

## **Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting—June 6, 2022**

**Present:** Mayor Meinhardt, Deputy Mayor Vieira, Councilmember Klein, Councilmember Anthony, Councilmember Fernandez, Township Manager Lewis, Deputy Township Manager Jones, Township Attorney Kantor, Township Clerk Mazzucco

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor stated that all the requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Law” had been met. “Annual Notice” was faxed to the *West Essex Tribune and the Star Ledger* on January 6, 2022 and 48-hour notice was emailed to the West Essex Tribune and Star Ledger on May 10, 2022.

### **Quorum Roll Call**

### **Legal Fees**

The Council approved the following:

- 1) Pearlman & Miranda, LLC

### **New Business**

Mr. David Martin from Garden Motorsports Tour spoke via telephone with the Township Council regarding **the monster trucks event at the Livingston Mall** proposed for two consecutive weekends in September. He stated that the trucks are no louder than an average vehicle, and are only used during the show. He added that their company does everything, from bringing in and removing dirt, to selling normal concession type food at the event. Township Councilmembers requested references from other NJ Townships that hosted these types of events within close proximity of a residential neighborhood.

Larry Cooper and Art Altman, co-chairs of the **Strahman and Licari** committee, explained their recommendations at both of these locations. Regarding Strahman, Mr. Cooper explained that the committee felt it should be kept as natural as possible and that landscape architect plans would be prudent. Regarding Licari, the committee suggested two ideas; 1) a camp for children during the summer, and 2) as an outdoor classroom campus for school aged children during the school year. Councilmembers were very receptive to their suggestions, and thanked them for their time and efforts.

### **Public Portion**

At 7:30 p.m. the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 9:20 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present except Township Clerk Mazzucco.

Councilmember Klein commented that he will gather information for **Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month**, held annually every month of September.

Councilmembers considered allowing **dogs on public property**.

Councilmembers discussed the sample **Energy Tax Receipt Tax Relief Fund** resolution from the NJ League of Municipalities and Township Manager Lewis stated he would prepare a resolution for the June 20, 2022 meeting.

Councilmembers discussed the sample **Municipal Planning and Zoning Sample** resolution from the NJ League of Municipalities and Township Manager Lewis stated he would prepare a resolution for the June 20, 2022 meeting.

Councilmembers discussed upcoming **dates of importance**.

## **Reports of Township Officials / Professionals**

Councilmembers followed up with Township Manager Lewis about various ongoing projects in the Township.

At 10:10 p.m., the following Resolution was considered:

### **RESOLUTION 22-172 — Authorizing Closed Session**

WHEREAS: the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS: the Township Council is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS: the Township Council wishes to discuss:

- 1) Cedar St Commons (Attorney Client Privilege and Contract Negotiations)
- 2) Mead Lawsuit Update (Attorney Client Privilege)
- 3) Livingston Fair Share Housing (Attorney Client Privilege)
- 4) 70 South Orange Ave (Attorney Client Privilege)
- 5) St Barnabas Tax Appeal (Attorney Client Privilege)
- 6) Livingston Mall Redevelopment (Attorney Client Privilege)
- 7) Zoning Board Appointments (Personnel)

WHEREAS: minutes will be kept, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires confidentiality, the minutes can be made public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Livingston that the public be excluded from this meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, and roll call vote, all members present voted YES.

At 10:55 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 10:55 p.m., the Conference meeting ended.

EDWARD MEINHARDT, Mayor

CAROLYN MAZZUCCO, RMC, Township Clerk