

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 21, 2020

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Video Conference from Township Hall, 2600 Bayshore Road, Villas, New Jersey.

The Clerk announced that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice of the meeting had been provided according to law.

The following members of Council were present via video conference for roll call taken by the Clerk:

- Councilmember Thomas Conrad
- Councilmember Kevin Coombs
- Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr.
- Deputy Mayor David Perry
- Mayor Frank Sippel

Also present via conference call: James Ridgway, Township Manager, David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor, Robert Belasco, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk.

Regular Agenda

Resolution #2020-159; A Resolution Modifying the Provisions of Emergency Proclamation 2020-5 in Order to Permit Short-Term, Transient and Seasonal Rentals Within the Township of Lower Effective June 8, 2020

Deputy Mayor Perry asked for clarification on transient rentals.

Solicitor Belasco explained.

Deputy Mayor Perry made a motion to amend Resolution #2020-159 to permit short term rentals effective June 1, 2020.

Motion to Amend:

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD				X			
COOMBS		X	X				
ROY			X				
PERRY	X		X				
SIPPEL			X				

Resolution #2020-159, as amended; A Resolution Modifying the Provisions of Emergency Proclamation 2020-5 in Order to Permit Short-Term, Transient and Seasonal Rentals Within the Township of Lower Effective June 1, 2020

Chris Bezaire, Cape May, addressed Council on behalf of the Cape May County Board of Realtors to thank them for hearing the voices of their residents.

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CONRAD				X			
COOMBS		X	X				
ROY			X				
PERRY	X		X				
SIPPEL			X				

Resolution #2020-160; A Resolution Rescinding Emergency Proclamation 2020-04 and Reopening All Public Beaches Located Within the Township of Lower with No Restrictions

Councilmember Conrad reminded that Lower Township beaches are "swim at your own risk."

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CONRAD			X				
COOMBS			X				
ROY		X	X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL	X		X				

Council Comments

Mayor Sippel reminded that Council has tough decisions to make and reassured that the Township's best interest is top priority.

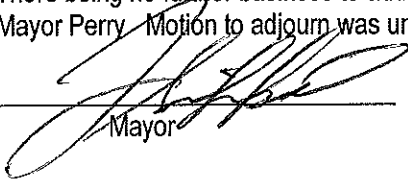
Call to the Public

Jennifer Lacroix, 1207 Franklin, inquired of where to obtain the guidelines for rentals. Mayor Sippel advised Ms. Lacroix to contact the manager's office.

Bart McGinn, Shore Drive, asked for clarification on short-term rentals and thanked Council for the change.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Roy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Perry. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.



 Mayor



 Township Clerk

Approved: June 1, 2020