

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 4, 2020 - 7:30 P.M.**

*(THIS MEETING WAS A VIRTUAL MEETING)*

**MAYOR'S STATEMENT:** Mayor Keith S. Balla called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and made the following statement: Under the provisions of N.J.S.A.10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this Special Virtual Meeting was given by way of Annual Notice to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, and Star Ledger, and posted at Borough Hall.

Mayor Balla said, *"Today we mourn with our fellow Americans the tragic death of George Floyd a precious child of God, a Father, a brother, and a friend to many. We are all outraged by the horrific acts perpetrated by the police officers in Minneapolis who murdered George Floyd. As public servants, they swore to protect and serve the public and did not. The killing of George Floyd has added to the number of families who have lost loved ones to police brutality and racial discrimination. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of George Floyd and to all who have suffered loss of life and have been hurt by acts committed by individuals who disrespect black lives and all lives. We support peaceful protest and call for meaningful and lasting change to treat all people equally with honor, respect, love and dignity. Each and every one is a precious child of God and God has a plan for each of our lives to work together for the benefit of all creation. We have free will to control our lives. We need to use our free will to do good and help each other. Constructive dialogue, peaceful protests and intentional policies to address diversity, equality, inclusion and justice must continue to forge a bond among our citizens to work together in unity for the betterment of all. In the words that moved the founding of this great country. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness". Let us all listen and come together to work hand in hand to ensure that all people enjoy life, liberty and happiness. We welcome all people who live, work and visit here in Watchung, regardless of their national origin, color, race, religion, age, physical or mental abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic status or political opinion to extend their hand of friendship and fellowship to work with and build up each other to foster the best interest of all."*

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING AT HOME AND ABROAD AND OUR FIRST RESPONDERS SERVING THESE UNCHARTERED WATERS AND OUR FELLOW AMERICANS AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED AS A RESULT OF COVID 19.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Robinson [ P ] Black [ P ] Goodloe [ P ] Eisenberg Knechten [ P ] Jubin [ P ] Martino [ P ]

Also present were Administrator James Damato, Attorney Denis Murphy, Deputy Clerk Regina Angelo, Chief Financial Officer Bill Hance, and Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Carolyn Solon

There were 57 members present virtually.

Mayor Balla advised everyone that the ordinance on tonight's agenda in regards to outdoor dining was replaced by resolution R9.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. Administration & Finance – Councilman Jubin reported that the Committee held a meeting to discuss the contract for Affordable Housing as well as moving the tower from the Weldon property.
2. Police – Council President Robinson said the Committee had an upcoming meeting to discuss the promotion of a few officers and would report thereafter.
3. Public Works / Buildings and Grounds – Councilman Black said the Committee discussed the importance of repairing the Police Department roof due to excessive leaking; the wood underneath is very wet and weak. Councilman Black stressed the sense of urgency to get this fixed and hopes the Council will agree. Mayor Balla deferred further discussion of this topic to be discussed during the New Business portion of this meeting.

Additionally, Councilman Black reported that the Committee would like to move forward with the possible advertising of a foreman position. The Committee also discussed the lake fountain and the necessary repairs. Councilman Black commended the Department of Public Works for their hard labor. Councilman Jubin noted it is important to look for leadership within the Public Works

Department. Councilman Martino stressed the need to fix the roof of the Police Department as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Goodloe asked if the Public Works Committee discussed the issue of the Watchung sign. Councilman Black said the Committee did not discuss the sign but he does agree with the 10 foot altitude of the sign being a sufficient height. The Mayor polled the Council and everyone is in agreement that 10 foot high is an appropriate height for the Watchung sign. Councilman Martino suggested that the specs for NJ Department of Transportation be reviewed before a final decision is made and that someone reach out to the County Engineer to see if they have any requirements or recommendations on their end.

4. Public Affairs: - Councilwoman Goodloe planned on discussing the Watchung sign and had no other further items to report.

Environmental – Council President Robinson said the Commission met via teleconference and discussed the tree report including 148 dead trees and 25 live trees removed by permit. She pointed out that permits are free at Borough Hall and can be obtained online. President Robinson reported that the Green Team is working on trying to achieve Sustainable Jersey bronze status.

Councilman Martino's suggestion that homeowners be able to cut down ash trees without a permit was reviewed and said recommendation was not supported by the commission as ash trees can easily be mistaken for other species. Councilman Martino stressed that residents shouldn't have to pay into the tree bank to remove these ash trees and that it was best to remove them before they became dead.

Councilwoman Goodloe mentioned that there is no permit fee if the tree is dead, dying or hazardous. She asked if the Environmental Commission can reconsider the aspect of just classifying an Ash tree provided it can be verified that the Ash tree is dead dying or hazardous. Council President Robinson clarified that there are no permit fees for dead trees. Councilman Martino suggested that the ordinance be revisited to address the matter on ash trees; no one wants to take down a healthy tree, but ash trees must be addressed. Council President Robinson will bring this up at the next environmental commission meeting.

Mayor Balla asked if the Ash trees will be affected and die as a result of the Beetle? Council President Robinson confirmed this, but it could take up to 3 to 5 years. Council President Robinson also said under the Environmental Commission tab there is information about the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle.

Recreation - no report

Historical – Councilwoman Goodloe said the Committee is continuing to work on some of their digital projects and they are overseeing the 911 Memorial being finished. The Committee is also looking forward to the planning of the Bicentennial celebration and they recommend a joint committee be created for this purpose.

Board of Health – Councilman Jubin spoke on the coronavirus pandemic. He also said the rate of infection at the height of the crisis was one individual infecting five other individuals and that's why we see such a rapid rise in the number of infected individuals across our state. He advised residents to remember that if they go out to wash their hands and follow procedures in place to protect themselves. The first virtual Board of Health meeting will be held June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten encouraged the Council to share the health updates received in regards to the pandemic from Kevin Sumner with our neighbors. Councilman Jubin said if the Council thinks it's important for the numbers to go out then he will gladly disperse them but asked everyone to recognize there could be discrepancies from the different reporting groups.

Mayor Balla deferred this discussion to the new business portion of the meeting.

5. Fire – Councilman Martino said the Fire Committee approved the replacement of the Washer and dryer. The Committee decided to recommend that the washer and dryer be located at Fire headquarters. Administrator Damato agreed this is the best location for the washer and dryer as that is where all the activities take place. Administrator Damato also said he spoke with Mr. Weldon who said the Borough can continue using the East End Fire house for another three to four years before he will need the property.

6. Laws/Ordinances – Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten said the Committee met on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Committee discussed the proposed ordinance regarding walls and fences, as well as considering either an ordinance or resolution allowing temporary outdoor dining. She said they also continued preliminary discussions about streamlining Council Committee structures and decks as impervious coverage.

Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten asked Attorney Murphy to explain the recommendation of changing this item from an ordinance to a resolution. Attorney Murphy advised the change was

made to expedite the review and application process and that the resolution mirrored the ordinance. He mentioned that Executive Order 150, the Executive Directive of the Department of Health relating to the protocols, and the special ruling by the ABC director relating to the expansion permits all came out today for his review. He explained a few differences between the resolution and the initial proposed Ordinance. The proposed resolution reduces the memberships on the Committee from 9 to 5, these 5 members will consist of the Borough Administrator, Borough Engineer, the Police Chief, the Fire Official and Board of Health Representative. Attorney Murphy explained that the resolution provides for an expiration date of July 15th, unless it's renewed by further resolution of the Mayor and Council. Attorney Murphy also said the ABC Director created a new permit called the Expansion Permit advising all current liquor license holders to file an application online with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten thanked Attorney Murphy for his explanation and expressed that she would like to see better communication to the Committee on these types of changes. Councilman Jubin agreed and said he feels we are losing a bit of our communication process. Councilman Jubin suggested adding the OEM Director and a member of the Board of Health as part of the outdoor dining Committee.

Attorney Murphy said the Council can add the OEM director if they so choose to be a part of the committee. He mentioned they are delegating the Committee to promulgate rules and regulations relating to the outdoor dining and relating to the application. He explained the process of how the outdoor dining Committee would work and also stated they would have to mirror the directives from the Department of Health and then scope it to the local requirements. Councilman Martino asked if after tonight these restaurants in town can move forward with their preparation prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> so they are ready to go on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Murphy said as long as their application is approved by the temporary outdoor dining committee. Councilwoman Goodloe said she is in full support of this resolution and agrees with Councilman Jubin's suggestions. Councilman Black commended the Laws and Ordinances Committee for expediting this process.

Mayor Balla said the Laws and Ordinance Committee did a great job drafting this Ordinance on such short notice. He advised he asked Attorney Murphy to draft a resolution rather than using the Ordinance prepared for tonight's agenda to expedite the approval process.

## **REPORTS - OTHER:**

7. Engineer – Engineer Bruce Koch said he issued a report with essentially the same items on it as his prior reports. He asked if the Governing Body wanted to proceed with these items. He said the applications are due July 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2021 State Aid Programs. Councilman Jubin asked if there are any expansions or contractions in the DOT Grant and if we should add other roads. Mr. Koch said he is happy to increase the application amount but he is not sure if the increase will change anything.

Councilman Martino mentioned an issue in regards to Nottingham Road. He said the drainage work done did not fix the problem. He is concerned that the work done that was paid for did not fix the initial issues. He asked for guidance on how the Council could follow through with this. Mayor Balla asked if our Engineer could draft a report in regards to the work the various contractors and professionals were hired to do and what work was done that was substandard or deficient. Attorney Murphy asked for further clarification on these issues. Engineer Bruce Koch recommended holding a conference call with all the parties involved.

8. Police Chief – Chief Cina reported the Police Department is going through the re-accreditation process for the second time now, originally accredited in 2013 and this occurs every 3 years. He said there are 112 different standards the Department has to meet but he is confident they will be approved as an accredited agency.

9. Fire Department - Chief DeSandolo reported the Department responded to 25 calls for the month and 166 man hours in total. They have the new apparatus and it is with the vendor awaiting payment and delivery. He also said they have 50 new members in process which they will begin fingerprinting. There is ongoing monitoring and working with OEM on some gatherings.

Fire Official Chris Czuba Fire Prevention Bureau has conducted 19 fire inspections in the month of May. Four fire safety permits were issued for the storage and retail sale of ground based sparkling devices in retail stores in anticipation of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. He said he received a complaint for a blocked exit at one of our larger retail occupancies which was investigated and found this was the third occurrence which warranted penalties for non-compliance. Mr. Czuba attended a webinar for business that are about to re-open during this pandemic and distributed said checklist to Watchung businesses to ensure they are up to code along with his contact information. Fire Official Czuba will continue with on-going inspections of businesses to ensure fire safety procedures are in place. Councilman Jubin commended Mr. Czuba for his work during the pandemic.

10. Rescue Squad – Council President Robinson said the Rescue Squad will have a report at the next meeting.

11. Emergency Management – OEM Coordinator Carolyn Solon reported that they received a very large food donation on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They are waiting for test kits to be deployed from the State. Ms. Solon is working with the American Junior Golf Association and the Health Department because there is a youth golf tournament being planned at the Watchung Golf course on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. OEM Coordinator Solon is working to make sure they are in full compliance before that event is approved. She is also working with the Administrator to try and procure six months of PPE for the fall.

Councilman Martino inquired on the location of the stored food donations; the food is being stored at the Texier House to ensure they are in a climate-controlled environment. Councilman Jubin inquired if the picnic tables in the park were going to be cleaned and disinfected daily. Ms. Solon is seeking guidance on the recommendation for disinfecting the tables since they are wood and in an outside environment. Councilman Jubin recommended a once daily spray down. Council President Robinson asked Administrator Damato to move the information on the availability of food for residents in need to the top of the Borough webpage.

12. Attorney – Attorney Murphy's items of discussion were mentioned previously under the Law and Ordinances Committee. The only other item is the fence Ordinance, however Mayor Balla asked that Mr. Murphy wait until the ordinance be brought up under second reading.

13. Clerk – Deputy Clerk Regina Angelo had no report.

14. Administrator – Administrator Damato said since his last report on May 20th there are 6 additional covid cases in Watchung for a total of 82 cases and 1 additional death for a total of 15 deaths. He reported that the Borough is very close to submitting their grant application for the library through Millennium Strategies. Mr. Damato also reported on the re-opening plan submitted for Borough hall. While Borough Hall is still not open to the public, they are operating on an appointment basis only. He explained the process for re-opening Borough Hall and the new modifications to keep everyone safe. There will be a health assessment for all employees to fill out prior to returning to the office. The Borough has implemented touchless facilities where possible. He recommended the one-month period in regards to the Outdoor Dining expire on July 17<sup>th</sup> instead of July 15<sup>th</sup>.

CFO Bill Hance said he received a call from resident Seth Alexander in regards to the 911 Memorial. He said Mr. Alexander has a chance to get some plants, which are deer resistant, at a bulk discount rate if we purchase them tomorrow. He asked how the Council wanted to proceed. Councilman Martino asked what account the \$1,066.00 was coming out of in regards to the plants. CFO Bill Hance responded the cost will come from the 911 Memorial Donation Account.

Mayor Balla asked if there was any feedback on the taxes collected in May. CFO Bill Hance said last he checked the Borough received 96 percent of taxes back.

15. Wildlife Committee – Councilman Jubin had no report.

16. Youth Services - Council President Robinson had no report.

17. Planning Board - Councilman Martino said with regards to the Bonnie Burn Road Redevelopment site, on May 13<sup>th</sup> the developer BNE terminated their contract.

18. Board of Education- Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten said the Board of Education held a meeting on Monday, May 11th at 7:30 pm. She mentioned the last day of school will now be June 17<sup>th</sup>. She reported that parents of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students would like to have the digital sign display the names of the graduates during their final week of school. There is a virtual graduation ceremony in the works. Also, the Feed to Give Foundation and the Board of Education have partnered and are holding another Chicken Fundraiser on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Martino recommended offering the Village Green as a place for a ceremony in regards to the graduating students. Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten agreed with Councilman Martino's statement and suggested they wait to receive further guidance on how a celebration like that could be organized. OEM Director Carolyn Solon said there are plans being put in place for Watchung Hills Regional High School graduation, tentatively in July. As a result, the Borough can concentrate on the Valley View School system.

19. Municipal Alliance- Councilman Black had no report.

20. Library Advisory Board – Councilwoman Goodloe said the Somerset County Library System has announced their reopening plan. She said it does not contain dates but rather an intent to reopen certain County library branches with social distancing, capacity restrictions, PPE, masks, disinfecting, and other precautions. She mentioned the branches identified to reopen first are Bridgewater, Warren, Hillsborough and others. She said due to the configuration of Watchung library and the inability to comply with social distancing requirements in the small space, Watchung library may not be able to reopen during the State COVID related restrictions. Councilwoman Goodloe also said the Somerset County Library System is planning to expand and roll-out of the Hands-Free Hold Program. No fines for overdue books will be imposed through Oct 31. Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten said the library grant is being submitted tomorrow.

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**PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

No public comments took place.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Public Hearing on OR:20/02 entitled: **“ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK WHEN THE COLA IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 2.5 PERCENT (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14)”** was held

Councilman Jubin moved a public hearing be held with a second by Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten upon Roll Call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.”

With no one from the public wishing to be heard, Councilman Jubin closed the public hearing and moved the following Resolution, with a second by Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten and upon Roll Call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.”

R1:06/04/20 Adoption of OR:20/02 – CAP Bank Ordinance

R2: Determining the Budget be Read by Title

R3: Public Hearing and Adoption of 2020 Municipal Budget

Councilman Jubin moved a public hearing be held with a second by Council President Robinson and upon Roll Call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.”

With no one from the public wishing to be heard, Councilman Jubin closed the public hearing with a second by Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten and upon Roll Call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.”

Mayor Balla deferred the adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget until the next Council meeting, pending State approval.

Public Hearing on OR:20/03 entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER XXVIII, ENTITLED, “LAND DEVELOPMENT”, SECTION 28-502, ENTITLED “FENCES AND WALLS” OF THE REVISED GERNERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG”** was held.

Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten moved a public hearing be held with a second by Councilwoman Goodloe and upon Roll Call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.”

With no one from the public wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten closed the public hearing with a second by Councilwoman Goodloe and upon Roll Call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.”

Attorney Murphy spoke on the communication the Mayor and Council received in regards to the Planning Board advising Ordinance 20/03 is not consistent with the master plan. Attorney Murphy advised the Council they can table the ordinance and refer it to the Ordinance Committee. He advised the Council can also amend the ordinance to either remove the word “walls” or to further clarify the definition of walls or Council could adopt the ordinance as is. Attorney Murphy recommended the Council reply a reasoning by statute why they are adopting the Ordinance as is as opposed to taking into the consideration the Planning Board report.

Councilmembers discussed the Planning Boards report and recommendation. Attorney Murphy explained that if Council chooses to remove the word “walls” from the ordinance, they would need a motion to amend the current ordinance to take the reference to “walls”/ out as well as a second. He also said it would require another reading, publication and public hearing.

Council President Robinson made a motion to amend the ordinance for the removal of the word “walls” with as second by Councilmember Goodloe and upon Roll Call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Martino “aye.” Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin “nay.”

Councilmember Eisenberg Knegten moved to adopt the ordinance as amended on first reading with a second by Councilwoman Goodloe and upon Roll Call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Martino “aye.” Jubin ‘nay.”

R4: Adoption of OR:20/03 – Amend Code / Fences and Walls

No action taken, as OR 20/03 was adopted as amended and will be considered at next agenda

Public Hearing on OR:20/04 entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 7-34 SPEED LIMITS. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG”** was held.

Council President Robinson moved a public hearing be held with a second by Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten and upon Roll Call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.”

With no one from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Robinson closed the public hearing and moved the following Resolution, with a second by Councilwoman Goodloe and upon Roll Call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.”

R5: Adoption of OR:20/04 – Amend Code / Speed Limits

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**NEW BUSINESS**

The Consent Agenda items, were unanimously adopted following a motion by Council President Robinson and a second by Councilman Black, and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.”

Approval of the following Council minutes:

- April 2, April 16, May 7, 2020 – Regular Sessions
- April 16, 30, May 7, 2020 – Executive Sessions
- May 4, 6, May 13, May 18, 20, 2020 – Special Meetings

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

- Fire Prevention Report – April, 2020
- Bd of Adjustment Minutes – March 12, April 13, 2020
- Library Advisory Committee Minutes – March 4, 2020

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

- #17 - Township of Berkeley Heights 5/18/20 Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Land Use Ordinance to change Zones in certain areas c: M & C, JD, Pl. Board
- #18 – Watchung Planning Board 6/1/20 Letter confirming review and requesting clarification of Proposed Ordinance OR:20/03 regarding Fences and Walls c: M & C, JD

Mayor Balla asked Councilman Black to report on the roof repairs need at the Municipal Court house. Councilman Black discussed the repairs needed and cost associated with the repairs. Administrator Damato said if this is approved tonight, they plan to start right away due to the deteriorating condition of the roof.

Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten petitioned to release data typically received on COVID-19 cases from Health Office Kevin Sumner to the residents. A motion was made by Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten, second by Councilwoman Goodloe to release this data.

Councilmembers discussed the pros and cons of releasing this information to the public. Administrator Damato and OEM Director Carolyn Solon explained their position against releasing the information to the public; however mentioned that Health Officer Kevin Sumner could provide his opinion to Council by the next meeting.

Mayor Balla called for a Roll Call vote: Councilwoman Goodloe, Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten “aye.” Council President Robinson, Black, Jubin, Martino “nay.”

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**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:** The resolutions listed below were submitted to the Governing Body for review and will be adopted by one motion.

Administrator Damato and Councilman Jubin gave an update in regards to R8. Councilman Jubin spoke on the importance of approving the contract and the obligations in regards to the Affordable Housing Act the Borough needs to meet.

Council President Robinson motioned, second by Councilman Jubin to adopt the following:

R6:06/04/20 Purchase Orders Over \$2,000. – First Battalion Firefighting (FD – Gear Dryer)  
Deegan Roofing (PD- PD Bldg Roof)  
Soltitude Lake Management (Lighting Upgrade)  
Nelson Construction (Court Ceiling/Painting)

R7: Authorize Clerk to Issue Raffle License – Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

R8: Award Professional Services Contract / CGP&H – Affordable Housing  
Administrative Agent Services

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted following a motion by Council President Robinson and a second by Councilman Jubin, and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.”

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**NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** Items listed below will be individually addressed and acted upon accordingly. Council reserves the right to refer an item to a Committee for further review and discussion.

R9 Introduction of Ordinance OR:20/05 – Relaxing Prohibition of Outdoor Dining  
  
No Action Taken.

R10: Creating Temporary Outdoor Dining Committee

Mayor Balla advised the Council could either introduce Ordinance 20/05 or pull that and move its replacement, R10, a Resolution Creating Temporary Outdoor Dining Committee.

Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten moved, second by Councilman Jubin, to adopt R10

Councilwoman Goodloe praised the residents overwhelming support and input in moving forward with this resolution to support local businesses. These sentiments were echoed by Councilman Jubin, Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten and Council President Robinson.

Attorney Murphy reminded the Council on the Administrator’s suggestion to amend the resolution to expire on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Goodloe pointed out a correction on the resolution to list the number 5, instead of 9 in the whereas clause that establishes the Temporary Outdoor Dining Committee and requested that the suggested change made by OEM Director Solon, to incorporate reference to Executive Order 150 be made.

A motion to amend resolution R10 as noted above was made by Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten, second by Councilman Black and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.”

A motion to adopt R10 as amended was made by Councilwoman Goodloe, second by Council President Robinson and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.”

R11: Authorizing Entry into Communications Tower Agreement

Councilman Jubin moved the resolution with a second by Councilman Black and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino, “aye.”

R12: Waive Chapter 2-25.10 of the Code – Gray’s Florist & Greenhouse

Councilman Jubin moved the resolution with a second by Councilwoman Goodloe and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Black, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.” Black “abstain.”

R13:                Payment of Bills

Councilman Jubin moved the resolution with a second by Councilman Black and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Robinson, Goodloe, Black, Eisenberg Knegten, Jubin, Martino “aye.”

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**PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Tynesha Sims, 124 Edgemont Road, spoke on an incident occurring at the Watchung Recreation camp last summer involving inappropriate comments made to her two daughters. She asked the Council to think about initiatives that could help bring our community together and initiatives that help us leverage diversity. All Council Members commended Ms. Sims for speaking up and expressed their concern and their apologies to her and her family for having gone through this experience. Council Members promised to follow up on the matter and ensured that they would do more to unify the community and spoke on the possibility of forming a diversity committee.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 P.M. to the Call of the Chair.

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council is scheduled to be Virtually held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Angelo, RMC  
Deputy Clerk