

MINUTES

BOROUGH OF RARITAN SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023
6:00 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION
6:15 P.M. – REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

This Special Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Bray in the Meeting Room of the Raritan Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869 at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

STATEMENT BY MAYOR ZACHARY R. BRAY

This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the applicable portions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this Special Meeting was posted in the Municipal Building, made available on the Borough website, and communicated to *The Courier News*, *The Star Ledger* and *The Breeze* on March 11, 2023.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Bray, Council President Carra, Councilman Fritzingler, Councilwoman Hutzler, Councilwoman Melitsky (via telephone), Councilman Armahizer
Also Present: Administrator/Borough Clerk Colvin, Assistant Administrator/CFO Cook-Vitale, Deputy Borough Clerk/HR Coordinator Gravatt, Borough Attorney Robertson
Absent: Councilman Orozco

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Bray

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 2023-03-046

Entering Executive Session

Personnel

Administration

Attorney Client

Acquisition of Real Property

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilwoman Hutzler, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2023-03-046.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzingler, Hutzler, Melitsky, Armahizer

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Absent: Orozco

Motion Carried: 5-0

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilwoman Hutzler, seconded by Councilwoman Melitsky, Council moved to Reconvene in Regular Session.

Council exited Executive Session, and resumed Regular Session at 6:18 p.m.

PURCHASE ORDERS

1. Public Works – Ditschman Flemington Ford – 2022 Ford F550 Dump Truck – \$57,123.00
2. Police – Santander Bank – Police Vehicle Purchase – \$29,360.65

On a motion by Councilwoman Hutzler, seconded by Councilman Fritzinger, Council moved to Approve Purchase Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Potential Acquisition of Real Property

Council President Carra updated the Council on the proposed acquisition of the closed PNC Bank building located on Main Street for Borough purposes. President Carra asked the Council authorization to proceed with the following: authorize Glenn Bear as the Borough's representative for negotiation, and review of contract with the owner of 9 West Somerset Street. Mr. Bear is to be paid with all fees included in the purchase price. The retention of Architect Keith Michaels for a walk-through examination on March 15, 2023, of 9 West Somerset Street and Borough Hall not to exceed 10 hours. The authorization to halt any projects or pending acquisition of new buildings for Borough purposes pending the consideration of 9 West Somerset Street.

On a motion by Councilwoman Hutzler, seconded by Councilman Armahizer, Council moved to Authorize the Request for Permissions set forth under New Business, Potential Acquisition of Real Property.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzinger, Hutzler, Melitsky, Armahizer

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Absent: Orozco

Motion Carried: 5-0

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2023-03-047

Authorizing Submission of Grant – FY2024
Community Project Funding Program

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilwoman Hutzler, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2023-03-047.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzinger, Hutzler, Melitsky, Armahizer

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Absent: Orozco

Motion Carried: 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

(In accordance with Section 29-1 of the Code of the Borough of Raritan, there shall be a five-minute limit per speaker)

Mayor Bray opened Public Comment for any member of the Public wishing to speak.

Neither seeing nor hearing any additional member of the Public, Mayor Bray closed Public Comment.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilwoman Hutzler, seconded by Council President Carra, the Council moved to Adjourn the Special Meeting.

Recorded Vote:

All in favor

Motion Passed: 5-0

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Patricia Gravatt
Deputy Clerk/HR Coordinator

Approved: _____
Eric M. Colvin
Borough Clerk/Administrator

Date: _____