

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, November 1, 2021 **(Via Go to Meeting)** at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lopez, Andrews, Davis

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on December 30, 2020 to the following:

- a) The Home News Tribune b) Star Ledger c) North Brunswick Sentinel

Notice receipts are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Also, notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: (Via Go to Meeting) Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Director of DPW Eric Chaszar, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Clerk Lisa Russo and Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz.

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve items 4a to 4c on the consent agenda. Motion made by Council President Socio to approve items 4a to 4c on the agenda, second by Mr. Mehta.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lopez, Andrews, Davis

Consent Agenda

- a. NJ State Firemen's Association Application/ Fire Company #1 / Gregory M. Zinnikas
- b. 306-11.21 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): 2021 Bullet Proof Vest
- c. 307-11.21 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #5a on the agenda Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes October 12, 2021 so moved by Ms. Guadagnino second by Mr. Mehta.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #5b on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes October 18, 2021 so moved by Council President Socio second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Mayor Womack asks if anyone would like to be heard in Public hearing regarding Performance Bonds:

No Public comment

Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., explained that this is a public improvement bond for non-residential property.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 6a* on the agenda Public Improvements Bond Reductions and Releases for 481 Blackhorse Lane, LLC. Motion made by Council President Socio to approve item 6a on the agenda, second by Mr. Andrews.

Mr. Andrews arrived at 7:04 pm

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 7a* on the agenda **Resolution 308-11.21** – Authorizing Public Improvements Bond Reduction and Releases for 481 Blackhorse Lane, LLC. Motion made by Council President Socio to approve item 7a on the agenda second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lopez, Davis

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:

#21-22 -An ordinance authorizing a Permanent Easement over a portion of the property known as the PSE&G 14th Street Substation, 1100 14th Street, North Brunswick, New Jersey, also known as Block 91, Lot 3 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, State of New Jersey

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #21-22, So moved by Mr. Andrews second by Council President Socio second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on November 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex

County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the November 18, 2021 issue of the Home News Tribune according to the law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lopez, Davis

#21-23 -An Ordinance by the Township of North Brunswick in Middlesex County, New Jersey permitting the operation of all classes of cannabis licensed businesses within certain designated areas of its geographical boundaries, by amending Chapter 205 Land Use, of the North Brunswick Township Code and by creating a new Chapter 140 entitled "Cannabis, Licensed Businesses" and a new Chapter 308 entitled "Establishment of cannabis transfer tax and user tax in the Township of North Brunswick

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #21-23, So moved by Council President Socio second by Mr. Andrews second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on November 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the November 18, 2021 issue of the Home News Tribune according to the law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Council President Socio, mentioned that the only change made where the hours of operation for retail business.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lopez, Davis

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing:

#21-21- Second Reading and Public Hearing-An Ordinance ratifying Emergency Resolution No. 287-9.21 of the Township of North Brunswick adopted on September 27, 2021 authorizing a new Lease Agreement for Municipal Space for the Department of Public Safety

Mayor Womack explained that this ordinance was for an emergency lease space for the Department of Public Safety due to hurricane Ida.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Council President Socio second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #21-21 So moved Mr. Mehta second by Ms. Guadagnino that Ordinance #21-21 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the November 4, 2021 issue of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, and Socio
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lopez, Davis

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Council President Socio, announced the Fall 2021 Aquatic Program. For all information visit www.northbrunswicknj.gov or call 732-247-0922 ext. 475

Mr. Andrews congratulated the North Brunswick boys' soccer team.

Lisa Russo announced that Election Day is November 2nd from 6am to 8pm there is a ballot box in front of the municipal building that will be available until 8pm on election day. There have been a few location changes for this election Dist. 7 & 13 will be at Judd School and Dist. 11, 25 & 27 will be at the Middle School.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Council President Socio second by Mr. Andrews.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so moved by Mr. Mehta second by Council President Socio.

Adjourn 7:14 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk