

**Borough of Palmyra**  
**Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 PM**  
**Monday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Council Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra is hereby called to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT**

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and in consideration of Executive Order No. 103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey, the Borough of Palmyra does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens while ensuring the continued functioning of government, the meeting of the Mayor and Council will be a Virtual Council Meeting. Members of the public are invited to “attend” the Virtual Council Meeting but all members of the public participating in the meeting may be muted and their video image disabled. Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and notification was sent to the Burlington County Times on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Notice was posted on the Municipal Door, Official Bulletin Board and the Borough of Palmyra Website and electronic signs on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and notice was given to all Council Members.

\*\*Please see the information at the end of the agenda to attend our Virtual Council Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 – Borough Council Meeting Minutes

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank-You Letter – Palmyra Halloween Parade

**REDEVELOPMENT**

- Rt. 73 South Redevelopment Area- Update
- Outlaw Training & Fitness/620-622 Highland Ave Redevelopment Project
- Redevelopment Study Block 80 Lot 6, former Knights of Columbus property

## PRESENTATION

2020 Municipal Best Practices Inventory

## PUBLIC COMMENT

We request those participants wishing to have or make a Public comment, email their questions or comments in advance to Borough Clerk Rita Jackson at [djackson@boroughofpalmyra.com](mailto:djackson@boroughofpalmyra.com). The opportunity to submit comments prior to meeting expires at 12:00 PM on Monday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. You must include “**Meeting Question/ Comment**” in the subject line and your name and full address for your comment to be considered valid. Comments submitted in a timely and complete manner will be reviewed and read during the virtual Council Meeting; it may be necessary to follow-up with persons submitting comments at a later date. All comments will become part of the record and included with the Meeting Minutes.

For those choose to “attend” the Virtual Meeting, Mayor Tait will open the meeting to the public for comments. Comments should be limited to no more than (2) two minutes. All comments will become part of the record and included with the Meeting Minutes.

## RESOLUTIONS

Resolution **2020-208** and Resolution **2020-220** will be enacted as a single motion, if either resolution needs additional discussion it will be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

**Resolution 2020-208**, Resolution Authorizing the Closing of Cinnaminson Avenue in Conjunction with the Temple Boulevard Improvement Project

**Resolution 2020-209**, Resolution Awarding a Contract to Environmental Resolutions, Inc. (ERI) for the Engineering Design Services and Construction Observation for the Enhancements to Veterans Memorial Park per the Proposal Dated October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the Amount of \$27,500.00.

**Resolution 2020-210**, Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, New Jersey Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$6,767,000.00 of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020, of the Borough of Palmyra: Making Certain Covenants to Maintain the Exemption of the Interest on Said Bonds From Federal Income Taxation; and Authorizing Such Further Actions and Making Such Determinations as May be Necessary or Appropriate to Effectuate the Issuance and Sale of the Bonds

**Resolution 2020-211**, Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Labor Counsel for Police Negotiations/Contracts and/or Litigation to the Law Firm of Ruderman Roth, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00

**Resolution 2020-212**, Resolution Resending Resolution 2020-206 and Awarding a Contract to Municipal Emergency Services Per Quote QT1418258 per New Jersey State Contract #17-FLEET-00819 in the Amount of \$22,888.80 Subject to Certification of CFO

**Resolution 2020-213**, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington Authorizing a Lien be placed on Blk. 126 Lot 12 in the amount of \$500.00 for Failure to Comply with Obnoxious Growth and Property Maintenance Violations

**Resolution 2020-214**, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington Authorizing a Lien be placed on Blk. 130 Lot 11 in the amount of \$200.00 for Failure to Comply with Obnoxious Growth and Property Maintenance Violations

**Resolution 2020-215**, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington Authorizing a Lien be placed on Blk. 130 Lot 12 in the amount of \$200.00 for Failure to Comply with Obnoxious Growth and Property Maintenance Violations

**Resolution 2020-216**, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington Authorizing a Lien be placed on Blk. 74 Lot 20 in the amount of \$350.00 for Failure to Comply with Obnoxious Growth and Property Maintenance Violations

**Resolution 2020-217**, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington Authorizing a Lien be placed on Blk. 61 Lot 14 in the amount of \$425.00 for Failure to Comply with Obnoxious Growth and Property Maintenance Violations

**Resolution 2020-218**, Resolution Appointing Tanyika Johns as Alternate Registrar for the Borough of Palmyra

**Resolution 2020-219**, Resolution Approving David E. Garcia as an Active Member of the Palmyra Fire Department

**Resolution 2020-220**, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of November 2020 in the Amount of \$1,643,738.13

## **MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURERS REPORTS**

- October 2020

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Public Events
  - Christmas Holiday Season
- Borough Hall staffing and re-opening to the public - Covid-19 and Legion Field Usage
- Collective Bargaining Agreement with Palmyra Police Association
- Former mayor Michelle Arnold – advance travel funds owed the Borough and deleted emails
- Requests for purchase of Borough-owned lots/Sale of properties– update
- Veterans Park grant/improvements project - update
- Hybrid Virtual/ In-person Land Use Board Meeting- November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- Tax Sale (November 20<sup>th</sup>)/potential exclusion of delinquent Sewer Utility fees and Sewer fee increase
- Outdoor seating for establishments with Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses
- Philadelphia music/noise issue

### ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- Traffic signaling at Broad Street and Cinnaminson Avenue and Traffic Study - Update
- NJ Local Government Emergency Fund (CRF) Grant Application
- Downtown New Jersey annual renewal
- Plastic bag ban

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Resolution 2020-221 Resolution Excluding the Public from Certain Meetings Pursuant To Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P. L. 1975 for matters relating to:

### ADJOURNMENT

#### To attend the Virtual Council Meeting:

**Topic:** Regular Borough Council Meeting November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** November 16<sup>th</sup>, 06:30 PM Eastern

Join Zoom Meeting by computer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5694238954?pwd=d25Bd3lRNVVhTHVEekk1eVcxV2NwUT09>

Meeting ID: 569 423 8954

Password: 3UIxoD

By mobile phone dial

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