

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 28, 2022**

Township of East Brunswick
1 Jean Walling Civic Center Dr.
East Brunswick, New Jersey



Regular Meeting: X
Special Meeting: N/A
Meeting Time: 7:30 P.M.

Council President Wendell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Governing Body and its audience proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Township Clerk, Tamar Lawful, called the roll:

Present: Councilman Behal
Councilman McEvoy
Councilwoman Sullivan
Councilwoman Zimbicki
Council President Wendell

Also Present: Mayor Brad Cohen
Michael Baker, Township Attorney
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator
Tamar Lawful, Township Clerk
Loren Morace, Deputy Clerk

The Township Clerk, Tamar Lawful, read the Statement of Adequate Notice:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required under Chapter 231, P. L. 1975, by specifying the time, date, location, and to the extent known, the agenda, by posting a copy on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the East Brunswick Municipal Building, providing a copy to the Home News Tribune and Sentinel newspapers, posting a copy on the Township's website and by filing a copy in the office of the Township Clerk which will be entered into the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Resolution # 17542 Resolution Adopting Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2022

Councilwoman Sullivan moved the adoption of Resolution #17542, seconded by Councilman McEvoy. With no recommended changes to the meeting Minutes, Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal			X			
McEvoy		X	X			
Sullivan	X		X			
Zimbicki			X			
Wendell					X	

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the resolution adopting the meeting Minutes was approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEM

There were none.

There were none.

**ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING AND
*** PUBLIC HEARING *****

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE # 22-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-35 FIXING THE GRADES, CLASSIFICATIONS IN GRADES, AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK COVERING THE UNITED SERVICES WORKERS UNION, LOCAL 255 (IUJAT)

Councilman McEvoy moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, and that the ordinance be submitted to the Mayor for approval, and thereafter published according to law. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public for discussion.

There being no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Wendell closed the public hearing.

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Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the second reading of Ordinance # 22-21:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal		X	X			
McEvoy	X		X			
Sullivan			X			
Zimbicki			X			
Wendell			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-21 was adopted on second reading.

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE # 22-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-36 FIXING THE GRADES, CLASSIFICATIONS IN GRADE AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK COVERING THE PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS ASSOCIATION (PMA) EXECUTIVE STAFF AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

Councilman Sullivan moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, and that the ordinance be submitted to the Mayor for approval, and thereafter published according to law. Councilman McEvoy seconded the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public for discussion.

There being no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Wendell closed the public hearing.

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Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the second reading of Ordinance # 22-22:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal			X			
McEvoy		X	X			
Sullivan	X		X			
Zimbicki			X			
Wendell			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-22 was adopted on second reading.

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE # 22-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 22-05 FIXING COMPENSATION FOR TEMPORARY PART TIME AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2023

Councilman McEvoy moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, and that the ordinance be submitted to the Mayor for approval, and thereafter published according to law. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public for discussion.

There being no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Wendell closed the public hearing.

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Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the second reading of Ordinance # 22-23:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal		X	X			
McEvoy	X		X			
Sullivan			X			
Zimbicki			X			
Wendell			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-23 was adopted on second reading.

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE # 22-24

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,200,000.00 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,090,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES ON

THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST
THEREOF

Councilwoman Zimbicki moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, and that the ordinance be submitted to the Mayor for approval, and thereafter published according to law. Councilman McEvoy seconded the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public for discussion.

There being no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Wendell closed the public hearing.

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Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the second reading of Ordinance # 22-24:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal			X			
McEvoy		X	X			
Sullivan			X			
Zimbicki	X		X			
Wendell			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-24 was adopted on second reading.

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE # 22-25

CAPITAL ORDINANCE IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,607,500.00 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR 2023

Mr. Criscuolo explained the purpose of the Ordinance.

Councilwoman Zimbicki moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, and that the ordinance be submitted to the Mayor for approval, and thereafter published according to law. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public for discussion.

There being no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Wendell closed the public hearing.

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Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the second reading of Ordinance # 22-25:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal		X	X			
McEvoy			X			
Sullivan			X			
Zimbicki	X		X			
Wendell			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-25 was adopted on second reading.

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE # 22-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 209, ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 209-52, SCHEDULE XIII: STOP INTERSECTIONS, TO ADD A STOP SIGN ON PEARL ROAD AND PEGGY ROAD

Mr. Criscuolo and Mayor Cohen explained the purpose of the Ordinance.

Councilman McEvoy moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, and that the ordinance be submitted to the Mayor for approval, and thereafter published according to law. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public for discussion.

There being no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Wendell closed the public hearing.

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Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the second reading of Ordinance # 22-26:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal			X			
McEvoy	X		X			
Sullivan		X	X			
Zimbicki			X			
Wendell			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-26 was adopted on second reading.

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE # 22-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK ADDING CHAPTER 101, FILMING AGREEMENTS TO THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK

Mr. Baker explained the purpose of the Ordinance.

Councilman McEvoy moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, and that the ordinance be submitted to the Mayor for approval, and thereafter published according to law. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public for discussion.

There being no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Wendell closed the public hearing.

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Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the second reading of Ordinance # 22-27:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal		X	X			
McEvoy	X		X			
Sullivan			X			
Zimbicki			X			
Wendell			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-27 was adopted on second reading.

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE # 22-28 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3,
ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, SECTION
118.1, SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR MAYOR SERVICES,
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK

Councilman McEvoy moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, and that the ordinance be submitted to the Mayor for approval, and thereafter published according to law. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public for discussion.

There being no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Wendell closed the public hearing.

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Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the second reading of Ordinance # 22-28:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal		X	X			
McEvoy	X		X			
Sullivan			X			
Zimbicki			X			
Wendell			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-28 was adopted on second reading.

REPORTS

Brad Cohen, Mayor: Mayor Cohen spoke about Resolution # 17551, *Resolution Approving the Sister City Relationship with Yavne, Israel*. This resolution authorizes an agreement between the Township of East Brunswick and the City of Yavne, Israel, to establish a supportive relationship and to provide supportive services such as student exchange, business exchange, and commerce, to name a few. Jersey City, New Jersey, was the first municipality in New Jersey to sign an agreement to establish a relationship with the City of Yavne. East Brunswick will be the second. Mayor Cohen explained that the city of Yavne, Israel, is significant because after the diaspora, the Jews who stayed behind lived in the city. Mayor Cohen asked the Township Council to approve Resolution # 17551, permitting the establishment of a relationship with the city of Yavne, Israel.

Mayor Cohen also spoke about the Tices Lane Redevelopment Project and the replacement of certain roads.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator: Mr. Criscuolo reminded the public about leaf collection. He asked the public to have patience with loose leaves on the streets. The Township is working on collecting them. However, bagged leaves will continue to be picked up as scheduled.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney: Mr. Baker had nothing new to report.

Tamar Lawful, Township Clerk: Ms. Lawful had nothing new to report.

James Wendell, Council President: Council President Wendell had nothing new to report.

Dinesh Behal, Councilman: Councilman Behal had nothing new to report.

Kevin McEvoy, Councilman: Councilman McEvoy had nothing new to report.

Sharon Sullivan, Councilwoman: Councilwoman Sullivan had nothing new to report.

Dana Zimbicki, Councilwoman: Councilwoman Zimbicki had nothing new to report.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Township Clerk read the following:

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT AND TIME LIMIT

The public comment portion of our meeting is to allow the public to bring to the Council’s attention their concerns or comments. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(a) and the East Brunswick Rules of Council, the Council asks the public to limit their comments to **five (5) minutes or less**. The public may use this opportunity to question any item listed on the Consent Agenda, and request that such item be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed and voted on separately. Only one member of the public should approach to speak to the council at a time. The Council will respect the public’s time by refraining from any comment until the speaker has finished with their allotted time. It should be further noted that the public comment portion of our meeting is not structured as a question-and-answer session. At the conclusion of the statements or questions from a member of the public, the Council President, at his or her discretion, may choose to respond, or not respond, or to ask the Administration to respond.

If the questions require more detailed responses, the Council President or Administration may ask the member of the public to make an appointment with the appropriate township official during regular business hours. The Township Clerk will regulate the time during the comment portion of our meeting.

Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public.

There being no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Wendell closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION(S) [Requiring a separate vote]

Councilman McEvoy read honorary resolution into the record.

Resolution # 17543 Resolution Honoring Accepting the Retirement of Kara Murphy as the Executive Administrative Assistant to the Water and Sewer Utility Division for the Township of East Brunswick

Councilman McEvoy moved the adoption of Resolution #17543, seconded by Councilman Behal.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the Consent Agenda:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal		X	X			
McEvoy	X		X			
Sullivan			X			
Zimbicki			X			
Wendell			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Resolution # 17543 was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution # 17544 through Resolution # 17553

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial items by the Township Council and will be enacted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so request, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed, and voted on, following the approval of the remaining items listed on the Consent Agenda.

- Resolution # 17544 Resolution Authorizing the Award the Award of a Fair and Open Professional Services Contract to PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP for Professional Auditing Services for the Year 2022
- Resolution # 17545 Exemption Resolution Authorizing Refunds to be Issued Related to Tax Title Lien Redemptions
- Resolution # 17546 Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Person-To-Person Liquor License Transfer from Goku Hot Pot & BBQ LLC to KPOT Hot Pot & BBQ LLC
- Resolution # 17547 Resolution Establishing a Lien on Properties in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code
- Resolution # 17548 Resolution Approving the 2023 Township Council Meeting Dates
- Resolution # 17549 Resolution Authorizing submission of an application for DMHAS Grant funding for the East Brunswick Municipal Alliance
- Resolution # 17550 Resolution Authorizing submission of a strategic plan for the East Brunswick Municipal Alliance grant for the fiscal year 2024
- Resolution #17551 Resolution Approving the Sister City relationship with Yavne, Israel
- Resolution #17552 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign An Agreement Authorizing a Transit Bus Turn Around at the Terminus of Edgeboro Road
- Resolution # 17553 Resolution to Approve the Bill List

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CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Councilman McEvoy moved the adoption of the resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda, Resolution # 17544 through Resolution # 17553. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the Consent Agenda:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal		X	X			
McEvoy	X		X			
Sullivan			X			
Zimbicki			X			
Wendell			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda were approved.

**RESOLUTION[S] REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

There were none.

*****ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION***
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2022**

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE # 22-29 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 228,
ZONING, SECTION 226, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST
BRUNSWICK TO CORRECT THE LANGUAGE ON
WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A FENCE PERMIT

Councilwoman Sullivan moved the adoption of the ordinance on first reading, and that it be published according to the law, and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on December 12, 2022, at the Municipal Building/Court Room, located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman McEvoy seconded the motion.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the introduction of the ordinance:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal			X			
McEvoy		X	X			
Sullivan	X		X			
Zimbicki			X			
Wendell			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-29 was approved on first reading.

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE # 22-30 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST
BRUNSWICK AMENDING CHAPTER 3,
ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, SECTION 83,
PARKING, UTILITY, OF THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST
BRUNSWICK

Mr. Baker explained the purpose of the ordinance.

Councilwoman Zimbicki moved the adoption of the ordinance on first reading, and that it be published according to the law, and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on December 12, 2022, at the Municipal Building/Court Room, located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the introduction of the ordinance:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal		X	X			
McEvoy			X			
Sullivan			X			
Zimbicki	X		X			
Wendell			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-30 was approved on first reading.

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE #22-31

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$260,000 FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Criscuolo explained the purpose of the ordinance.

Councilman Sullivan moved the adoption of the ordinance on first reading, and that it be published according to the law, and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on December 12, 2022, at the Municipal Building/Court Room, located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilwoman Zimbicki seconded the motion.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the introduction of the ordinance:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE:						
Council Members	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal			X			
McEvoy			X			
Sullivan	X		X			
Zimbicki		X	X			
Wendell			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-31 was approved on first reading.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

There were none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE

Kevin McEvoy, Councilman: Councilman McEvoy informed the public of the Holiday of Lights event, sponsored by the Recreation Department. The event will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. at the East Brunswick Municipal Complex. The public can expect a family holiday movie, arts & crafts, fire pits, giveaways, hot chocolate and cookies, a special guest from the North Pole, and much more.

Dana Zimbicki, Councilwoman: Councilwoman Zimbicki informed the public that the East Brunswick Education Association and the East Brunswick Arts Commission are sponsoring the 2022 Seasonal Gingerbread House Contest. This is a wonderful activity for families to be creative by building their own gingerbread house and submitting their creation to the town, where their picture will be posted on the township's website for the public to vote on between December 16, 2022, and December 22, 2022.

CLOSED SESSION

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business to conduct, Councilwoman Zimbicki moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

TAMAR LAWFUL, MUNICIPAL CLERK

JAMES WENDELL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT