

City of Lambertville WORK SESSION TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019, 8:00 AM CITY HALL, 18 YORK STREET, LAMBERTVILLE MINUTES

COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Fahl called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m. and asked the City Clerk to read the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act into the record.

The City Clerk read the following statement:

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act with the meeting notice provided on Friday, August 16, 2019 to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trenton Times, various individuals on the list serve, department heads and the City Engineer and City Attorney; and posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall and the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Taylor, Council President Asaro, Mayor Fahl.

Absent: Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Warner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fahl led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The City Clerk led the public in a moment of silence in honor of those serving in the United States Armed Forces in Country and abroad.

GOAL SETTING

Mayor Fahl thanked everyone for coming to this session. She reviewed the document titled Administration Retreat, dated July 22, 2019 with the members of the Governing Body and public that were present. She said this was to be used as a planning tool for the next six months of business, to calendar things and to go review council goals and projects and to put them into an agenda. She would like to hold these planning meetings every six months with the members of the Government Body and quarterly with the Administration Team.

She reviewed the memorandum circulated to the members of the Governing Body. A review of the proposed calendar for 2019/2020 is as follows:

August:

Work Session: Budget Process, Problems and Solution Discussion

Voting Session: Shade Tree Ordinance and Budget Recap

September:

Work Session: Area in Need of Rehabilitation Discussion, Condition of Streets Read Plan.

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Voting Session: Arts Improvement Initiative, Direct Planner to Conduct the Area in Need of Rehabilitation Study.

Other: Newsletter to be delivered.

Roundtables with landlords in groups depending on the size of their property (1-3 units, 3 plus units).

October:

Work Session: Landlord Registration Discussion

Voting Session: Landlord Registration Ordinance Amendment, First Reading; Area in Need of Rehabilitation Introduction

Other: Establish a competitive process for RFP for professionals, Release RFP for professionals

November:

Work Session: Department Head Budget Presentations (may require second meeting)

Voting Session: Landlord Registration Ordinance - Second Reading, Area in Need of Rehabilitation – public hearing

Other: Open Bid for RFPs for Professional Services

December:

Work Session: Capital Budget discussion, Discuss scope of Parking Study

Voting Session: Begin Parking Study, Announce new City Schedule for work hours.

January:

Working Session: Waste Stream Management Discussion and introduction of timeline. State of the City – January 7, 2019, 7:00 p.m., swearing in of Council members.

Voting Session: Professional appointments

GOALS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS/PROJECTS:

Councilwoman Taylor: Outdoor Storage, what people can store on their property; Abandoned Property; and Nuisance Ordinance. All three Ordinances would give the enforcing officer and the court leeway to decide on the level of fines and give consideration to the way they impose it. These will be added to the October Agenda/timeline.

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Councilman Sanders: Parking enforcement, park maintenance, pedestrian crossing on Main Street.

Council President Asaro: maintenance of public property, garbage, recycling and food waste, snow removal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacancy: The City of Lambertville is looking for a qualified person to serve as the Certified Municipal Finance Officer and Treasurer, with a preferred Qualified Purchasing Agent License. All interested parties should visit www.lambertvillenj.org for additional information.

Office Closures:

All City offices will close on Friday, August 30 and Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

Garbage and Recycling Pick-up scheduled for Friday will be picked up on Thursday, August 29.

Third Can/Food Waste Recycling schedule will be as follows:

Friday, August 30th pick-up will be on Thursday, August 29 Monday, September 2 pick-up will be on Tuesday, September 3

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am with a motion made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Council President Asaro. An affirmative voice vote in favor of the motion to adjourn was taken by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk



The August 20, 2019 Special Session Minutes were approved at the Regularly Scheduled Voting Session held on September 19, 2019.