



CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE
VOTING SESSION MEETING
JULY 22, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
VOTING SESSION
PHILLIP L. PITTORE JUSTICE CENTER
25 SOUTH UNION STREET.
AGENDA

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and she asked the City Clerk to read the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act into the record.

The City Clerk read the following statement: This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act with the annual notice advertised in the January 11, 2021 Trenton Times, notice was provided to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times, members on the list serve, to department heads, the City Attorney and City Engineer, and the meeting agenda was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall and to the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org.

The meeting agenda provides for action items at the extent known at the time of publication.

This meeting will be recorded.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Councilwoman Lambert, Councilman Sanders, Councilman Stegman, Council President Taylor, Mayor Fahl.

Absent: Mayor Fahl.

Also present: William Opel – City Attorney, Cynthia Ege – City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council President Taylor asked the members of the governing body and public to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of those serving in the United States Armed Forces and for those serving on the front lines of COVID.

MEETING MINUTES

Council President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the following sets of minutes: June 24, 2021 Voting Session, July 6, 2021 Voting Session. Councilwoman Lambert made the motion and Councilman Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda: *The following resolutions on a consent agenda are considered routine and shall be enacted by one motion. Should any member of City Council seek separate discussion of any item, that item shall be removed and discussed separately.*

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Council President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the following resolutions: 102-2021 – 110-2021, removing number 109-2021 from the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 102-2021: *A Resolution to Authorize the Contract with Suburban Consulting Engineers for the design and bid documents for the 2019 Road Projects Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$56,300.00 for the following Roads: Douglas (Stryker to Highland), Grant, (Belvidere to Coryell) Highland Studdiford to Boozer), Swan (Franklin to Studdiford).*

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that the contract with Suburban Consulting Engineering is hereby amended to include engineering fees for the 2020 resurfacing program in a project amount not to exceed \$56,300.00.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 103-2021: *A Resolution to Authorize the Refund of Bulk Trash Permit Fees to Thomas Sendgraff II in the Amount of \$ 75.00, and Morgan Altman in the Amount of \$22.50.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the refund of bulk trash permits to the following residents are hereby approved:

Thomas Sendgraff II for a permit that was not used in the amount of \$75.00;

Morgan Altman for payment of brush pick-up that is not required in the amount of \$22.50.

ADOPTED: July 22, 2021

RESOLUTION NUMBER 104-2021: *A Resolution to Authorize the Amendment to the Contract with Quick Environmental from \$6,200 to 8,900 for the Removal of the Gas and Diesel Tanks at the Public Works Site.*

A Resolution to Authorize the Amendment to the Contract with Quick Environmental from \$6,200 to 8,900 for the Removal of the Gas and Diesel Tanks at the Public Works Site.

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville awarded a contract to Quick Environmental on April 22, 2021 for the removal of the gas and diesel storage tanks in the amount of \$6,200.00; and

WHEREAS, additional testing had to be completed due to a noted spill and discoloration of the concrete.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville authorizes the amendment to the contract with Quick Environmental in the amount of \$8,900.00 for the removal of the gas and diesel tanks at Public Works is hereby authorized.

ADOPTED: July 22, 2021

RESOLUTION NUMBER 105-2021: *A Resolution to Authorize the Payment to Emergency Generator Repair Company in the Amount of \$623.00 for the Emergency Generator in 2019.*

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville authorizes the payment to Emergency Generator Repair Co., in the amount of \$623.00 for the 2019 repairs to the police department generator.

ADOPTED: July 22, 2021

RESOLUTION NUMBER 106-2021: *A Resolution to Authorize the Lien Redemption for Block 1002, Lot 68, to Adam Dewechter in An Amount Not to Exceed \$1,397.90.*

A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1002, Lot 68 In the Amount of \$1,397.90

WHEREAS, Tax Lien Certificate 20-0002 issued on Block 1002 Lot 68 was sold then subsequently assigned to Adam Dewechter on 02/08/2021

WHEREAS, payment has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of the tax lien from a Mortgage Company.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey that the check is hereby authorized to Adam Dewechter, 45 W. Church St, Absecon, NJ 08201 for the redemption of tax lien certificate #20-0002 in the amount of: \$1,097.90

In addition, the city is holding a premium in the amount of \$300.00

and upon redemption this is due back to the lienholder.

2 checks for the lienholder –

Check 1= \$1097.90

Check 2= for premium= \$300.00

ADOPTED: July 22, 2021

RESOLUTION NUMBER 107-2021: *A Resolution to Authorize the Electronic Tax Sale.*

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 107-2020
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations for electronic tax sales; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations authorize a municipality to conduct an electronic tax sale; and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

WHEREAS, the municipality of Lambertville City wishes to participate in an electronic tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the City of Lambertville, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in an electronic tax sale and submit same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services if necessary.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Lambertville at a public meeting held on July 22, 2021.

ADOPTED: July 22, 2021

RESOLUTION NUMBER 108-2021: A Resolution to Authorize the Award of a Contract Through the Fair and Open Process for the Facilities Review Project to Musial Group, PA in the Amount Not to Exceed \$39,623

RESOLUTION NUMBER 108-2021

A Resolution to Authorize the Award of a Contract Through the Fair and Open Process for the Facilities Review Project to The Musial Group, P.A. in the Amount of \$39,623.00.

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville has a need to acquire professional services through the fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the contract will expire 12/31/2021; and

WHEREAS, the request for proposals appeared in the May 7, 2021, 2021 edition of the Times, and Venders submitted proposals on May 27, 2021 which were received and publicly read; and

Easton Architects

20 West 44th Street Suite, New York, NY 10036

Proposal Amount: \$121,150.00

Revised Proposal, excluding the Closson property and the Police Site: \$97,580.00

The Musial Group, P.A.

191 Mill Lane, Mountainside, NJ 07092

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Proposal Amount: \$47,823.33
Revised Proposal, excluding the Closson property and the Police Site: \$39,623.00

Axias (NY) LLC
197 Route 18 South, Suite 3000, East Brunswick, NJ 08816
Proposal Amount: \$29,100.00

IEI Group. LTD
428 N. 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123
Proposal Amount: \$161,500.00

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed the proposal documents and has certified they are responsive and responsible; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified that funds will be available in Ordinance Number 06-2018.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Lambertville authorizes the City Clerk to enter into a contract with Musial Group, P.A. in an amount not to exceed \$39,623.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lambertville will provide the public notice in the next edition of the Trenton Times.

ADOPTED: July 22, 2021

RESOLUTION NUMBER 110-2021: A Resolution to Authorize the Grant Application for the 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant for North Franklin Street, Route 179 to Ely Field.

Resolution No. 110-2021

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the **MA-2022-Improvements to North Franklin Street-00586** application for the **Improvements to North Franklin Street** project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Julia Fahl and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2022-Improvements to North Franklin Street-00586** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of City of Lambertville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Julia Fahl and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of City of Lambertville and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Councilman Stegman made the motion to approve resolution numbers 102-2021 through 110-2021, noting that number 109-2021 was removed from the consent agenda.

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Councilwoman Lambert seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS LIST

Council President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Bills List as presented. Councilwoman Lambert made the motion and Councilman Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING – none.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NUMBER 16-2021: An Ordinance of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, Creating Chapter 16 of the Lambertville City Code, 2014, Entitled “Cannabis” and Amending the Land Use Regulations to Permit the Operation of Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License Without Consumption Area and Prohibit Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of Cannabis Licensed Establishments Within the City and Amending Chapter 15 to Establish a Cannabis Transfer Tax.

Council President Taylor read the Ordinance into the record by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-21

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE IN HUNTERDON
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CREATING CHAPTER 16 OF THE CITY CODE
ENTITLED “CANNABIS” AND AMENDING THE LAND USE
REGULATIONS TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF CLASS 5
CANNABIS RETAILER LICENSE WITHOUT CONSUMPTION AREA
AND PROHIBIT CLASSES 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 6 OF CANNABIS LICENSED
ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY AND AMENDING CHAPTER
15 TO ESTABLISH A CANNABIS TRANSFER TAX**

WHEREAS, in 2020 New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called “cannabis” for adults at least twenty-one years of age; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law *P.L. 2021, c. 16*, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (the “Act”), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults twenty-one years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes six marketplace classes of licensed businesses, including:

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- Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator license, for facilities involved in growing and cultivating cannabis;
- Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer license, for facilities involved in the manufacturing, preparation, and packaging of cannabis items;
- Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license, for facilities involved in obtaining and selling cannabis items for later resale by other licensees;
- Class 4 Cannabis Distributer license, for businesses involved in transporting cannabis plants in bulk from one licensed cultivator to another licensed cultivator, or cannabis items in bulk from any type of licensed cannabis business to another;
- Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license, for locations at which cannabis items and related supplies are sold to consumers; and
- Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license, for businesses providing courier services for consumer purchases that are fulfilled by a licensed cannabis retailer in order to make deliveries of the purchased items to a consumer, and which service would include the ability of a consumer to make a purchase directly through the cannabis delivery service which would be presented by the delivery service for fulfillment by a retailer and then delivered to a consumer.

WHEREAS, section 31a of the Act authorizes municipalities, by ordinance, to adopt regulations governing the number of cannabis establishments (defined in section 3 of the Act as “a cannabis cultivator, a cannabis manufacturer, a cannabis wholesaler, or a cannabis retailer”), cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services allowed to operate within their boundaries, as well as the location, manner, and times of operation of such establishments, distributors, or delivery services, and establishing civil penalties for the violation of any such regulations; and

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act authorizes municipalities, by ordinance, to prohibit the operation of any one or more classes of cannabis establishments, distributors, or delivery services anywhere in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act also stipulates, however, that any municipal regulation or prohibition must be adopted within 180 days of the effective date of the Act (*i.e.*, by August 22, 2021); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 31b of the Act, the failure to do so shall mean that for a period of five years thereafter, the growing, cultivating, manufacturing, selling, and reselling of cannabis and cannabis items shall be permitted uses in all industrial zones, and the retail selling of cannabis items to consumers shall be a conditional use in all commercial and retail zones; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the initial and any subsequent five-year period following a failure to enact local regulations or prohibitions, the municipality shall again have 180 days to adopt an ordinance regulating or prohibiting cannabis businesses, but any such ordinance would be prospective only and would not apply to any cannabis business already operating within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lambertville has determined that, due to present uncertainties regarding the potential future impacts that allowing one or more classes of cannabis business might have on New Jersey municipalities in general, and on Lambertville in particular, it

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is at this time necessary and appropriate, and in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents and members of the public who visit, travel, or conduct business in the City, and to provide the City an opportunity to evaluate the potential impacts of one or more classes of cannabis business, to amend the City's zoning regulations to prohibit Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 cannabis licensed establishments within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the City of Lambertville has determined that the retail sale of cannabis items to consumers is encompassed within the definition "Retail Sales", which is a permitted use in the Central Business District, the Service Commercial District and General Commercial District; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council finds it necessary pursuant to the Act to set forth conditions governing said cannabis retail use in the afore-mentioned zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, cannabis uses shall be prohibited in any district where not specifically permitted; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance shall not be construed to prohibit home growing of cannabis products in the event such is permitted by the New Jersey Legislature in the future; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lambertville, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1: Preamble incorporated. The preamble to this ordinance is hereby incorporated as if fully restated herein.

SECTION 2: Chapter 15 Finance and Taxation of the Municipal Code of the City of Lambertville shall be amended to establish Section 15-2 Cannabis Transfer Tax as follows:

Section 15-2 Cannabis Transfer Tax

§15-2.1 Purpose.

It is the purpose of this Article to implement the provisions of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement, Assistance and Marketplace Modernization Act ("CREAMMA"), P.L. 2021, c.16 (approved February 22, 2021) which authorizes a municipality to impose Cannabis Transfer and User Taxes. All terms herein shall be defined in same as defined in N.J.S.A. 24:61-33, section 3 of CREAMMA and Chapter 16 Cannabis.

§15-2.2 Cannabis Transfer Tax.

a. There shall be a transfer tax imposed on the receipts from the sale of cannabis and cannabis items from the following licensed person or entity located in this municipality:

- i. From one cannabis establishment to another cannabis establishment;
- ii. From retail sales of cannabis items by a cannabis retailer to retail consumers who are 21 years of age or older;
- iii. Or any combination thereof.

b. The transfer tax rate shall be assessed at 2% of receipts from each sale by a cannabis retailer.

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c. The transfer tax shall be in addition to any other tax or fee imposed pursuant to statute or local ordinance or resolution by any government entity with regard to cannabis.

d. Any transaction for which the transfer tax is imposed, is exempt from the tax imposed under the N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq., "Sales and Use Tax Act".

e. The transfer tax shall be stated, charged and shown separately on any sales slip, invoice, receipt or other statement or memorandum of the price paid or payable or equivalent value of the transfer for the cannabis or cannabis item.

§15-2.3 Cannabis User Tax.

a. There shall be a user tax imposed on any concurrent license holder operating more than one cannabis establishment.

b. The user tax rate shall be assessed at 2% on any concurrent license holder operating more than one cannabis establishment. The use tax shall be imposed on the value of each transfer or use of cannabis or cannabis items not otherwise subject to the transfer tax imposed pursuant to this Article, from the license holder's establishment that is located in the municipality to any of the other license holder's establishments, whether located in the municipality or another municipality.

c. The user tax shall be in addition to any other tax or fee imposed pursuant to statute or local ordinance or resolution by any government entity with regard to cannabis. Any transaction for which the user tax is imposed, is exempt from the tax imposed under the N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq., "Sales and Use Tax Act".

d. The user tax shall be stated, charged and shown separately on any sales slip, invoice, receipt or other statement or memorandum of the price paid or payable or equivalent value of the transfer for the cannabis or cannabis item.

§15-2.4 Collection of Cannabis Transfer and User Tax.

In accordance with the provisions of CREAMMA:

a. Every cannabis establishment required to collect the transfer and user taxes imposed by this Chapter shall be personally liable for the transfer and user tax imposed, collected or required by this Chapter and CREAMMA.

b. Any cannabis establishment collecting a transfer tax or user tax shall have the same right with respect to collecting the tax from another cannabis establishment or the consumer as if the tax was a part of the sale and payable at the same time. With respect to non-payment of the transfer tax or user tax by the cannabis establishment or consumer, as if the tax was part of the purchase price of the cannabis or cannabis item and payable at the same time, provided that the CFO of the municipality which imposes the transfer tax and user tax is joined as a party in any action or proceeding brought to collect the transfer tax or user tax.

c. No cannabis establishment required to collect the transfer or user taxes imposed by this Chapter shall advertise or hold out to any person or to the public in general, in any manner, directly or indirectly, that the transfer tax or user tax will not be separately charged and stated to another cannabis establishment or the consumer or that the transfer tax or user tax will be refunded to the cannabis establishment or consumer.

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§15-2.5 Remittance of Cannabis Taxes; Delinquencies.

- a. Each cannabis establishment collecting transfer and user taxes pursuant to this Chapter shall be remitted to the CFO of the municipality on a monthly basis.
- b. Every cannabis establishment required to collect transfer tax or user tax shall be personally liable.
- c. Delinquent taxes. If the transfer tax or user tax is not paid when due, the unpaid balance, and any interest accruing thereon, shall be a lien on the parcel of real property comprising the cannabis establishment's premises.
- d. The lien shall be superior and paramount to the interest in the parcel of any owner, lessee, tenant, mortgagee, or other person, except the lien of municipal taxes, and shall be on a parity with and deemed equal to the municipal lien on the parcel for unpaid property taxes due and owing in the same year.
- e. The municipality shall file in the office of its tax collector a statement showing the amount and due date of the unpaid balance of cannabis taxes and identifying the lot and block number of the parcel of real property that comprises the delinquent cannabis establishment's premises. The lien shall be enforced as a municipal lien in the same manner as all other municipal liens are enforced.
- f. The annual City permit issued pursuant to Chapter 16 shall not be renewed for the cannabis establishment should any transfer or user tax pursuant to this Chapter be delinquent.

SECTION 3: Chapter 16 Cannabis of the Municipal Code of the City of Lambertville is hereby established.

Chapter 16 Cannabis

§16-1 Purpose of Chapter.

Notwithstanding any Federal law to the contrary, this Chapter is enacted to regulate and govern the use of Cannabis and the number and types of permits issued in the City pursuant to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Enforcement Assistance and Marketplace Act, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-32 et seq. ("CREAMMA") (the "Act"). The City is awaiting regulations for same by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) and reserves the right to revise this Chapter pursuant to same.

§16-2 Definitions.

As used in this Chapter, words and phrases shall have the same meanings they have in the Act and as follows:

"Cannabis" shall mean all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa* L., whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant or its seeds, except those containing resin extracted from the plant, which are cultivated and, when applicable, manufactured in accordance with CREAMMA for use in cannabis products as set forth in that act, but shall not include the weight of any other ingredient combined with cannabis to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink, or other product. "Cannabis" does not include:

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medical cannabis dispensed to registered qualifying patients pursuant to the Honig Act and N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.22 et al.; marijuana as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:35-2 and applied to any offense set forth in chapters 35, 35A, and 36 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes, N.J.S.A. 2C:35B-1 et seq., or marijuana as defined in N.J.S.A. 24:21-2 and applied to any offense set forth in the “New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances Act,” N.J.S.A. 24:21-1 et al.; or hemp or a hemp product cultivated, handled, processed, transported, or sold pursuant to the “New Jersey Hemp Farming Act.” N.J.S.A. 4:28-6 et al.

“Cannabis Consumption Area” shall mean a designated location operated by a licensed cannabis retailer for which both a State and local endorsement has been obtained, that is either: (1) an indoor, structurally enclosed area of the cannabis retailer that is separate from the area in which retail sales of cannabis items occurs; or (2) an exterior structure on the same premises as the cannabis retailer, either separate from or connected to the cannabis retailer, at which cannabis items obtained from the retailer may be consumed. This definition shall be consistent with the Recreational Marijuana Act and all amendments thereto.

“Cannabis Cultivator” shall mean any person or entity holding a Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator license issued by the State of New Jersey that grows, cultivates, or produces cannabis in the State of New Jersey, and sells, and may transport, this cannabis to other cannabis cultivators, or usable cannabis to cannabis manufacturers, cannabis wholesalers, or cannabis retailers, but not to consumers.

“Cannabis Delivery Service” shall mean any person or entity holding a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license issued by the State of New Jersey that provides courier services for consumer purchases of cannabis items and related supplies fulfilled by a cannabis retailer in order to make deliveries of the cannabis items and related supplies to that consumer, and which services include the ability of a consumer to purchase the cannabis items directly through the cannabis delivery service, which after presenting the purchase order to the cannabis retailer for fulfillment, is delivered to that consumer.

“Cannabis Distributor” shall mean any person or entity holding a Class 4 Cannabis Distributor license issued by the State of New Jersey that transports cannabis in bulk intrastate from one licensed cannabis cultivator to another licensed cannabis cultivator, or transports 40 cannabis items in bulk intrastate from any one class of licensed cannabis establishment to another class of licensed cannabis establishment, and may engage in the temporary storage of cannabis or cannabis items as necessary to carry out transportation activities.

“Cannabis Establishment” shall mean a cannabis cultivator, a cannabis manufacturer, or a cannabis wholesaler. For the purposes of City Code, “cannabis establishment” does not include cannabis retailers; not does it include Class 6 cannabis delivery service.

“Cannabis Item” shall mean any usable cannabis, cannabis product, cannabis extract, and any other cannabis resin. “Cannabis item” does not include: any form of medical cannabis dispensed to registered qualifying patients pursuant to the Honig Act and N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.22 et al. or hemp or a hemp product cultivated, handled, processed, transported, or sold pursuant to the “New Jersey Hemp Farming Act,” N.J.S.A. 4:28-6 et al.

“Cannabis Manufacturer” shall mean any person or entity holding a Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer license issued by the State of New Jersey, that processes cannabis items in this State by purchasing or otherwise obtaining usable cannabis, manufacturing, preparing, and packaging cannabis items,

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and selling, and optionally transporting, these items to other cannabis manufacturers, cannabis wholesalers, or cannabis retailers, but not to consumers.

“Cannabis Retailer” shall mean any person or entity holding a Class 5 Cannabis license issued by the State of New Jersey that purchases or otherwise obtains usable cannabis from cannabis cultivators and cannabis items from cannabis manufacturers or cannabis wholesalers, and sells these to consumers from a retail store, and may use a cannabis delivery service or a certified cannabis handler for the off-premises delivery of cannabis items and related supplies to consumers. A cannabis retailer shall also accept consumer purchases to be fulfilled from its retail store that are presented by a cannabis delivery service which will be delivered by the cannabis delivery service to that consumer.

“Cannabis Wholesaler” shall mean any person or entity holding a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license issued by the State of New Jersey that purchases or otherwise obtains, stores, sells or otherwise transfers, and may transport, cannabis items for the purpose of resale or other transfer to either another cannabis wholesaler or to a cannabis retailer, but not to consumers.

“Commission” or “CRC” shall mean the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission established pursuant to CREAMMA.

“Manufacture” shall mean the drying, processing, compounding, or conversion of usable cannabis into cannabis products or cannabis resins. “Manufacture” does not include packaging or labeling.

“Microbusiness” shall mean a person or entity license by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission as a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service that may only, with respect to its business operations, and capacity and quantity of product:

1. Employ no more than ten (10) employees;
2. Operate a cannabis establishment occupying an area no more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet, and in the case of a cannabis cultivator, grow cannabis on an area no more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet measured on a horizontal plan and grow above that plane not higher than twenty-four (24) feet;
3. Possess no more than one thousand (1,000) cannabis plants each month, except that a cannabis distributor’s possession of cannabis plants for transportation shall not be subject to this limit;
4. Acquire each month, in the case of a cannabis manufacturer, no more than one thousand (1,000) pounds of useable cannabis;
5. Acquire for resale each month, in the case of a cannabis wholesaler, no more than one thousand (1,000) pounds of usable cannabis, or the equivalent amount in any form of manufactured cannabis product or cannabis resin, or any combination thereof; and
6. Acquire for retail sale each month, in the case of a cannabis retailer, no more than one thousand (1,000) pounds of usable cannabis, or the equivalent amount in any form of manufactured cannabis product or cannabis resin, or any combination thereof.

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“Public Place” or “Quasi-public Place” shall mean any place to which the public has access that is not privately owned; or any place to which the public has access where alcohol consumption is not allowed, including, but not limited to, a public street, road, thoroughfare, school, sidewalk, bridge, alley, plaza, park, playground, shopping area, public transportation facility, vehicle used for public transportation, parking lot, public library, or any other public building, structure, or area.

ARTICLE I – CONSUMPTION, POSSESSION AND UNREGULATED SALE

§16-3 Prohibition in Public Places

No person shall consume, use, smoke, vape, aerosolize, imbibe or possess in any open container any cannabis or cannabis product in or upon public or quasi-public place.

§16-4 Prohibition in Vehicles

No person shall consume, use, smoke, vape, aerosolize, imbibe any cannabis or cannabis products in or upon any private vehicle while the vehicle is in motion or parked upon any such public or quasi-public place.

§16-5 Prohibition

No person shall smoke, vape, or aerosolize cannabis items in any place that any other law prohibits the smoking of tobacco, including N.J.S.A. 2C:33-13 and the “New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act.” (N.J.S.A. 26:3D-55 et seq.)

§16-6 Prohibition of Unregulated Sale of Cannabis

- A. No person shall sell cannabis in the City of Lambertville without a state license and a City permit.
- B. No person shall gift cannabis in the City of Lambertville as part of a sale of another item or items.

§16-7 Nuisance

It shall be deemed a nuisance if a person who is consuming, using, smoking, vaping, aerosolizing or imbibing cannabis shall permit excessive odor or other pollution to extend beyond the person’s premises.

ARTICLE II – PERMITTING AND REGULATION

§16-8 Purpose.

This Article is enacted to regulate and to implement the provisions of the Act. The City is awaiting regulations for same by the CRC and may reserve the right to revise this Article pursuant to same. Permits granted pursuant to this Article shall be issued upon receipt of State License granted by the CRC.

§16-9 Classes Prohibited.

This ordinance prohibits the issuing of permits for Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

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A. The City of Lambertville shall not issue any permits for Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 as defined in Section 16-2 of this ordinance and further identified by the State of New Jersey.

§16-10 State and City Licenses and Permits Required.

A. To operate a Class 5 cannabis retailer pursuant to CREAMMA, a State license and City permit is required.

§16-11 Issuance of Licenses and Permits

A. All applications for licenses and permits, all licenses and permits issued and all proceedings under this Article shall be in accordance with all applicable laws of the state.

B. All licenses and permits required by this Article shall be issued by the Council, which shall also administer the provisions of this Article.

C. No person shall retail cannabis without having obtained a license in accordance with CREAMMA and a license or permit in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

§16-12 Maximum Number of Permits.

A. Number. The maximum number of permits in the City for Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licensed under CREAMMA, shall be four (4).

B. Preference. The City has a preference for two (2) of the four (4) Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses to be issued to microbusinesses.

C. A Permittee or entity may not hold more than one cannabis retailer permit within the City.

D. Location of Permits.

Class 5 Cannabis Retailer(s) shall comply with the City's Zoning Ordinance and shall be allowed in the following districts:

1. Two (2) Class 5 Cannabis Retailer permits shall be allowed to operate in the CBD Central Business District.

2. One (1) Class 5 Cannabis Retailer permit shall be allowed to operate in the C-2 Service Commercial District.

3. One (1) Class 5 Cannabis Retailer permit shall be allowed to operate in the C-3 General Commercial District.

§16-13 Permit Fees

A. The applicant shall submit all required nonrefundable fees for the application and year one of the conditional license pursuant to this Article.

B. The applicant shall submit all annual registration fees required in accordance with this Article, which shall be refunded in the event the applicant does not receive a license.

C. Cannabis Retailer

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1. Application and Year One: \$2,500
2. Subsequent Annual Renewal Permit Fee: \$2,500

§16-14 Permit Process

A. Application. Persons wishing to obtain a Class 5 Retailer permit shall file a permit application with the Clerk, on a standardized form established by the Clerk and available in the Clerk's office. The Clerk shall establish a reasonable application period and deadline for all applications. An application shall be deemed incomplete, and shall not be processed by the Clerk until all documents and application fees are submitted. To be deemed complete, all applications shall be accompanied by the following:

1. The applicant shall submit proof that the applicant has or will have lawful possession of the premises proposed for the cannabis retail store, which proof may consist of: a deed, a lease, a real estate contract contingent upon successful licensing, or a binding letter of intent by the owner of the premises indicating an intent to lease the premises to the entrant contingent upon successful licensing.
2. The applicant shall submit an affidavit and documentary proof of compliance with all state and local laws regarding affirmative action, anti-discrimination and fair employment practices. The applicant shall also certify under oath that they will not and shall not discriminate based on race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.
3. The location proposed for permitting by the applicant shall comply with all applicable municipal zoning laws and the location restrictions set forth in this Code.
4. The applicant shall submit, to the satisfaction of the Clerk, proof of financial capability to open and operate the cannabis establishment for which the applicant is seeking a permit. Standards for proof of financial capability shall be determined by the City's Chief Financial Officer.
5. In addition to complying with any State requirement related to good character and criminal background, any person proposed to have an ownership interest in the permit shall not have had any cannabis license or permit revoked for a violation affecting public safety in the State of New Jersey or a subdivision thereof within the preceding five (5) years.
6. The applicant and the application shall otherwise comply with any and all qualification standards set forth in the State and City laws or regulations.

§16-15 Notification of Award and Conditional Municipal Permit

Notwithstanding the foregoing application process, a notification of award and conditional municipal permit shall entitle the recipient applicant to pursue a State permit or license in the appropriate classification for up to 12 months, which may be extended in the Clerk's discretion for an additional 6 months for good cause. No permit to operate shall be issued until the applicant has received a State permit and satisfied other prerequisites of municipal licensure. If the recipient of a notice of awarded and conditional permit has not received a State permit or license within 12 months from issuance, unless extended for good

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cause, the Clerk shall issue a new request for applications and evaluate all applicants for permits under the above criteria.

§16-16 Term of Permit and Permit Award

A. Any local permit issued pursuant to this Chapter shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of issuance and shall be renewed in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

B. The Clerk may, at his/her/their discretion, adjust the renewal date of the local permit to correlate with an applicant's State licensing and renewal schedule.

C. Renewal of any permit shall be governed by any code amendments, additional restrictions or changes in regulations adopted since the previous permit was issued or renewed.

D. Transfer of ownership of any local permit or change of location of any permit or modification to expand a permitted premise shall be subject to the City Council approval and City Planning review and zoning approval. The appropriate escrows must be posted in order to review any application with the City's Land Use Boards.

E. Except where the Clerk has received a complete renewal application along with the requisite fees, and has issued a permit renewal, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate after the date of permit expiration.

§16-17 Revocation of Permit or Licenses

Any permit or license issued under this Article may be suspended or revoked for violation of any provisions of the City Code of Ordinances, or any applicable statute or any of the rules or regulations promulgated by the CRC. Suspension or revocation of a permit or license shall be in addition to any other penalty which may be imposed for a violation of City Ordinances. No refund will be issued by the City for any suspended or revoked permit.

SECTION 4: Section Z-201 of the City Code shall be amended. Section Z-201, "Definitions" in Chapter Z, "Zoning" of the "Code of the City of Lambertville" ("Code" or "City Code") is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new definitions:

CANNABIS

All parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa* L., whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant or its seeds, except those containing resin extracted from the plant, which are cultivated and, when applicable, manufactured in accordance with CREAMMA for use in cannabis products as set forth in that act, but shall not include the weight of any other ingredient combined with cannabis to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink, or other product. "Cannabis" does not include: medical cannabis dispensed to registered qualifying patients pursuant to the Honig Act and N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.22 et al.; marijuana as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:35-2 and applied to any offense set forth in chapters 35, 35A, and 36 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes, N.J.S.A. 2C:35B-1 et seq., or marijuana as defined in N.J.S.A. 24:21-2 and applied to any offense set forth in the "New Jersey

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Controlled Dangerous Substances Act,” N.J.S.A. 24:21-1 et al.; or hemp or a hemp product cultivated, handled, processed, transported, or sold pursuant to the “New Jersey Hemp Farming Act.” N.J.S.A. 4:28-6 et al.

CANNABIS CONSUMPTION AREA

A designated location operated by a licensed cannabis retailer for which both a State and local endorsement has been obtained, that is either: (1) an indoor, structurally enclosed area of the cannabis retailer that is separate from the area in which retail sales of cannabis items occurs; or (2) an exterior structure on the same premises as the cannabis retailer, either separate from or connected to the cannabis retailer, at which cannabis items obtained from the retailer may be consumed. This definition shall be consistent with the Recreational Marijuana Act and all amendments thereto.

CANNABIS CULTIVATOR

Any person or entity holding a Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator license issued by the State of New Jersey that grows, cultivates, or produces cannabis in the State of New Jersey, and sells, and may transport, this cannabis to other cannabis cultivators, or usable cannabis to cannabis manufacturers, cannabis wholesalers, or cannabis retailers, but not to consumers.

CANNABIS DELIVERY

The transportation of cannabis items and related supplies to a consumer. “Cannabis delivery” also includes the use by a licensed cannabis retailer of any third party technology platform to receive, process, and fulfill orders by consumers, which third party shall not be required to be a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service, provided that any physical acts in connection with fulfilling the order and delivery shall be accomplished by a certified cannabis handler performing work for or on behalf of the licensed cannabis retailer, which includes a certified cannabis handler employed or otherwise working on behalf of a cannabis delivery service making off-premises deliveries of consumer purchases fulfilled by that cannabis retailer.

CANNABIS DELIVERY SERVICE

Any person or entity holding a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license issued by the State of New Jersey that provides courier services for consumer purchases of cannabis items and related supplies fulfilled by a cannabis retailer in order to make deliveries of the cannabis items and related supplies to that consumer, and which services include the ability of a consumer to purchase the cannabis items directly through the cannabis delivery service, which after presenting the purchase order to the cannabis retailer for fulfillment, is delivered to that consumer.

CANNABIS DISTRIBUTOR

Any person or entity holding a Class 4 Cannabis Distributor license issued by the State of New Jersey that transports cannabis in bulk intrastate from one licensed cannabis cultivator to another licensed cannabis cultivator, or transports 40 cannabis items in bulk intrastate from any one class of licensed cannabis establishment to another class of licensed

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cannabis establishment, and may engage in the temporary storage of cannabis or cannabis items as necessary to carry out transportation activities.

CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT

A cannabis cultivator, a cannabis manufacturer, a cannabis wholesaler, or a cannabis retailer.

CANNABIS MANUFACTURER

Any person or entity holding a Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer license issued by the State of New Jersey, that processes cannabis items in this State by purchasing or otherwise obtaining usable cannabis, manufacturing, preparing, and packaging cannabis items, and selling, and optionally transporting, these items to other cannabis manufacturers, cannabis wholesalers, or cannabis retailers, but not to consumers.

CANNABIS RESIN

The resin extracted from any part of the plant Cannabis sativa L., including cannabis extract and resin extracted using non-chemical processes, processed and used in accordance with CREAMMA. "Cannabis resin" does not include: any form of medical cannabis dispensed to registered qualifying patients pursuant to the "Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act." P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and P.L.2015, c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.); hashish as defined in N.J.S.2C:35-2 and applied to any offense set forth in chapters 35, 35A, and 36 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes, or P.L.2001, c.114 (C.2C:35B-1 et seq.), or as defined in section 2 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-2) and applied to any offense of the "New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances Act," P.L. 1970, c.226 (C24:21-1 et al.); or hemp or a hemp product cultivated, handled, processed, transported, or sold pursuant to the "New Jersey Hemp Farming Act," P.L.2019, c.238 (C.4:28-6 et al.).

CANNABIS RETAILER

Any person or entity holding a Class 5 Cannabis license issued by the State of New Jersey that purchases or otherwise obtains usable cannabis from cannabis cultivators and cannabis items from cannabis manufacturers or cannabis wholesalers, and sells these to consumers from a retail store, and may use a cannabis delivery service or a certified cannabis handler for the off-premises delivery of cannabis items and related supplies to consumers. A cannabis retailer shall also accept consumer purchases to be fulfilled from its retail store that are presented by a cannabis delivery service which will be delivered by the cannabis delivery service to that consumer.

CANNABIS WHOLESALER

Any person or entity holding a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license issued by the State of New Jersey that purchases or otherwise obtains, stores, sells or otherwise transfers, and may transport, cannabis items for the purpose of resale or other transfer to either another cannabis wholesaler or to a cannabis retailer, but not to consumers.

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A person or entity licensed by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission as a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service that may only, with respect to its business operations, and capacity and quantity of product:

1. Employ no more than ten (10) employees;
2. Operate a cannabis establishment occupying an area no more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet, and in the case of a cannabis cultivator, grow cannabis on an area no more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet measured on a horizontal plan and grow above that plane not higher than twenty-four (24) feet;
3. Possess no more than one thousand (1,000) cannabis plants each month, except that a cannabis distributor's possession of cannabis plants for transportation shall not be subject to this limit;
4. Acquire each month, in the case of a cannabis manufacturer, no more than one thousand (1,000) pounds of useable cannabis;
5. Acquire for resale each month, in the case of a cannabis wholesaler, no more than one thousand (1,000) pounds of usable cannabis, or the equivalent amount in any form of manufactured cannabis product or cannabis resin, or any combination thereof; and
6. Acquire for retail sale each month, in the case of a cannabis retailer, no more than one thousand (1,000) pounds of usable cannabis, or the equivalent amount in any form of manufactured cannabis product or cannabis resin, or any combination thereof.

SECTION 5: Section Z-104 of the City Code shall be amended. Section Z-104, "Prohibited Uses" in Chapter Z, "Zoning" of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows (new text is underlined thus; deleted text is in brackets [thus]):

§ Z-104 Prohibited Uses.

A. All uses not expressly permitted in this Ordinance are hereby prohibited.

B. In addition, the following uses are expressly prohibited in all districts:

(1) The operation of any Class 1, 2, 3 cannabis establishments or Class 4 cannabis distributors or Class 6 cannabis delivery services as said terms are defined in this chapter and in section 3 of P.L. 2021, c. 16, but not the delivery of cannabis items and related supplies within the City by a cannabis delivery service located outside the City.

SECTION 6: Section Z-406.3 of the City Code shall be amended to permit Cannabis Retailer as a conditional use within the Central Business District. Section Z-406.3, "Conditional Uses" in Chapter Z, "Zoning" of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows (new text is underlined thus; deleted text is in brackets [thus]):

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§Z-406.3 Conditional Uses.

The following conditional uses may be permitted in the Central Business District:

- A. Conversion of existing buildings for apartment use conforming to the criteria of §406.8 and §517.
- B. Structured parking conforming to the criteria of §406.9 and §517.
- C. Taverns and bars conforming to the criteria of §406.10 and §517.
- D. Conversion of second floor and higher floors to non-residential use provided that the gross floor area of the building shall not be less than 1,800 square feet and the criteria of §517 are met.
- E. Cannabis retailer conforming to the criteria of §406.13 and §517.

SECTION 7: Section Z-406.13 of the City Code shall be created to identify the standards for the Cannabis Retailer conditional use within the Central Business District. Section Z-406.13, “Conditions for Cannabis Retailer” in Chapter Z, “Zoning” of the City Code is hereby created to read as follows:

§Z-406.13 Conditions for Cannabis Retailer

- A. The regulations of this Section are subject to the enabling authority of the State of New Jersey, by and through the Cannabis Regulatory Commission, and are subject to compliance with all statutes and/or regulations promulgated and adopted by the State of New Jersey or its instrumentalities. If any provision of this Section is inconsistent with the statutes and/or regulations of the State of New Jersey, the State statutes and/or regulations shall prevail.
- B. A cannabis retailer shall be located at least five hundred (500) feet from a school or comply with a greater distance buffer from a school as may be required by State or Federal Law.
- C. A cannabis retailer shall not be located within six hundred (600) feet to any other Class 5 Cannabis Retailer.
- D. A cannabis retailer shall not be permitted within a single-family detached dwelling, a single-family semi-detached dwelling or a townhouse dwelling.
- E. A cannabis retailer may operate between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday and between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Sunday.
- F. No more than six (6) ounces of cannabis or cannabis product may be sold to a specific customer at a given time.
- G. Use or consumption of cannabis or cannabis products in any manner shall not be permitted within the Cannabis Retailer’s facility, whether in the building or on its grounds or parking lots. Cannabis Consumption Areas are not permitted.
- H. All Cannabis Retailers shall be enclosed in heated/air-conditioned permanent

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buildings, not trailers, outdoors, movable kiosks, etc.

I. Any Cannabis Retailer shall only have one (1) primary public access point, which shall be directly adjacent to the right-of-way or parking area of the building. Access should not be through common entrances with other uses.

J. Drive-through facilities are not permitted.

K. All cannabis retailers shall be secured in accordance with State of New Jersey statutes and regulations; shall have a round-the-clock video surveillance system, 365 days a year; and shall have trained security personnel onsite within the facility at all times during operating hours.

L. Police must have full access to the video surveillance system.

M. Video surveillance shall be retained a minimum of seven (7) days or pursuant to State and Federal law, whichever is greater.

N. Cannabis Retailers' interiors shall provide a secure location for storage of products with minimum products in any customer service area.

O. People shall not be permitted to congregate outside of a Cannabis Retailer, loiter or wait in line to access the Cannabis Retailer. The facility shall have a plan in place if interior capacity is exceeded, i.e., numbers are given and customers wait in their vehicles until called.

P. Signs shall be limited to location identification/name of business. Signs shall not promote consumption of any cannabis product. Signage design shall not include artistic or photographic renderings of cannabis plants or paraphernalia. Neon signs shall be prohibited.

SECTION 8: Section Z-407.3 of the City Code shall be amended to permit Cannabis Retailer as a conditional use within the C-2 Service Commercial District. Section Z-407.3, "Conditional Uses" in Chapter Z, "Zoning" of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows (new text is underlined thus; deleted text is in brackets [thus]):

§Z-407.3 Conditional Use.

The following conditional [use] uses may be permitted when authorized by the Planning Board:

A. Service Stations.

Service stations in accordance with the following criteria:

1. No service station shall have an entrance or exit for vehicles within 200 feet along the same side of a street as any school, public playground, church, hospital, public building or institution, except where such property is in another block or on another street which the lot in question does not abut.

2. No service stations shall be permitted where any oil draining pit or visible

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appliance for any purpose (other than filling pumps and air pumps) is located within 20 feet of any street line or within 50 feet of any residential district, unless such appliance or pit is within a building. Gasoline pumps and air pumps within the required front yard space shall be no closer than 15 feet to the street line.

3. No junked motor vehicle or part thereof, scrap metal, or motor vehicles incapable of normal operation upon the highways shall be permitted on the premises of any service station. It shall be deemed prima facie evidence of violation of this Ordinance if more than three motor vehicles incapable of operation are located at any time upon any premises not within a closed and roofed building and if any scrap metal or other junk is stored upon and premises not within a closed and roofed building excepting, however, that a number not exceeding six motor vehicles may be located upon any service station premises outside of a closed or roofed building for a period of time not to exceed 48 hours and providing that said motor vehicles are awaiting repair by the owners thereof.

4. Any service station shall be located within the C-2 Service Commercial District.

B. Cannabis Retailer.

Cannabis Retailers in accordance with the following criteria:

1. The regulations of this Section are subject to the enabling authority of the State of New Jersey, by and through the Cannabis Regulatory Commission, and are subject to compliance with all statutes and/or regulations promulgated and adopted by the State of New Jersey or its instrumentalities. If any provision of this Section is inconsistent with the statutes and/or regulations of the State of New Jersey, the State statutes and/or regulations shall prevail.

2. A cannabis retailer shall be located at least five hundred (500) feet from a school or comply with a greater distance buffer from a school as may be required by State or Federal Law.

3. A cannabis retailer shall not be located within six hundred (600) feet to any other Class 5 Cannabis Retailer.

4. A cannabis retailer may operate between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday and between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Sunday.

5. No more than six (6) ounces of cannabis or cannabis product may be sold to a specific customer at a given time.

6. Use or consumption of cannabis or cannabis products in any manner shall not be permitted within the Cannabis Retailer's facility, whether in the building or on its grounds or parking lots. Cannabis Consumption Areas are not permitted.

7. All Cannabis Retailers shall be enclosed in heated/air-conditioned permanent buildings, not trailers, outdoors, movable kiosks, etc.

8. Any Cannabis Retailer shall only have one (1) primary public access point, which shall be directly adjacent to the right-of-way or parking area of the building.

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Access should not be through common entrances with other uses.

9. Drive-through facilities are not permitted.
10. All cannabis retailers shall be secured in accordance with State of New Jersey statutes and regulations; shall have a round-the-clock video surveillance system, 365 days a year; and shall have trained security personnel onsite within the facility at all times during operating hours.
11. Police must have full access to the video surveillance system.
12. Video surveillance shall be retained a minimum of seven (7) days or pursuant to State and Federal law, whichever is greater.
13. Cannabis Retailers' interiors shall provide a secure location for storage of products with minimum products in any customer service area.
14. People shall not be permitted to congregate outside of a Cannabis Retailer, loiter or wait in line to access the Cannabis Retailer. The facility shall have a plan in place if interior capacity is exceeded, i.e., numbers are given and customers wait in their vehicles until called.
15. Signs shall be limited to location identification/name of business. Signs shall not promote consumption of any cannabis product. Signage design shall not include artistic or photographic renderings of cannabis plants or paraphernalia. Neon signs shall be prohibited.

SECTION 9: Section Z-407.6 of the City Code shall be amended to establish off-street parking requirements for the Cannabis Retailer conditional use within the C-2 Service Commercial District. Section Z-407.6, "Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements" in Chapter Z, "Zoning" of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows (new text is underlined thus; deleted text is in brackets [thus]):

§Z-407.6 Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements.

- A. See § 509.
- B. Funeral homes shall provide at least six spaces for each viewing room.
- C. Professional building shall provide two spaces for each room in the building but in no case less than five spaces.
- D. Television and radio appliance stores, tire sales, automobile and hardware stores shall provide one space for each 800 square feet of gross floor area or fraction thereof.
- E. Automobile agencies and lumber yards shall provide one space for each 800 square feet of office and retail gross floor area plus one space for each 2,000 square feet devoted to warehouse and storage facilities.
- F. Motels shall provide 3/4 space for each room, plus one space for each three

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seats in an associated restaurant, plus five spaces for employees.

G. Restaurants and diners shall provide one space for each three seats.

H. Other offices and government buildings shall provide one space for each vehicle owned and/or operated by the use plus one space for each 3,000 square feet or gross floor area used for warehousing, shipping or receiving plus one space for every 700 square feet of gross floor area used for other purposes.

I. Cannabis Retailers shall provide one space for each 300 square feet.

SECTION 10: Section Z-408 of the City Code shall be replaced in its entirety to permit Cannabis Retailer as a conditional use within the C-3 General Commercial District. Section Z-408, "C-3 General Commercial" in Chapter Z, "Zoning" of the City Code is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

§Z-408 C-3 General Commercial

§Z-408.1 Principal Permitted Uses on the Land and in Buildings.

A. Offices.

B. Parks and playgrounds.

C. Buildings used exclusively by federal, state, county and local governments.

D. The wholesaling and retailing of goods or services including the warehousing or storage of goods provided such activities and inventories are conducted entirely within an enclosed structure or are conducted in open yard areas which are adequately screened from view from adjacent lots or roads.

E. See Non-Conforming Uses, Buildings or Lots.

F. Light industry as defined under Article II, Definitions.

§Z-408.2 Accessory Uses and Buildings Permitted.

Those uses customarily incidental to the principal uses.

§Z-408.3 Conditional Uses.

The following conditional use may be permitted when authorized by the Planning Board:

A. Cannabis Retailer.

Cannabis Retailers in accordance with the following criteria:

1. The regulations of this Section are subject to the enabling authority of the State of New Jersey, by and through the Cannabis Regulatory Commission, and are subject to compliance with all statutes and/or regulations promulgated and adopted by the State of New Jersey or its instrumentalities. If any provision of this Section is inconsistent with the statutes and/or regulations of the State of New Jersey, the State

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statutes and/or regulations shall prevail.

2. A cannabis retailer shall be located at least five hundred (500) feet from a school or comply with a greater distance buffer from a school as may be required by State or Federal Law.
3. A cannabis retailer shall not be located within six hundred (600) feet to any other Class 5 Cannabis Retailer.
4. A cannabis retailer may operate between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday and between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Sunday.
5. No more than six (6) ounces of cannabis or cannabis product may be sold to a specific customer at a given time.
6. Use or consumption of cannabis or cannabis products in any manner shall not be permitted within the Cannabis Retailer's facility, whether in the building or on its grounds or parking lots. Cannabis Consumption Areas are not permitted.
7. All Cannabis Retailers shall be enclosed in heated/air-conditioned permanent buildings, not trailers, outdoors, movable kiosks, etc.
8. Any Cannabis Retailer shall only have one (1) primary public access point, which shall be directly adjacent to the right-of-way or parking area of the building. Access should not be through common entrances with other uses.
9. Drive-through facilities are not permitted.
10. All cannabis retailers shall be secured in accordance with State of New Jersey statutes and regulations; shall have a round-the-clock video surveillance system, 365 days a year; and shall have trained security personnel onsite within the facility at all times during operating hours.
11. Police must have full access to the video surveillance system.
12. Video surveillance shall be retained a minimum of seven (7) days or pursuant to State and Federal law, whichever is greater.
13. Cannabis Retailers' interiors shall provide a secure location for storage of products with minimum products in any customer service area.
14. People shall not be permitted to congregate outside of a Cannabis Retailer, loiter or wait in line to access the Cannabis Retailer. The facility shall have a plan in place if interior capacity is exceeded, i.e., numbers are given and customers wait in their vehicles until called.
15. Signs shall be limited to location identification/name of business. Signs shall not promote consumption of any cannabis product. Signage design shall not include artistic or photographic renderings of cannabis plants or paraphernalia. Neon signs shall be prohibited.

§Z-408.4 Height Limits.

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No structure shall exceed 40 feet in height except as provided in Article VI, Standards for Review of Applications.

§Z-408.5 Area and Yard Requirements.

- A. The minimum lot size shall be 40,000 square feet. The minimum lot width shall be 150 feet and a minimum lot depth of 200 feet.
- B. No building or structure shall be located closer than 25 feet to any street right-of-way.
- C. The minimum side yard shall be 20 feet, but in no event shall either side yard be less than the height of the building or structure. The minimum rear yard shall be 20 feet which may include parking spaces.
- D. Total building or structure coverage shall not exceed 50% of the lot coverage provided all parking and other yard requirements are met.
- E. A transition or buffer strip not less than 10 feet wide consisting of conifers shall be provided along all lot lines which form a common boundary with any residential district. The conifers shall be a minimum of five feet in height when newly planted and shall be planted at intervals of 10 feet or less.

§Z-408.6 Minimum Residential Floor Area.

Not applicable in this district.

§Z-408.7 Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements.

- A. See §509
- B. Off-street parking spaces shall be located within 200 feet of the use it is intended to serve.
- C. One space shall be provided for each 700 square feet of general commercial or office use and one space for each 3,000 square feet of wholesale use.
- D. One space shall be provided for each 300 square feet of Cannabis Retailer use.

§Z-408.8 Signs.

- A. Same as C-2 District.

§Z-408.9 Minimum Off-Street Loading.

- A. Same as C-2 District.

SECTION 11: Referral to Planning Board. Following introduction and prior to adoption, the Clerk shall cause a copy of this ordinance to be referred to the City of Lambertville Planning Board for review pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26*.

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SECTION 12: Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 13: Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be valid and enforceable.

SECTION 14: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days from the date of its adoption and upon filing with the Hunterdon County Planning Board, as required pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181* and *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16*.

First Reading and Introduction: July 6, 2021

Referred to Planning Board: July 7, 2021

Second Reading and Public Hearing: July 22, 2021

Council President Taylor asked for a motion to open the public hearing for Ordinance Number 16-2021. Councilwoman Lambert made the motion and Councilman Stegman seconded the motion. A unanimous voice vote in favor of the motion was taken by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Council President Taylor asked for Council questions or comments.

Councilman Sanders reported that the Lambertville Cannabis Work Group (LCWG) was established by the City to assist the Governing Body in responding to important decisions it must take after the enactment of state legislation legalizing cannabis. The most time sensitive of those decisions is whether the City wants to permit or not permit any or all six kinds of cannabis business to operate in our community. The LCWG has worked diligently to help inform that decision-making. The LCWG has not been asked to provide specific policy recommendations.

LCWG Goals and Actions included: (1) developing **educational materials** about the law for residents and members of the Lambertville Community. Actions to date: The LCWG developed an informational slide deck and [website material](#). The LCWG presented background on the law and the choices before the city in two public forms. We have also used our public meetings, both the recent Council meetings and the most recent Planning Board meeting, to help educate the public; and (2) **Soliciting input** from Lambertville residents, Lambertville businesses, interested parties and those with expertise with cannabis-related businesses. Actions to date: As noted above, the LCWG held two public forums (6/17/21 via zoom and 6/23/21 in person) for residents and local businesses. In addition to the educational component of those events, the majority of the forum was reserved for public input. Residents were given time to provide comments. The LCWG

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also asked specific questions to elicit further comments and views. The LCWG, with the assistance of the local Chamber, set up a forum exclusively for local businesses, which was held on 7/23/21. WE have used the City's "Lambertville Matters" to also outreach to members of the public. Residents and businesses have also been invited in a number of settings to email the City at info@lambertvillenj.org with their thoughts and observations. All of these events have also been noted

The input we received told us a few things:

- **Support for cannabis businesses:**
- **Focus on retail:** Many of those providing comments focused their comments on the availability of retail cannabis outlets in the city. Reasons for that were not often apparent, but for those offering comments they noted that the City's small size and limited locations would likely not be able to house some forms of operations (e.g., large grow facilities). Some also noted that those in need of medical cannabis have to travel significant distances and at great inconvenience to obtain needed medication from currently licensed retail facilities for medicinal cannabis.
- **Preference for small businesses:** Many of those providing comments noted a preference for small to medium-sized business, including those that could meet the designation of a "micro business" under the law. Often noted was that Lambertville's charm and character is based, in part, on not being the home for large-chain stores. Others noted that local businesses and especially state-defined micro businesses would keep resources and jobs local, better helping the local economy compared to operations run by large, multi-state interests.
- **Restrictions:** A common theme heard from members of the public was that cannabis businesses should have some limitation on hours. A number of commenters noted that it could be regulated like liquor businesses. There was no opposition to limiting proximity to schools, but large exclusion zones would likely create a de facto ban given Lambertville's small size.
- **Concerns:** Traffic and parking concerns came up a number of times. Lambertville residents have long struggled with parking availability in many neighborhoods. Narrow streets and dense traffic on weekends also could be worse. Others noted that increases in visitors coming to spend time in town could provide collateral benefits to other businesses and would increase meter use.

Based on that we tasked our professionals with working an ordinance, which is before you tonight. It is conservative: we are allowing only one of the six businesses: retail. And that is being done with limitations.

Key decisions found in Ordinance 16-21:

- Permit retail cannabis stores: in CBD – 2 retails; 1 in C2, and 1 in C3

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- Preference that at least 2 of 4 meeting micro business status. That will be apparent to the State as it considers applications.
- Sign controls
- Police access to surveillance cams
- 500 feet from a school
- Not permitted within single family dwellings or townhouses.
- 2% tax
- No consumption areas for now.

Council President Taylor asked for public comments. The public was asked to step up to the podium, state their name and address for the record and then proceed with their question or comment.

Chris Tennov, a resident, artist and electrical engineer, informed the members of the governing body that he has used medical marijuana for 5 years. It has improved quality of life, and helped to control his condition. He said he is grateful the legislature legalized Cannabis and feels it will expand access to more people and help deter legal inequities. He thanked and applauded the residents and council. He is in support of consumption lounges, and said it will increase revenue, not just from taxation but from increased tourism in general. Councilman Sanders responded that a lot of folks who testified as people who are eligible for medicinal marijuana and the distance they have to travel surprised him and it was one of the reasons to support it.

Peter Page commented that he participated in both sessions. He feels the ordinance conveys grudging acceptance of cannabis. He expressed concern for the limited business hours, not allowing people to congregate and signage limitations. Councilman Sanders responded that the notion of surveillance is required by state law; with regard to congregation for a border state that does not permit marijuana, it could cause traffic or circulation issues; the state specifically permits City's to have hours limitations, there is going to be a shortage of product because take a while for entities to produce this. This may not be perfect but that was the thinking.

Judy Gleason: I was asked what my thought was about hours, at that time, I said maybe 7:00 pm. I think I was not correct would have been wiser to align with liquor stores. I would ask that council would give some more info about thinking about the word "preference" would be helpful should it become an issue for one who cannot get beyond the word "preference." Council President Taylor responded that the issue with the word preference and said if it said "shall", then we are stuck. The Law to support micro businesses, but we need to make sure we are not limited in acting if we don't get the right number or we don't get the licenses. Councilman Sanders commented this is a town that is largely CVS and gas, not chain stores, but mostly private or small biz owners. The idea of a preference is a concept is used in state statute when it is talking

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about municipalities preference for licensures, which is done at state level. Entity will note, we allowed for four, with two small businesses.

Tina Ferrari, commented about hours, consumption area and waiting line. I understand they were addressed; I want to bring up, additional restrictions on cannabis that are not on alcohol, perpetuating stigma and stereotypes.

Jess Marie Villars, no one expected perfect ordinance, and hope in the future you will continue taking public input from local businesses regarding the consumption lounges, and we live across river from state where it isn't legal will need to consume in this state. It is important to increase and add in other licenses, she said she is an edible baker, and will need to use manufacturing and make own edibles because its healthier to consume. Councilman Sanders responded that regarding consumption areas and manufacturing, one thing we need more information on is odor control and this way it is different than alcohol. We read about problems in other areas, rural areas where you are manufacturing or growing and odor isn't on top of people. This is a small dense town, if we allowed other types, we could have odor problem.

Kevin Byrnes questioned the limit of 4 parking spaces and the need to have zoning approval is if the applicant owns the building with 4 parking spaces. The whole purpose is to encourage minority and women as well as veteran disabled, I'm not sure how many people own a building with 4 slots. Councilman Sanders responded that the ordinance had the same parking requirement as any other retail store so it isn't creating a different higher standard, that's not what we are doing here; it is consistent with any retail store in the city. Mr. Byrnes commented that the difference is here you have to have preapproval. Here you can't apply for the waiver, you have to have the zoning, very different, analogy doesn't hold up. Councilman Sanders responded that the Governing Body has Mr. Byrnes letter and we will certainly talk to counsel and planner about the issues you raised. Council President Taylor commented that the city is looking at parking standards across the board.

Carol Cronheim commented that she feels like she is swimming against the stream. She worked for state for many years, how do we decide we are in before the state meets and makes rules, we could always jump in afterwards. For me that's troubling. She appreciates how things can go south quickly. She supports medical marijuana, and is worried how Lambertville and it's all about location. We worked in downtown Trenton trying to make Trenton a better place, we have an abundance of benefits and good vibes, but I don't see how Lambertville is granted a license. I would give it to places more affected. No reliable test for marijuana, probably need more police officers, won't bring in what you think it will.

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Council President Taylor asked for a motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance Number 16-2021. Councilwoman Lambert made the motion and Councilman Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Council President Taylor asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 16-2021. Councilwoman Lambert made the motion, Councilman Stegman seconded the motion. A unanimous roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2021 BUDGET

Council President Taylor acknowledged the Budget Consultant, Michael Drulis, who along with Mayor Fahl and the Finance Team prepared the 2021 budget.

She advised the members of the public that the public hearing for the budget will be held on August 19, 2021 and the 2021 Budget as introduced will be uploaded to the city's website for the public tomorrow, Friday, July 23.

Michael Drulis, Budget Consultant, introduced himself to the members of the Governing Body and public. He informed them that he was contracted by the City to assist in the assembling, introduction and ultimately the adoption of the 2021 Budget. By way of background my experience in public service spans over 20 years, with more than 15 years in service to local government. I have a Master's Degree in Public Administration with a focus in Finance from Rutgers University. The last portion of my career has been focused in government finance and administration in various roles and experiences. All these experiences have taught me that a municipal budget more than just finance, it is a planning guide and a place for public engagement.

The introduction of the budget is a mile stone for a very involved process but it is only part of the way to completion. Let's take a moment and discuss what you will find in your examination of the documents.

Key points:

- The budget contains a total expenditure of approximately \$6,051,700 and is supported by a tax levy of \$3,278,524.
- All traditional operations, services and programs will be fully funded.
- The 2021 Budget will provide the necessary funding to improve City facilities, public safety and public works. The capital plan includes a new split body garbage/recycling truck that will vastly improve trash and recycling pick up operations and provide some efficiencies within the public works department so that the city can focus on public beautification and town-wide maintenance.

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- Funding is provided for our Police to continue their vehicle replacement program and reduce the cost of repairing end of life vehicles.
- This budget provides for the continuation of ongoing roadway improvements on Douglas, Grant, Highland, Swan and George streets. My administration has been committed to filling potholes

REVENUE

- The 2021 budget reflects the start of the financial recovery from the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic impacts.
- The volatility that threatened once unshakable revenues has begun to subside. While property tax collections were largely unaffected, revenue anticipated from Municipal Court Fines & Costs, Parking and Hotel and Motel Occupancy Fee and Uniform Fire Safety Act are substantially below pre-COVID, 2019 anticipated amounts.
- Some revenue losses will be offset by anticipating the full amount of \$198,922.58 of the American Rescue Plan Act funds.
- In preparing this budget it was evident that the speed in which certain reoccurring revenues regenerate and/or generate surplus was not adequate to meet expenses. Therefore, this budget calls for the careful use of reserves to provide the city financials additional time to recover, meet state mandated CAPS and offer some relief to tax payers.

APPROPRIATIONS

- The City's operational demands have quickly risen to pre-COVID levels during a time when revenues are recovering much slower.
- The largest expenditures in the budget for 2021 are on Payment of Debt Service, Payment of interest on bonds, Medical Insurance, Pension Contributions and Solid Waste removal. Of those categories, Debt payment, pension contributions, and Medical Insurance had the largest increase-costs that the City has little ability to change.

CONCLUSION

- Once Adopted, the net impact of this budget will raise the average amount of the Municipal portion of the tax bill by \$206.51. Each tax point will be worth \$80,292.40 or an impact of \$49.04 for each \$100,000 on the average household.
- All budget line items were analyzed in \$100 and less increments.
- Administrative Budget Hearings were held, in person and recorded, so that the public can witness first-hand what expenses make up their city's budget. If you've not done so already, I encourage to review the posted hearings on our city's website.

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- All expenditures were reviewed, purchasing protocols sharpened, Department operational plans reviewed and updated, and current contracts/vendor relationships/interlocal agreements examined.
- This budget will reduce salary and wages and other expenses to approximately \$275,000 below 2020 budgeted levels thereby offsetting other unescapable increases, such as debt service payments. The 2021 budget will not fund the five vacant positions between City Hall and DPW that have been lost since 2017.
- The next step of the process is relying on you, the members of council, the stories and decisions behind the numbers. This is the second and equally important part of the process.

I look forward to engaging with each of you over the coming weeks to do just that. On behalf of Mayor Fahl, thank you for your consideration of the proposed 2021 Budget.

Council President Taylor asked for a motion to introduce the 2021 budget.

Councilwoman Lambert made the motion and Councilman Stegman seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

The public hearing is scheduled for August 19, 2021.

CLOSSON OUTREACH PROCESS DISCUSSION

Council President Taylor gave an update on the planning for Outreach for the use of the Closson property acquired by the City in May of this year.

We are moving towards site planning. The Community Advisory Team (CAT) has been doing a lot of work. She thanked everyone for their efforts to come up with a way to collect public input in a way that includes everyone. There was concern about people having enough opportunity, thanked the members of council who reviewed the plan. Details will be in the Lambertville Matters newsletter which and it will have details about public input process from August to September. We will have many different ways to contact the Community Advisory Team (CAT) and City Council about what you want to see. There will be a phone number to call in, an online form, and paper survey/form available at City Hall. We are trying to make this available to folks who do not like to use the internet. If you know folks with internet issues, we ask that you help them to get on line or email me I will go help them. We want to make sure everyone has appropriate input into the process. We are focusing on the open space because we want to get a site plan by the end of the year. We likely won't have time to plan for the use of the homes because we need to do a real facilities review. We will need to appoint an architect to do that review, and it will take 4 months for completion, most likely into November. We plan to have additional processes later on. The city has heard from many members of the public who have talked about the farm market and we will not get to palace where we know what is happening

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with the building until after September. We want to host a design vetting process with public so that we have a really in-depth public conversation. Councilwoman Lambert thanked Council President Taylor for all of the different ways to collect input. She said she appreciated the approach to expand ways for public involvement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Taylor read the announcements into the record.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS: The Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, located at 25 South Union Street will be open to the public beginning Thursday, July 1, 2021 to 8 p.m.

CONVENIENCE CENTER HOURS FOR AUGUST:

Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 9 am to noon

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 from 3 -5 pm

Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 9 am to noon

SPARKLE WEEK

TUESDAY PICK-UP: Tuesday, August 3, 2021

WEDNESDAY PICK-UP: Wednesday, August 4, 2021

THURSDAY PICK-UP: Thursday, August 12, 2021

FRIDAY PICK-UP: Friday, August 13, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Taylor asked for public comments. She directed members of the public who wanted to comment to step up to the podium, state their name and address for the record, and proceed with their question or comment.

Michael Menche asked if there was anything preventing us from renting old house while we decide what we do with the Closson property. He said it was better for real old house to be lived in for electric, plumbing, etc. Council President Taylor responded that nothing preventing, the governing body agreed we didn't want to spend money until we have a full plan. Your point is well taken. Mr. Menche also asked about the market as well. Council President Taylor said it is worth considering. Mr. Menche commented about the pot holes and road work in the LPS parking lot. He feels it is hazardous, and with the school year approaching, someone is going to get hurt. The City Clerk responded that this is on the list for public works.

Judy Gleason asked about resolution number 108-2021 - Facilities Review. Is that where someone is looking at all of our buildings to see what is the problem or what it would take. Council President Taylor responded yes and we anticipate having the information in November.

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Christopher Tennant asked what a convenience center was and where it was located. Council President Taylor responded that it was at public works on Quarry Street.

Janine MacGregor commented that she is not a numbers person and she isn't used to the budget document. She requested some kind of comparison to last year numbers or summary that the financial contractor about the major changes. To have no context about the document if there is any way you can do that, the reason. She was worried and heard that you are not going to be hiring back some public works employees. Michael Drulis, the budget consultant, responded that the positions referenced are employees who left in previous years that were not replaced. The current employee head count isn't going to change. She also asked about public property, and referenced the swan street area on Cottage Hill. It is overcome by the leaves, you have to walk on the street, and the residents of Little Haven walk in the middle of Swan Street at night. She is concerned that someday one of these guys will get hit. She also commented about the private property, the boarded-up houses, houses with wood, foundations that have been sitting for years. Councilman Stegman responded that he resides up the street, and the house on the corner is being sold by Fanny Mae. Other property up street with the retaining wall has been on the market at least for 8 years. The city has a vacant land registration. The budget consultant, Michael Drulis commented that as you move through documents, the 2021 anticipated, and the 2020 anticipated and received. The appropriations will tell what was budgeted. This is a state document, and there is a pull down all the numbers are there.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with a motion made by Councilwoman Lambert and seconded by Councilman Stegman. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Ege
CMR, RMC, City Clerk