Chairman Nick Aspras of the Planning Zoning Board also added comments on how the buffering area can be laid out.

Update on Parking Ordinance, One Way Streets, Crossing Guards

Chief McAteer updated the Council on the parking ordinance regarding the parking signs in front of the post office. No federal law exists, so the signs are good, except for the time. Chief McAteer asked the Mayor and Council to resubmit that part of the parking ordinance as soon as they are ready. The Chief continued by saying the signs will be for 15-minute parking while the post office is open, and while it's closed it would be open for the three-hour parking.

Chief McAteer opened the discussion on the one-way street changes.

First - Clinton Ave - The first block off of Holly Ave will be one way heading towards Elwood Ave.

Second – Woodlyne Ave between East Holly Ave and Glenmere Ave - coming past the former Pitman Middle School, now Pitman Elementary School, out to Holly Ave. That will give a loop of Esplanade Ave, right around and back out to Holly Ave.

Third - Albert Ave - by Memorial School, and that will be one way heading eastbound towards Elm Ave. Just the block that the school sits on.

Chief McAteer opened a discussion about the crossing guards. He explained that prior years there were 18 posts and now there will be 13 posts. Six of these posts will be doubled, so if needed, one of them can be pulled to cover call outs at other posts. All crossing guards will stay employed with the Borough.

Chief McAteer explained the other issue at hand is Pitman Elementary School, formerly Pitman Middle School, will have about 3 hours of recess. The school has requested a crossing guard at that location for those times. The Chief gave credit to Deputy Chief and Lieutenant Streeter for providing these highlights from a meeting they just attended with the School's Business Administrator, Carisa Rose. The Chief continued by explaining there are 3 recesses and the time for these periods are 10:55am to 1:25pm. There is a possibility that one of those slots will be at lunchtime and a crossing guard

wouldn't necessarily need to be on duty. However, to be safe and to ensure coverage with any changes they may have to make, there will be a crossing guard available.

Administrator Updates

Administrator McCafferty explained that she may have mis-spoken on the agenda as far as the banner policy and what was provided to Council. The forms that were with the Council's packet are the forms that are handed out when requesting to use different areas of our town. Some of these forms need to be updated and possibly broken down to different areas of usage.

Mayor Razze mentioned a business owner expressing their concerns about businesses coming into town to use our spaces to make a profit.

Solicitor Vigilante opened a discussion regarding the banners on Broadway and suggested a discussion at a later time about a policy for those banners. Ms. Vigilante also added the LED sign may want to be part of the policy change.

Mayor Razze explained that each year we apply for the Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant through our Police Department and this needs to be done in a timely manner. Since it did not make the formal agenda and with Council's approval, the resolution will be voted on at this meeting.

Councilwoman Milward read the following resolution:

Resolution No. 110, 2023 – New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General 2023 Safe and Secure Communities Program

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

Council President Fitzpatrick gave an explanation regarding the 2023 RTC Trail Grants resolution on the agenda at the next meeting. Since the trail path hasn't been decided yet the focus is going to be on enhanced striping, signage and flashing beacons at Holly Ave, Oak Ave and Lambs Rd.

Motion to close discussion: Weng

Second: James

Time: 7:46p.m.

Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Mazzola

Second: Milward

Time: 7:46 p.m.

Beth Portocalis, 301 Washington Ave addressed the Council regarding the peddling ordinance and asked the Council to pass a No Knock policy to stop unwanted peddlers from coming to their doors. Ms. Portocalis handed out policies done in neighboring towns.

Lucille Petrillo, 4 Holly Glenn Drive asked the Council for an update with the HOA reimbursement. Administrator McCafferty stated there was no update.

Michael Grillo, 155 West Ave suggested to Council that where the parking signs are with the arrows, to possibly add shopping to those signs.

