

The Regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Livingston was held on the above date commencing at 7:42 p.m. The Mayor read the statement of compliance with the Sunshine Law N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 and stated that notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Law”, and that Annual Notice was faxed to the West Essex Tribune and the Star Ledger on January 6, 2022.

A Quorum Roll Call was held.

	Present	Absent
Mayor Meinhardt	X	
Deputy Mayor Vieira	X	
Councilmember Anthony	X	
Councilmember Fernandez	X	
Councilmember Klein	X	

Also present were professionals Township Manager Lewis, Deputy Township Manager Jones, Township Attorney Kantor, and Deputy Township Clerk Mazzucco. Township Clerk Turtleaub was absent.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Meinhardt asked everyone to stand for a Moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ed Meinhardt mentioned that this was the first in person meeting in almost two years. He thanked the community, the Livingston employees, and fellow Council Members for their efforts during the challenging pandemic.

Essex County Updates and Questions

Eileen Fishman, Essex County Liaison to Livingston Liaison to Essex County Executive Joseph Di Vincenzo, advised of upcoming County events, including the Senior Citizen Legacy Writing Contest, virtual or in person field trips at the Environmental Center, Essex County Photography Contest, Turtleback Zoo Spring Job Fair, the Essex County Birthday Celebration at the Environmental Center in Roseland, and the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Proclamations & Presentations

1) Age Friendly Initiative – Livingston For All Ages. Liliana Branquinho, Program Supervisor for Senior, Youth, and Leisure Services (SYLS), explained that Livingston For All Ages is an all-encompassing initiative by the Township to create an inclusive and engaging community for all ages, abilities, incomes, races, ethnicities, and other backgrounds, with a particular focus on older adults. She added that she urges everyone in the community to fill out an anonymous survey available online (www.LivingstonSurvey.com) or by picking up a survey at Town Hall, the West Essex YMCA, the Livingston Library or at the Senior Community Center.

Mayor Meinhardt requested a motion to read Resolution 22-115. On motion made and duly seconded, and on voice vote, the Mayor read the following Resolution.

Res 22-115 Township of Livingston Supporting the Ukraine's Government and Citizens

WHEREAS, the Nation of Russia has invaded with deadly military force the independent nation of Ukraine in an unprovoked act of hostility that has been condemned by all freedom loving nations; and

WHEREAS, the Ukrainian people and its government have shown unwavering bravery in response to the unprovoked act of aggression by the Russians and continue to strive towards a democratic and independent state despite Russia's crime against peace; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Livingston (the "Township") condemns the invasion of Ukraine by Russia and any actions by Russia to escalate the conflict further and calls on Russia to return to diplomatic solutions to resolve this conflict; and

WHEREAS, the Township, the State of New Jersey and the United States support a democratic and independent Ukraine, free of the influence of Russia or any other country; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Township Council of the Township of Livingston, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the Township condemns the invasion of Ukraine by Russia and supports the citizens of Ukraine in pursuing democracy and independence.

Councilmembers commented on their experiences attending the rally at the Oval in support of Ukraine, and committed their unwavering support to the people of the Ukraine during this time. On motion duly made and seconded, and on roll call vote, all members present voted YES.

Communications

Mayor Meinhardt read a thank you letter he received from Magnolia Wang regarding NORD Rare Disease Day.

Approval of Minutes, Pending Any Corrections

On motion duly made and seconded, and on voice vote, the Council approved the following, pending any corrections:

- 1) February 22, 2022 Regular and Conference Minutes
- 2) February 22, 2022 Closed Session Minutes

Public Portion (Agenda Items Only—4 Minute Limit)

On motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote, the hearing on the Public Portion was opened.

Fred Friedman, 1304 Pointe Gate Drive, stated that the Livingston Chapter of AARP donated \$1,000 to the Ukraine.

Neeta Juvekar, 8 Chelsea Drive, mentioned that Air BNB is also donating to the Ukraine.

There being no speakers, on motion duly made and seconded and on voice vote, the public portion on Agenda items was closed.

Passage of Ordinances

Final Hearing/2nd Reading

There were none.

Introduction

Ord. 4-2022 Amending and Supplementing Ch 170 by Permitting Cottage Food Operation as a Residence-Based Business was pulled from the Agenda, and will be reintroduced at a later date.

Consent Agenda for Resolutions: Res 22-112

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Livingston has determined that certain items on its agenda which have the unanimous approval of all Councilmembers and do not require comment shall be termed the "Consent Agenda"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that to increase its efficiency, the Consent Agenda shall be adopted with one resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that the items on the regular agenda for March 7, 2022 attached hereto, which are preceded by an "*" are the Consent Agenda and are hereby accepted, approved and/or adopted.

Res 22-113 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Genova Burns, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of Livingston ("Township") has the need to acquire Labor Counsel Services pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and 20.5; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2021, the Township of Livingston issued RFP No. 16-2021 as a fair and open process, to solicit proposals from firms experienced performing labor counsel services; and

WHEREAS, the request for proposals ("RFP") was advertised on the Township of Livingston website on November 1, 2021, and as a result twelve (12) rfp packages were requested; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2021, six (6) proposals were received by the bid deadline and publicly read; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the selection criteria established in the RFP, the proposals were evaluated for management criteria, technical criteria, past experience and performance, and financial considerations; and

WHEREAS, Genova Burns, LLC submitted a proposal that meets all of the requirements of the RFP, complies with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 17:27 et seq., and is the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that Genova Burns, LLC has provided labor counsel services in prior years and has performed in a satisfactory manner; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager is recommending the award of a contract to Genova Burns, LLC to provide Labor Counsel services as required by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the account to be charged will be 2-01-20-155-001-404, contingent upon sufficient funds being appropriated in the 2022 municipal budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Livingston, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that it authorizes the Township Manager to enter into a contract with Genova Burns, LLC for the period of March 7, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Res 22-114 Authorizing Alcoholic Beverages in Designated Public Recreation Areas

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Livingston (the “Council”) amended and supplemented the language of the Code of the Township of Livingston, Chapter 61 Alcoholic Beverages, Article IV Public Recreation Areas (the “Code”), by adopting Ordinance 23-2021; and

WHEREAS, the Council may allow by Resolution the consumption of beer and wine to be sold by an authorized vendor in a designated location for a particular date/time; and

WHEREAS, there are two scheduled Township of Livingston events, Summerfest on June 12, 2022, and the 4th of July celebration on July 4, 2022; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Township Council of the Township of Livingston, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the Council hereby authorizes the consumption of beer and wine sold by an authorized vendor as follows:

i) Summerfest: June 12, 2022, from 12 pm to 4 pm in the location shown on Exhibit A

ii) 4th of July Celebration: July 4, 2022, from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the location shown on Exhibit A

Res 22-116 Introducing Business Improvement District (BID) Budget 2022

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Livingston, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that the attached annual budget submitted by the Livingston Community Partnership Corporation, in the amount of \$373,110 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. This approval shall constitute a first reading.
2. The budget will be published in the West Essex Tribune in the issue of March 10, 2022.
3. A public hearing will be scheduled for May 9, 2022 at Town Hall, 357 South Livingston Avenue, Livingston, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m.

On motion duly made and seconded, and on roll call vote, all members present voting YES, Resolutions 22-112 through 22-114, and Resolution 22-116, were adopted.

Reports of Township Officials/Professionals

Township Manager Lewis addressed various items in the Township.

Deputy Clerk Mazzucco confirmed that April 25th will be the second Town Council meeting in April.

Council Reports (7 minute limit, extension of time may be granted by Chair)

Councilmembers asked Township Manager Lewis for various updates.

P. Mayor's Report

Q. Public Portion (on any subject—3 minute time limit)

On motion duly made and seconded, and on voice vote, the public portion was opened.

Bob Hunter, 89 Elmwood Dr, thanked everyone for the rally in support of Ukraine.

Deputy Clerk Mazzucco read a livcomment received from Matthew Boxer, 6 Trombley Dr, regarding stormwater management and the flooding that occurred from Hurricane Ida.

There were no other speakers.

On motion duly made and seconded, and on voice vote, the public portion was closed.

At 8:46 p.m., the Regular meeting was adjourned.

EDWARD MEINHARDT, Mayor

CAROLYN MAZZUCCO, Deputy Township Clerk