

**MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
438 W. EVESHAM AVENUE
MAGNOLIA, NJ 08049
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 15, 2024**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Cowling-Carson read the following statement, “This meeting is being conducted in full compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Law” and notices were sent to the Courier-Post and the Central Record. In addition, the notice was posted on the official bulletin board located at Borough Hall.”

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Cowling-Carson led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Syliesha Scott, Deputy Municipal Clerk called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson, Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, Councilman Anthony DePrince, Councilwoman Mary Martz, Councilman Steve Whalen, Councilwoman Shelley Wilson. Absent, Councilwoman Shawn Parker.

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 12-2024 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 270 “ZONING” TO INCLUDE ARTICLE XIII “CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS” Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Wilson motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson. The solicitor explained no more than 2 retail only.

ORDINANCE 13-2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 210, ENTITLED RENTAL PROPERTIES OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Wilson motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2024-134 AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY AWARD CONTRACT-VACUUM SALES INC. -SANITARY SEWER JET EQUIPMENT REPAIR. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman Whalen motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-135 AWARDING CONTRACT-KC SIGN & AWNING THROUGH THE ECNJ #65MCECCPS COOPERATIVE – ESCNJ 21/22-26. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman Whalen motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-136 AWARDING CONTRACT-NEW CASE BACKHOE MODEL #580SV-GROFF TRACTOR MID ATLANTIC LLC. THROUGH THE STATE CONTRACT SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE-#011723-CNH. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Whalen and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-137 AWARDING CONTRACT RJ WALSH ASSOCIATES THROUGH THE STATE CONTRACT #A42268 FOR EVR DEP REQUIRED FUEL PUMP UPGRADES 60” LAWNMOWER. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz. On the Question Councilman Whalen questioned Phase 1 and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-138 AWARDING CONTRACT- ASSOCIATED BUILDING SUPPLIES-3 SIDE DOOR REPLACEMENT AT COMMUNITY CENTER & 1 ENTRY DOOR FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SHED. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-139 AWARDING CONTRACT AMERICAN DISCOUNT FENCE-REQUIRED FENCING AT PWD PUMP STATION. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-140 AWARDING CONTRACT AMERICAN DISCOUNT FENCE-REQUIRED DUMPSTER FENCING AT COMMUNITY CENTER. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman Whalen motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman DePrince and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-141 AWARDING CONTRACT-GEORGE R. COULTER PLUMBING BOROUGH HALL BATHROOM SEWER LINE ISSUE REPAIRS. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by

Councilwoman Wilson and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-142 AWARDING CONTRACT-ASSOCIATED BUILDING SUPPLIES-BOROUGH HALL BATHROOM RENOVATIONS AFTER SEWER ISSUE REPAIRS. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-143 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY FROM THE BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE MOWER AND DUMP TRUCK. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-144 APPOINTING A DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS-SYLIESHA SCOTT. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman Whelan, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson

RESOLUTION 2024-145 APPROVING DOMINICK J BARTOLOMEO AS A JUNIOR FIREMAN OF THE BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-146 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman Whalen, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Wilson, Martz, Whalen.

RESOLUTION 2024-147 AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE TO THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) IN THE FORM OF THE 2024 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. On the question mayor asked about gear and if it was included. Councilman Whalen, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Wilson, Martz, Whalen.

RESOLUTION 2024-148 AUTHORIZING INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE TO THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L.1948) Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. On the question Mayor asked about gear and if it would include the pavilion. Councilwoman Wilson, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Whalen and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Wilson, Martz, Whalen.

RESOLUTION 2024-149 REQUESTING CHANGE IN TITLE, TEST OR AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85 FOR CASH MATCH FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER 2024. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman DePrince, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Whalen and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Wilson, Martz, Whalen.

RESOLUTION 2024-150 AUTHORIZING INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE TO THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L.1948) IN THE FORM OF THE 2024 DISTRACTED DRIVER CRACKDOWN U DRIVE U TEXT U PAY GRANT. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman DePrince, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Whalen and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Wilson, Martz, Whalen.

RESOLUTION 2024-151 AUTHORIZING INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE TO THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L.1948) IN THE FORM OF THE 2024 CLEAN COMMUNITY GRANT. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Wilson, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Whalen and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Wilson, Martz, Whalen.

RESOLUTION 2024-152 AUTHORIZING INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE TO THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L.1948) IN THE FORM OF THE 2024 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Wilson, Martz, Whalen.

RESOLUTION 2024-153 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ANIMAL LICENSE FEES RECEIVED IN ERROR. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Martz, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Whalen and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Wilson, Martz, Whalen.

RESOLUTION 2024-154 AUTHORIZING CHARGES ON VARIOUS PROPERTIES FOR MAINTENANCE. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Wilson, Martz, Whalen.

RESOLUTION 2024-155 AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR EVESHAM AVENUE SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN FAILURE. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Whalen and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Wilson, Martz, Whalen.

RESOLUTION 2024-156 AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY AWARD OF CONTRACT-PERNA FINNIGAN INC.-EVESHAM AVENUE SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN FAILURE. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa, motioned to approve. Motion was

seconded by Councilman Whalen and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Wilson, Martz, Whalen

RESOLUTION 2024-157 AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CAMP 99 FOR USE OF THE DONALD E. WILSON COMMUNITY CENTER. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Wilson, motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Wilson, Martz, Whalen Councilwoman Wilson spoke on the contract is a 1yr term and a 3% increase to the weekly cost.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman DePrince reported on the new ambulance arriving early September. The new police vehicle arrives tomorrow and needs to be striped etc.

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, & TECHNOLOGY

Councilman Whalen reported on the new website and the details are in the Dropbox, the new phone contract with USA Phones and tax notices going out. There was an inquiry regarding the Reach UC app with the new phone company. Linda Neff, spoke on the purchase order process and electronic requisitions. Councilman Whelan inquired about outside sewer rate and it going to an outside entity.

PUBLIC WORKS & MUNICIPAL FACILITIES/GROUNDS

Councilwoman Bonamassa referenced her written report that was uploaded, then reported on Landing Park Meeting, and the basement door being finished.

PLANNING & ZONING

Councilwoman Martz referenced her written report that was uploaded, then reported on NUVO storage starting soon and Mod Wash submitting updated plans.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Parker was absent. The National Night Out was reported to be moved to October 26th (Fall Festival) and the date for Magnolia Street Market was provided (Mayor Cowling Carson reported)

COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & COMPLIANCE, & COMMUNITY CENTER

Councilwoman Wilson reported on their meeting last Thursday and on the DOT owned property on White Horse Pike.

MAYOR

Mayor Cowling-Carson had nothing to report at this time.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Long referenced items to be discussed in closed session.

ENGINEERING

Mr. Basehore indicated his report was uploaded in the Dropbox and spoke on the date for the Pavillion (September 9, 2024)

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Wilson requested approval for the Governor's conference on Housing and 2 days in Atlantic City Economic Development Councilman DePrince motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Whalen, Wilson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Wilson motioned to open the floor to the public, with a second by Councilwoman Martz. All present voted in favor. 8:10pm

Karen Warden inquired about the Cannabis Ordinance being recreational. Solicitor Long explained the provisions of the Ordinance. She also inquired about A code Enforcement Notice and a Senior Help Program

Mary Burns inquired about vacant property on Chestnut.

Councilman Whalen motioned to close the floor to the public 8:23pm, with a second by Councilwoman Martz. All present voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Wilson motioned to enter executive session at 8:30 p.m., for matters relating to Discussion on sick time and Shared Services Agreement for court and Discussion on Ambulance. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. It was anticipated that the executive session would be approximately 60 minutes. All present voted in favor.

Councilwoman Wilson motion to re-enter open session at 9:52 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Parker. All present voted in favor.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Entered a Shared Service Agreement with Somerdale.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Wilson motioned to adjourn at 10:01 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz. All present voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Syliesha Scott, CMR
Deputy Municipal Clerk