

MINUTES

BOROUGH OF RARITAN SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023
6:30 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 Raritan Borough Hall, 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869 at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

STATEMENT BY MAYOR BRAY

The Mayor announced this Special Meeting was called pursuant to the applicable portions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this Special Meeting was posted in Borough Hall, made available on the Borough website, and communicated to *The Courier News*, *The Star Ledger* and *The Breeze* on Friday, May 5, 2023.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Bray, Council President Carra, Councilman Armahizer (via Zoom), Councilman Fritzing, Councilwoman Melitsky

Also Present: Administrator/Clerk Colvin, Assistant Administrator/CFO Cook-Vitale (via Zoom), Borough Attorney Robertson (via Zoom)

Absent: Councilwoman Hutzler, Councilman Orozco

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Councilwoman Melitsky

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 member of the Public, Mayor Bray closed Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Duke Farms Farmers Market (NC)

Council President Carra said the Borough was contacted by Duke Farms with a request to host a Farmers Market at the former Washington School property on First Avenue. The Council President said a Duke Farms representative, William Wilson, would be attending the May 9, 2023 meeting and present a plan.

2. DPW Laborer (EC)

Administrator/Clerk Colvin said the Department of Public Works would like to advertise for a Laborer. Longtime employee Raymond Felice plans to retire October 1 and be out using accrued time beginning June 1.

All members present were in agreement to authorize the advertisement.

On a motion by Councilman Fritzing, seconded by Councilwoman Melitsky, Council moved to Authorize the Advertisement of a DPW Laborer.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Armahizer, Carra, Fritzing, Melitsky
Nay: x
Abstain: x
Absent: Hutzler, Orozco
Motion Carried: 4-0

3. 9 West Somerset Street Professional Services (EC)

Administrator/Clerk Colvin asked for a motion to approve a building inspection company for the purchase of 9 West Somerset Street.

On a motion by Councilman Carra, seconded by Councilman Fritzing, Council moved to Authorize the Professional Service.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Armahizer, Carra, Fritzing, Melitsky
Nay: x
Abstain: x
Absent: Hutzler, Orozco
Motion Carried: 4-0

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2023-10

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Amending Ordinance No. 2023-07 for Acquisition of Real Property Identified on the Borough Tax Map as 9 West Somerset Street, Block 107 Lot 3

Mayor Bray opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2023-10.

Neither seeing nor hearing any member of the public, Mayor Bray closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2023-10.

On a motion by Councilwoman Melitsky, seconded by Council President Carra, Council moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-10.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Armahizer, Carra, Fritzing, Melitsky
Nay: x
Abstain: x
Absent: Hutzler, Orozco
Motion Carried: 4-0

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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Fritzing, seconded by Councilwoman Melitsky, Council moved to Adjourn the Special Meeting.

Recorded Vote:

All in Favor

Motion Passed: 4-0

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Eric M. Colvin
Borough Clerk/Administrator

Date: _____