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**Special Virtual Meeting  
Council Borough of Neptune City  
June 8, 2020**

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The Virtual Special Session Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Wardell at 6:05p.m.

Borough Clerk Brown took roll call.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Sullivan, Thomas and Mayor Wardell

ABSENT:

Mayor Wardell announced that the Notice Requirements of Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 have been satisfied by the publication of said notice in the Asbury Park Press, and the Coaster and by filing a copy with the Municipal Clerk.

Flag Salute and M/Wardell asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for all victims of violence.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Wardell wanted to express his sincerity in what is happening in the world. He stated that he is an American History teacher and finds it long and sad when it comes to racial relations. He reminded everyone that the history that is taught was not that long ago. He mentioned that he was fortunate to attend and graduate from a diverse school and teach in a diverse school as well. He understands that he could never understand what it would be like to be a black male in today's world. M/Wardell feels that there needs to be a serious conversation in order to come to a solution. He stated that he and Neptune City do not stand for racism. It angers him to see the disadvantaged taken advantage of and we need to have an honest conversation to understand. M/Wardell is fearful for our county while watching the news and again stated that there needs to be a real conversation and we need to be honest as difficult as it may be. He also feels that it is not fair that there is so much anger towards the police. All police should not be classified as one or another. Neptune City has a wonderful Police Department comprised of young men and women who understand community policing. Recently a letter was received commending an officer who went into flooding waters to rescue a person. Our PD are family men and women and M/Wardell is very proud the members of our Police Department. M/Wardell reminds everyone that there is nobody who is angrier than a good policer officer when another officer abuses their powers. We should take this opportunity to reflect and see what we can do to be a better community and true Americans. M/Wardell stated he looks for the good after the bad. That he tries to find the silver lining in things. Maybe the silver lining is we can have the real conversation and make us a better community.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

C/Calhoun, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Seconded by C/Renee

**RESOLUTION 20-96**  
**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF**  
**MONMOUTH CONCERNING CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, Monmouth County and municipalities alike have suffered damage due the COVID-19 Virus and Pandemic (the "Coronavirus"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus has caused economic damage and hardships to individuals as well as state, county and municipal governments throughout the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act, Public Law 116-136 (the "CARES Act") was signed into law by President Donald J. Trump in order to combat the economic damage caused to governments at all levels caused by Coronavirus, among other things; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monmouth has received CARES Act funds from the United States Treasury (the "Stimulus Funds") to be used to reimburse the County of Monmouth for costs incurred in responding to the Coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, as the recipient of the Stimulus Funds, it will be the responsibility of the County of Monmouth to disburse said funds to eligible recipients in accordance with the terms and provisions of the CARES Act and any guidelines or regulations issued by United States government or any of its agencies and/or departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth have determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Monmouth County to dedicate a share of the Stimulus Funds to reimburse municipalities for COVID-19 related costs and expenses;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Clerk and/or Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the Municipal Coronavirus Relief Fund Program Reimbursement Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Neptune City and a copy of the signed agreement shall be transmitted to the Board of Chosen Freeholders and County Administrator.

C/Kocsis asked if we had any COVID related expenses. Administrator Cherbini explained some of the costs incurred were cleaning the PD twice daily and PPE. We are looking approximately \$25,000. We should receive about \$11,000 for the first round of reimbursements.

C/Calhoun asked if after reimbursements are completed will these services be put into the budget? Discussion continued with what services will continue.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

Aye: Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Sullivan, Thomas

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

Borough Clerk Brown read the resolution into the record.

Mayor Wardell explained the purpose of this resolution.

C/Renee. offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Seconded by C/Pappas

**RESOLUTION 20-97**  
**RESOLUTION PERMITTING TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING FOR EXISTING**  
**RESTAURANTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF NEPTUNE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor beginning March 8, 2020 due to the COVID-19 Virus and Pandemic (the "Coronavirus"), many local businesses have been forced to close in order to comply with the Governor's various Executive Orders establishing numerous safety standards and regulations intended to provide for greater public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time, local businesses, including restaurants have diligently complied with the requirement to close their doors and only offer takeout and delivery of food; and

**WHEREAS**, the result of citizens' efforts and compliance with the Governor's various Executive Orders has been a significant lowering of the rates of infection over recent weeks, so much so that most closed businesses have been allowed re-open; and

**WHEREAS**, by Executive Order 150, Governor Murphy permitted the resumption of in-person service at outdoor areas, subject to certain restrictions beginning at 6:00 pm on June 15, 2020, subject to certain restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 3, 2020, the State of New Jersey Department of Health issued directive 20-014 establishing protocols that food and beverage establishments must follow upon reopening; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing Temporary Outdoor Dining, will provide an opportunity for our restaurants to begin returning to their normal course of business, but in a safe and orderly way.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Neptune City does hereby authorize the temporary allowance of on-site outdoor dining for restaurants within the Borough of Neptune City in accordance with the standards as outlined in Exhibit attached hereto and made a part hereof and all applicable law, including without limitation Executive Orders, Department of Health Directive, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Rulings.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all fees charged by the Borough of Neptune City to any food and beverage establishment as a result of compliance with this Resolution are waived.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this allowance and these standards will expire seven (7) days after the end of the declared emergency or when the State of New Jersey permits restaurants to open for indoor dining, whichever should occur first.

C/Renee asked if the applications will be available on the website for outdoor dining? A/Cherbini explained that we will have set parameters and our application will be filled out any of the restaurants along with ABC if necessary. C/Calhoun clarified the process. Municipal Clerk Brown explained that the applications will be mailed directly to the restaurants. Clerk Brown explained the ABC process for expansion and A/Cherbini clarified. C/Kocsis wanted to remind everyone that the virus is not over and he hopes that everyone takes the necessary precautions. M/Wardell mentioned that the restaurants will be following the CDC Guidelines.

On Roll Call the following vote was recorded:

Aye: Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Sullivan, Thomas

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolution adopted.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -  
NONE**

Motion to Adjourn offered by C/Kocsis. Seconded by C/Sullivan.

Voice Vote: Aye Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Renee, Sullivan, Thomas

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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Mayor Andrew Wardell

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Tamara Brown, Municipal Clerk