

THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020, AT 7:00 PM, VIA ZOOM PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

The following notice of the meeting was sent:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., as amended by A-3850, and in consideration of Executive Orders No. 103 and 107, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9 and 21, 2020 respectively, declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey, the City of Burlington does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens while ensuring the continued functioning of government, the Regular meeting of the Common Council scheduled for December 1, 2020 will be held electronically only. Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting may do so by calling in or joining at 7:00p.m. Individuals calling in or joining will be able to fully participate in the meeting, including providing public comment.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Municipal Clerk

Members present: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Hollingsworth, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Lollar. (7) Absent: (0)

Also present: Mayor Conaway, Chief Financial Officer- Ken Mac Millan, Director of Housing- Bill Harris, Municipal Attorney- Lou Garty, Chief Fine, Redevelopment Consultant- Jim Kennedy, Director of Public Works, Bill Curry and Director of Public Affairs, John Alexander

INVOCATION

Father Connor Haynes of St. Mary's Episcopal Church

SALUTE TO FLAG

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Hatala, moved that all Consent Agenda items be approved. It was seconded by Councilman Chachis. All were in favor.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOVEMBER 2020

NOTICES, AGENDAS, MINUTES, REPORTS, ETC. RECEIVED

AGENDAS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS BOARDS

11-01 Screening Board for December 2, 2020

11-02 Historic Preservation Commission for December 2, 2020

COMMUNICATION TO AND FROM MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

11-300 Alaimo Group, dated November 11, 2020, re: 2021 Roadway Construction Projects

CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM BURLINGTON COUNTY

11-500 Burlington County NJLINCS-HAN Covid 19 information

CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

11-700 NJDOT, dated November 16, 2020, re: City of Burlington selected to receive funding

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

11-800 Frank Caruso, Emergency Management Coordinator, re: Covid-19

11-801 Endeavor Emergency Squad, Inc., re: statistics for October 2020

11-802 Family of Eugene W. Noll, re: thank you for fruit basket

11-803 PSE&G, re: utility scams

11-804 Kwame Asamoah, on behalf of Jehovah's Witnesses, dated November 4, 2020, re:
Watchtower

11-805 Important Information about drinking water

11-806 Bill Curry, DPW Director, dated November 13, 2020, re: Message from County
Recycling

11-807 Mason, Griffin and Pierson, dated November 23, 2020, re: Burlington Twp. Planning
Board Public Hearing

11-808 Matrix New World, dated November 23, 2020, re: Wetlands Application, Block 127,
Lots 1,1.01, 2.01, 2.02

NOTICES OF FORECLOSURES

11-900 Block 16, Lot 8

APPROVAL OF INVOICES*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

LIMITING CITIZENS TO SPEAK NO MORE THAN TWO (2) MINUTES, ONLY ONE TIME EACH, DURING THIS MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2020*

ORDINANCE(S) - INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 207 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON (LAND USE)

Upon the motion of Councilman Chachis, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hollingsworth, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Lollar. (6); NAYS: Ms. Hatala. (1); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING & FINAL DISPOSITION

ORDINANCE NO. 17- 2020 OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 1, LOT 8 (499 VETERANS DRIVE)

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is a Faulkner Act municipality with a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-31, et seq., with its organization, positions, powers, and duties outlined within the Code of the City of Burlington as set forth pursuant to the Faulkner Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is the owner of a parcel of land located at 499 Veterans Drive, within the City of Burlington and the building on that parcel is owned by Formerly Mother's Inc., a private entity, which leases the land at that location from the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington ("Landlord" or "City") acquired title to the Land (defined below) on July 13, 1977, by deed from the United States of America which was thereafter recorded with the Burlington County Clerk on July 15, 1977, in Deed Book 1991, Page 1125, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, after the formation of the Joint Burlington Economic Development Corporation, a New Jersey non-profit corporation ("JBEDC") on or about April 25, 1978, the City of Burlington leased the Land to the JBEDC by lease dated September 1, 1983 (the "City Lease"); and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the City Lease was amended and supplemented by several times by lease documents between the City and JBEDC dated November 11, 1994, but retroactively effective as of June 1, 1994 and also a Lease dated May 19, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the JBEDC ceased to operate as of August 8, 2003, pursuant to the mutual agreement of the City and Township of Burlington ("Township"), which municipalities originally formed the JBEDC and thereafter the JBEDC corporate charter was revoked as of November 16, 2005; and

WHEREAS, when the JBEDC ceased operations on August 8, 2003, the City of Burlington, as the record title owner of the Land and Landlord under the City Lease, assumed all of the rights and obligations as the landlord under the JBEDC Lease and has from August 8, 2003, to the present date continued in that capacity, including under subsequent Restated and Ratified Ground Lease and Lease dated October 21, 2014 (the "Restated Lease"), which was amended by that certain First Amendment to the Restated and Ratified Lease, dated October 21, 2014 between Tenant (as defined below) and the City (the Restated Lease, as amended, the "Lease"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington and Formerly Mother's, Inc., a New Jersey corporation (hereinafter "Mother's" or the "Tenant") as successor in interests to Mother's Kitchen, Inc., by virtue of a name change, executed and delivered a Restated and Ratified Ground Lease and Lease on October 21, 2014 (the "Restated Lease"); and

WHEREAS, by assignment, dated as of October 21, 2014, Mother's conveyed all of its right, title and interest under the Restated Lease to Burlington Real Estate Holding LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company, which is now the tenant ("Tenant") under the subject Lease; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Restated and Ratified Ground Lease Agreement between the parties, dated November 18, 2014, expressly provides the tenant with the option to purchase the land for fair market value, based upon a request made to the City pursuant to the terms of the lease; and

WHEREAS, based upon the receipt of a written request received from the tenant invoking this term of the lease, the City seeks to engage in negotiations for the sale of the land to the Tenant for fair market value, which value shall be determined pursuant to the process set forth in the Lease between the parties; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the City of Burlington has determined that certain City-owned property, identified on the Tax Map as Block 1, Lot 8 ("the Property"), also known as 499 Veterans Drive is no longer needed for public purposes as contemplated by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13; and

WHEREAS, the Property is located within the Commerce Square Redevelopment Area, established by the City in May of 2004 and governed by a Redevelopment Plan, as evidenced via Ordinance No. 11-2004; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8g and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-22j, the City may, among other things, authorize the sale of property located within redevelopment areas without the necessity for public bidding; and

WHEREAS, in order to assist the City's counsel and professionals during negotiations for the sale of the land to the Tenant for fair market value, the Common Council finds it appropriate and necessary to authorize the Solicitor and/or the Administration to retain the consulting services of a commercial real estate appraiser to assist the Common Council in assessing fair market value.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council for the City of Burlington that certain City-owned property, identified on the Tax Map as Block 1, Lot 8, (more commonly known as 499 Veterans Drive), is no longer needed for public purposes and shall be sold pursuant to the authority outlined with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8g and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-22j; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City and its Administrative staff and consultants are granted the authority to solicit bids or quotations for the services of a commercial appraiser and also to engage in negotiations with the Tenant as to the sales price and other terms for the sale of the subject land, which shall be presented to the Common Council for the City of Burlington for the review and consideration of the Common Council; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Upon the motion of Councilman Babula, seconded by Councilman Chachis, the foregoing ordinance was introduced.

Public Comments

None.

Council Comments

None.

This ordinance was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Hollingsworth, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Lollar. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS*

Resolution No. 281-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 281-2020 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING A SHORT-TERM TEMPORARY LEASE WITH RYDE SPIN FITNESS, LLC FOR OCCUPANCY OF A PORTION OF 302 COMMERCE SQUARE BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Burlington recognizes that there is a global pandemic, affecting operations of many businesses within the State of New Jersey and in Burlington County, and that as a result of the pandemic and health restrictions imposed; and

WHEREAS, Common Council of the City of Burlington recognizes that business operators such as the Lessee have need to lease space on a temporary basis in order to operate a business to serve an existing client base; and

WHEREAS, Ryde Spin and Fitness Studio, LLC, is an existing business in the City of Burlington which currently operates its business in a site which is not amenable to the required social distancing for health measures; and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize that the Lessee has indicated a desire to Administration officials that it would like to enter into a short term lease a portion of the available space on City-owned property located at 302 Commerce Square Boulevard consisting of approximately 1080 square feet and as identified in the lease as the area depicted in Exhibit A, and that a short term lease for a period of approximately two (2) months will enable the Lessee to serve its customers and thus retain staff jobs and client services; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the principal owners of Ryde Spin and Fitness Studio, LLC have indicated to the City that Ryde Spin and Fitness Studio, LLC, is an ongoing business and is a duly incorporated business authorized to operate within the State of New Jersey and that the Lessee has a valid mercantile license for the operation of its business in the City of Burlington; and

WHEREAS, Common Council of the City of Burlington previously authorized the Administration to explore opportunities to enter into a short term lease on terms which are reasonable and mutually beneficial so that that the owner/operator of an ongoing business in the City of Burlington can continue to operate its business in a site which is amenable to the required social distancing for health measures; and

WHEREAS, the term of the proposed lease for the premises is for a term of approximately two (2) months, commencing on November 23, 2020 through January 31, 2021 and does provide for a security deposit and documentation of insurance coverage by the Lessor/Tenant; and

WHEREAS, the terms, condition and provisions for the proposed lease for the premises was drafted by and determined to be satisfactory by the Solicitor and the Lease has been signed by Ryde Spin Fitness Studio, LLC.

WHEREAS, entering into a short term Lease with Ryde Spin Fitness Studio, LLC to enable the Lessor to be able to continue to operate its business during the pandemic will facilitate the needs of the City, its residents and the Lessor in providing much needed physical activities for its clients and promotes the best interests of the City of Burlington and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;

1. That the Common Council of the City of Burlington does hereby authorize the execution of the Short Term Lease with Ryde Spin Fitness Studio, LLC in the form of Lease as attached to this Resolution with the commencement of the term of the lease ratified to be effective on November 23, 2020;
2. Upon receipt of the fully executed Lease Agreement with Ryde Spin Fitness Studio, LLC and the provision of all required insurance and other documentation and the security deposit, the Common Council does hereby further authorize the Mayor's Administration to take such actions as are reasonable and necessary so as to enable the Lessor to take possession of the leased premises.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Chachis, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Hollingsworth, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Lollar. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 282-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 282-2020 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NJ ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES, LLC, FOR THE PROVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS PENDING RECEIPT OF NEW SERVICE PROPOSALS

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (“City”) has in place a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Willingboro (“Willingboro”) to provide Animal Control Services to the City of Burlington; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Agreement with the Township is for a one (1) year term, which is renewable on an annual basis as provided for in the Agreement and was renewed previously renewed for an one year term in 2020 and which is scheduled to expire in March of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement requires the City of Burlington to pay an annual fee of \$14,000 (Fourteen Thousand dollars) to the Township of Willingboro, to receive the Animal Control services consistent with the terms of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department, in conjunction with the Administration, has reviewed the level of service currently being provided and has determined that due to numerous unanticipated interruptions in service by the Township, that it is in the best interest of the City to end the shared services with the Township and to enter into an Agreement with a private for the purpose of providing the required Animal Control Services (“ACO”) to the City of Burlington; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department, in conjunction with the Administration, has reviewed the availability of private vendors capable of providing the requested services and has proposals from experienced private vendors to provide the required ACO services; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has reviewed the proposals and reviewed the credentials, references and the service history of the entities making a proposal to provide the ACO services to the City on a monthly interim basis; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department, in conjunction with the Administration, has received a proposal from NJ Animal Control Services, LLC and has recommended that the Common; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Animal Control, LLC (NJAC) has provided credentials indicating it is a full-service animal and wildlife control business which has experience in domestic animal rescue, wildlife trapping, animal removal, beaver dam removal, geese management, deceased animal removal, and inspection and remediation services to businesses and residents in the central-south New Jersey area; and

WHEREAS, the owner of NJAC is a N.J. State-certified Animal Cruelty Investigator (ACI) and Animal Control Officer (ACO) and NJAC has four additional N.J. State-certified Animal Control Officers (ACOs); and

WHEREAS, NJAC has submitted a proposal providing for basic monthly animal control services which covers the certain animal control services during normal business hours of Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm at a cost of \$950 per month and also provided a schedule of various additional fees for additional services such as a charge per call for emergency services, such as weekend services, handling animal surrenders, and other services as defined and set forth in the proposal submitted with the schedule of fees; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Burlington reviewed the proposal of NJAC to provide ACO services at a monthly cost of \$950 and determined that authorizing execution of an Agreement with NJAC for ACO services on a monthly basis for \$950 pending the receipt of proposals for services on an annual basis would be beneficial to the City in order to meet the needs of an Animal Control Officer; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of performing the requested services is not anticipated to exceed the State bidding threshold of \$17,500 such that no public bid is required pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council also finds it necessary for the Mayor and Administration to take such action as is appropriate and necessary to terminate the existing contract with the Township of Willingboro for the provision of Animal Control Services to the City for the remainder of the contract term.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the execution of the Agreement with NJAC to provide ACO services at a monthly cost of \$950 and consistent with the schedule of costs for additional services as set forth in the proposal by NJAC and authorizes the agreement to be effective as of December 1, 2020; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the Administration to issue an RFP/RFQ to seek proposals from qualified firms to provide ACO services to the City of Burlington on an annual basis in 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority granted to the City, the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes all necessary steps to be taken to terminate the existing contract with the Township of Willingboro for the provision of Animal Control Services to the City and to implement and/or effectuate the new Agreement with NJAC for Animal Control Services.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilwoman Hatala, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Hollingsworth, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Lollar. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 283-2020

WHEREAS, on December 14, 1770, Captain Thomas Webb, a retired British Army officer and Methodist preacher, formed a Methodist class in Burlington, later to become the Broad Street United Methodist Church. This gave Burlington the honor of being the first place in New Jersey where Methodism was permanently established; and

WHEREAS, for years the Methodists were forced to gather for prayer in the homes of members or at the local Court House when, on or about 1787, a distinguished Burlington resident Major Joseph Bloomfield, offered a piece of land located on Library Street to construct their first house of worship. In 1788, two dedicated church goers and local merchants, George Smith and James Sterling worked together to raise funding for materials and labor to erect the first church building; and

WHEREAS, in 1820 the second church building was built, and in 1847 the present church building was erected. The foundation of the new church was started on the anniversary of the birth of the founding Methodist spiritual leader, John Wesley. The church underwent a full renovation in 1887 which included, the addition for a Sunday School, the beautiful memorial stained-glass windows, and the installation of the pipe organ; and

WHEREAS, over the years in the early 1900's additional construction changes took place along with the addition of electric. In 1950 with land purchased from James Birch the church constructed the Sunday School Temple, in which all labor was donated. In September of 1955 the illuminated Cross was dedicated which shines as a beacon of faith and love; and

WHEREAS, the congregation has celebrated many historic accomplishments and milestones and their spiritual support is what has helped residents and the community through some very difficult times; from the loss of President Lincoln, to wars and illnesses, the Broad Street United Methodist Church has been there for spiritual support and comfort;

NOW THEREFORE, on behalf of the City of Burlington, Mayor Barry W. Conaway, along with members of Common Council do hereby congratulate Reverend Kim Crutchfield and the Broad Street United Methodist Church on the celebration of their 250th Anniversary; and

FURTHERMORE, be it known that the City of Burlington and its officials wish the Broad Street United Methodist Church many more years of celebration and worship.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilwoman Hatala, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Hollingsworth, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Lollar. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 284-2020*

RESOLUTION NO. 284-2020 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ISSUE AN RFP/RFQ TO OBTAIN PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS AND/OR FIRMS TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ON AN ANNUAL BASIS SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is a Faulkner Act municipality with a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-31, *et seq.*, with its organization, positions, powers, and duties outlined within the Code of the City of Burlington as set forth pursuant to the Faulkner Act; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with FEMA's Community Rating System regulations and in interpreting Flood Elevation Certificates (FECs), the City of Burlington needs to retain the services of a Certified Flood Plain Manager; and

WHEREAS, FEMA regulations require that such services be performed by an independent contractor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington currently has in place a contract with a Certified Flood Plain Manager for the provision of these services in which the term of the Agreement is scheduled to end shortly; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with FEMA's regulations and to retain a Certified Flood Plain Manager for the provision of these services in the upcoming year, the City needs to explore options for providing such services and to explore opportunities to retain the services of an experienced, reputable and dependable Certified Flood Plain Manager Services; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to engage in the open competitive contracting process pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, and is hereby authorizing the issuance of a Request for Proposals and/or Request for Qualifications (RFP/RFQ) to solicit bids from qualified consultants to provide such services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council for the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the Mayor's Administrative staff, as necessary, to prepare, publish, and notice a RFP/RFQ in order to solicit bids from qualified consultants to provide Certified Flood Plain Manager services from individuals and/or companies qualified to provide the requested services for the City of Burlington, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of bids and review of the proposals, and upon recommendation from the City's Administration and Professionals, the City shall take such further action as may be necessary to secure the services of a Certified Flood Plain Manager, including entering into a contract for the provision of the requested services on the terms most beneficial to the City of Burlington and its residents.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 285-2020*

Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby appoints the following members to the Housing Authority for the term of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025, as requested per letter dated October 5, 2020:

James Lithgow
Jeanette Mercuri
Natalie Cox
Ezell Jackson

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 286-2020*

A resolution providing for a meeting not opened to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. N.J.S.A. 10:4-12: Therefore be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Burlington, assembled in public session on December 1, 2020, that an Executive Session Closed to the Public shall be held on December 1, 2020, via ZOOM for discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated in this resolution:

Contracts/Real Estate N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7):

- 302 Commerce Square Boulevard (Former YMCA)
- Propel Opportunity Fund, Inc. Redeveloper's Agreement - Opportunity Site #1

The nature of the discussion conducted in closed session and or the result thereof may be disclosed to the public in an open public meeting held in December of 2020 or shortly there after.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Morris gave a brief update on the road improvements: there are 7 roads for the 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program; the total construction cost estimate to pave all 7 roads is \$500,225; also discussed was the cost to pave Wall Street (High St. to Federal St.) is \$122,700 and the cost to pave Linden Avenue (Mitchell Ave. to Clarkson St.) is \$106,975 which totals \$229,675; the City should stay below \$243,478 for the construction cost; suggested adding another road as an alternate bid and see what the bids total to do 3 roads.

Mr. Curry gave an update on the landfill closure; spoke of the need for more signage on Tyler and York at Route 130 South bound, also the Jacksonville Road area.

Chief Fine spoke of the 25 mph at Route 130 and the congestion, “don’t block the box”.

Councilwoman Woodard spoke of a wonderful job the township has done on Neck Road, very attractive.

Mr. Morris spoke of drainage at Fernwood Avenue, it will be done in the next few weeks.

Councilman Swan spoke of “don’t block the box” at Domino’s.

Councilwoman Hollingsworth spoke of safety concerns at Tatham and E. Broad Street.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Babula, Councilman Chachis and Councilwoman Hollingsworth wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilwoman Hatala requested that a letter from Mayor and Council be sent to Ms. Nance of NJDOT thanking her for all that she has done and show appreciation for work well done.

Councilwoman Hollingsworth spoke of the rising number of Covid case in New Jersey; spoke of a letter given to Dave Ballard by Betty Wilson concerning the riverline and E. Broad Street.

Councilman Swan asked Ms. Garty for the status of his request for information relating to the statute of limitations on water bills.

Councilwoman Woodard spoke of marijuana, a recent Senate Bill; will forward to the Clerk’s Office.

Councilwoman Woodard stated the following: with respect to the person use of cannabis, the general duties, functions, and powers of the commission would include investigating and siding in the prosecution of violations of law relating to cannabis items, taking regulatory actions to prohibit advertising of cannabis.

CONFERENCES

- Strategic Planning Committee

EXECUTIVE CONFERENCES

- 302 Commerce Square Boulevard (Former YMCA)
- Propel Opportunity Fund, Inc. Redeveloper's Agreement - Opportunity Site #1

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilwoman Hollingsworth, this meeting of December 1, 2020 was adjourned.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk