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## Council Room Borough of Neptune City

October 12, 2021

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The Regular Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers at Borough Hall at 7:00.

Borough Clerk Brown took roll call.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Pietrunti, Renee, 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. Mayor Wardell also noted that the 48-hour notice was advertised and posted as required

### FLAG SALUTE

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to receive and file the Minutes August 23, 2021 works session offered by C/ Pappas.

Seconded by C/Thomas

Voice Vote: Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Pietrunti, Renee, Thomas

### COMUNICATIONS

Motion to receive and file August Police report offered by C/ Kocsis.

Seconded by C/ThoCalhoun

Voice Vote: Councilmembers Calhoun, Kocsis, Pappas, Pietrunti, Renee, Thomas

### PRESENTATIONS

None

### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

None

### MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Andrew Wardell

#### I. Covid-19

A. Vaccination clinics are available through the county on Tuesdays from 2 to 6pm at Brookdale Community College.

1. Montessori Children's Learning Center (CLC) located between Lots 4 and 5.

2. If you reside, work, or attend school in Monmouth County and are at least 12 years of age you are eligible for the vaccine.
  3. Adults over 65, and those that are immunocompromised, can receive your booster shots at the same location. Remember to bring your vaccine card.
- B. Vaccine testing is still available as well. Tuesday, Oct. 12 in Long Branch from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Bucky James Community Center located at 231 Wilbur Ray Avenue.

## II. Halloween

1. Decorations contest
    1. All participants have register by the 25th
    2. Prizes by Parrick's Grille, Kelly's Tavern, and Molinaris
  2. Trunk or Treat
    1. Oct 21 4-6 pm
      1. Best costume contest
      2. 10 vendors with candy
- C. Fire Department Open House
1. 4-7 pm
  2. Refreshments, candy, and touch a truck

## III. NYLABONE Information Session

1. Thank you to all who participated

## **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE- John Pietrunti**

C/Pietrunti had no reported

## **PUBLIC WORKS- Pamela Renee**

C/Renee reminded everyone of clean up week and coordinate bulk pick up. There will be a DPW budget meeting next week.

## **LAW & ORDINANCE – Brian Thomas**

C/Thomas reported there was a committee meeting last week to discuss short term rentals and they are nearly ready to bring to the Council to discuss.

## **ADMINISTRATION & JUSTICE-Glen Kocsis**

C/Kocsis reported that the Halloween Curfew from the PD will be on the agenda for the next meeting

## **SPECIAL SERVICES-Danielle Pappas**

C/Pappas reported she will begin a new project in the upcoming months.

## **HUMAN SERVICES- Dave Calhoun**

C/Calhoun reported that the fire department will bring back the Halloween open house held on Halloween night from 4-7pm.

#### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Kevin Kane**

Administrator Kane reported:

1) **Cannabis Informational Webinar**

The New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) rescheduled their statewide informational webinar from September 28th to tomorrow night, October 13th from 7-9pm. The webinar will cover an overview of the recreational cannabis rules, a breakdown of the social equity provisions, what potential applicants can do to prepare for applications, protections for financial service agreements and other contracts, and expectations for neighborhoods with cannabis businesses.

2) **NJMVC Mobile Unit**

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission mobile unit is scheduled to come back to Neptune City this Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm at the Community Center.

3) **New Committees**

There has been ongoing discussion regarding the establishment of two new committees, a Veterans Committee and an Environmental Committee/Commission. Carol and I have discussed the parameters, and if agreeable to everyone, we will have the framework ready for a draft ordinance at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) - NONE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member (s) so request it, in which case the item (s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The one motion signifies and adoption of all resolutions received and file letters, correspondence, reports and approval of applications and minutes.*

C/Renee offered the following resolutions and moved their adoption. Seconded by C/Pietrunti

**Resolution 21-137 Authorizing payment of bills**

**RESOLUTION 21-137**  
**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the bills as presented, all have been certified and approved as complete as to form, goods having been delivered, and/or services performed and sufficient funds being available for payment for said bills, be paid in the amount of **\$136,347.80**

**Resolution 21-138** Support Submission of Application for New Jersey Department of Transportation *Safe Routes to School* Program”

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**Support Submission of Application for New Jersey Department of Transportation *Safe Routes to School* Program”**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Neptune City is applying for funding to conduct Safe Routes to Schools along the school route for Woodrow Wilson School within the Borough, and

**WHEREAS**, the project will help to continue and improve the promotion and encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle access and safety for children and residents, and

**WHEREAS**, maintenance of the improvement, once completed, will be assumed by Borough of Neptune City with the exception of (1) local ordinances that places maintenance responsibility with each individual property owner, and (2) those crosswalks on State or County Highways;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City hereby supports the submission of a grant application for the *Safe Routes to School Program* within the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and authorizes the Mayor, Administrator and the Municipal Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and related to the submission of said grant application or grant agreement.

**Resolution 21-139** Recognizing National pregnancy and infant loss awareness month

**RESOLUTION 21-139**  
**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS** Pregnancy and Infant Loss is such a common occurrence, one that is usually not recognized, and

**WHEREAS** many parents and families have suffered a miscarriage, a stillbirth or the death of an infant during delivery or shortly after birth, and

**WHEREAS** this devastating tragedy often occurs suddenly, without warning, as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, preterm birth, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), accident, or other causes or complications; and

**WHEREAS** wishes to acknowledge the profound grief experienced by families who suffer the death of a baby; and

**WHEREAS** wishes to acknowledge the existence of the babies and infants that died far too early; and

**WHEREAS** even the shortest lives are still valuable, and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives should not be trivialized; and

**WHEREAS** the 15th day of October is recognized in parts of the United States and in many other jurisdictions around the world, as a day of remembrance and awareness of pregnancy and infant loss; and

**WHEREAS** the tragedy of pregnancy and infant loss, which exacts a terrible emotional toll, may be preventable in some instances; and

**WHEREAS** increased awareness of the causes and impacts surrounding pregnancy and infant loss may lead to greater understanding, support and resources in communities, and

**WHEREAS** a month of remembrance honors the lives of children taken far too soon and supports grieving parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members whose lives are forever altered by the heartbreak of losing a child;

**WHEREAS** those parents and families require support and understanding during their time of grief, and

**WHEREAS** promoting awareness of the challenges faced by those parents and families is a positive means of establishing support and understanding, and

**WHEREAS** recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness/Remembrance Month would enable the people of the Borough of Neptune City to consider how, as individuals and communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City do hereby proclaim October 2021 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month and encourage parents, caregivers and all residents to become educated in opportunities to prevent pregnancy and infant loss and support bereaved families when prevention is not possible;

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

Absent:

Mayor Wardell declared the resolutions adopted

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Lisa Cottrell 29 Windsor Court voiced concerns about multiple street light outages on Lincoln and Windsor as well as Lipman and Windsor. Also agrees with fellow neighbors about the issues with Nylabone. Sharon Williams 32 Windsor Court expressed the scent from Nylabone has increased, also requested a document showing legalization of the manufactured business. Mentioned Ordinance 139-27 and asks for answers relative to what the ordinance states. Linda Colucci 37 Windsor Court thanks the mayor and committee members attending the webinar session and encouraged the council not to allow any change of progress for Neptune City regarding Senator Gopal. Asks mayor to review ordinances. Indicated the communications with the DEP has not been up to expected standards. Bruce Wescott 41 3rd Avenue asks about the status of the Knights of Columbus building, mayor replies the building is still under contract and waiting on word about a potential grant.

Motion to adjourn at 7:34 offered by *C/Pappas*. Seconded by *C/Pietruni*.

Voice Vote: Councilmembers Calhoun, Pappas, Renee, Thomas

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Tamara Brown, Municipal Clerk