



**City of Lambertville**  
**REGULARLY SCHEDULED SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020, 7:00 PM**  
**PHILLIP L. PITTORE JUSTICE CENTER**  
**AGENDA**

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Fahl who 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 into the record:

*"Adequate notice of the regularly scheduled voting session held on January 21, 2020, has been provided through the posting of the annual meeting schedule, by emailing notice to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times and to various individuals on the list serve in accordance with Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act."*

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Taylor, Councilwoman Urbish, Council President Asaro, Mayor Fahl.

Absent: None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Fahl led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The City Clerk led the public in a moment of silence in honor of those serving in the United States Armed Forces in Country and Abroad.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to approved the meeting minutes as listed on the meeting agenda: 12-19-19 Voting Session Minutes, 12-19-19 Closed Session Minutes, 01/07/2020 Reorganization Session Minutes. Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Council President Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the minutes by all members present.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**Support for the Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage**

Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to adopt the proclamation supporting the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage.

Mayor Fahl asked the members of the Governing Body if they wanted to comment. There being no comments about the Proclamation, Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to adopt

**Support for the Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage**  
**WHEREAS**, the year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th

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Amendment to the United States Constitution, guaranteeing and protecting women's right to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, this centennial offers an opportunity to commemorate a milestone of democracy; that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the federal or state governments on account of gender; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has had a long, storied history in the suffrage movement with New Jersey women playing a crucial role in pursuing the rights of women to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1776 women property owners were enfranchised under the New Jersey State Constitution, which was unique in the nation at the time. However, in 1807, the New Jersey Legislature eliminated the property requirement for voting rights and limited the ballot to white males; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1867 New Jersey residents Lucy Stone and Harry Blackwell organized the New Jersey Woman Suffrage Association (NJWSA), devoted to gaining women's suffrage; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1909 New Jersey's first open air suffrage rallies were held in Orange and Newark, led by Dr. Emma O. Gantz and Martha Klatshchken with NJWSA collecting 5,000 signatures for a petition in support of the federal amendment guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, although the 1912 state referendum on woman's suffrage was soundly defeated in the New Jersey Legislature a corner was turned for the New Jersey suffrage movement; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1913 an automobile rally led by "General" Rosalie Jones traveled through New Jersey on the way to Washington, D.C., in a Suffrage Parade of over 8,000 marchers with many New Jersey women including event organizer Alice Paul; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1915 a second suffrage constitutional referendum was pursued in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts with active campaigns by many suffrage organizations, including the "Passing of the Torch of Liberty" via tug boats on the Hudson River from New York to New Jersey, but was defeated in all four states October 1915; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1917 New Jersey suffragists Allison Turnbull Hopkins, Julia Hulburt, Beatrice Reynolds Kinkead, and Minnie D. Abbott picketed in front of the White House as part of the Silent Sentinels and subsequently were arrested and imprisoned; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 1919 Congress passed the 19th Amendment guaranteeing all American women the right to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 9, 1920, New Jersey became the 29th state to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment granting women the right to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, shortly after the ratification of the 19th Amendment Margaret Laird and Jennie Van Ness were the first two women elected to the New Jersey Assembly in 1921 and in 1925 Rebecca Estelle Bourgeois Winston of Estell Manor was New Jersey's first woman mayor;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment City of Lambertville will light the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, located at 25 South Union Street in purple, one of the colors of the New Jersey Suffrage movement, for the week of February 10; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Lambertville supports the efforts of New Jersey's Suffrage Centennial NJ Women Vote and strongly encourages local celebrations of this historic milestone; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Governor, Secretary of State and New Jersey League of Municipalities.

ADOPTED: January 21, 2020

Councilwoman Urbish made a motion to adopt the proclamation and Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**World Interfaith Harmony Week**

Council President Asaro informed the members of the public present that this resolution was forwarded to the Governing Body from the Human Rights Council and recommended for adoption.

**Proclamation of the City Council of Lambertville, NJ**

**World Interfaith Harmony Week**

WHEREAS, recalling its commitment to secure and protect the diversity of the City through educational and other community programs and actions by bringing together multiple facets of the City, along with resident-members, thereby ensuring that Lambertville remains a place of understanding and tolerance; and

*WHEREAS, we recognize* the imperative need for dialogue among different faiths and religions to enhance mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people; and

*WHEREAS, we recall with appreciation* various global, regional, and sub regional initiatives on mutual understanding and interfaith harmony, including that of the World Parliament of Religions,

*WHEREAS, we recognize* the moral imperatives of all religions, convictions and beliefs call for peace, tolerance and mutual understanding;

The Human Rights Council of the City of Lambertville hereby proclaims, in affirmation that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace, and designate the first week of February 2020 as **World Interfaith Harmony Week** - encouraging all people of faith and/or good will to support, between all religions, faiths and beliefs, on a voluntary basis, the spread of the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in the world's churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship, based on love of God and love of one's neighbor OR based on love of the good in people and love of one's neighbor, each according to their own traditions or convictions.

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Julia Fahl, Mayor

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Mayor Fahl asked for motion to adopt the proclamation for World Interfaith Harmony. Councilwoman Taylor made the motion and Council President Asaro 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.*

Council President Asaro asked for a motion to adopt Resolution Numbers 30-2020 through 37-2020, excluding 33-2020, as presented on the meeting agenda.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 30-2020:** *A Resolution to Authorize the Contract with CNS Cleaning for 12 Months, retroactive to January 1, 2020, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$16,000.*

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 30-2020**

*A Resolution Authorizing the Business Administrator to Sign the Contract with CNS Cleaning for 12 Months, January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$16,000.00*

**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 Business Administrator is authorized to sign the contract with CNS Cleaning for 2020 Services, beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, as per their quote in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00.

**ADOPTED:** January 21, 2020

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 31-2020:** *A Resolution to Authorize the Contract with Look First Technology for 12 months, retroactive to January 1, 2020, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$15,780.00.*

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 31-2020**

*A Resolution Authorizing the Business Administrator to Sign the Contract with Look First Technology for 12 Months, January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$15,780.00*

**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 Business Administrator is authorized to sign the contract with Look First Technology for 2020 Services, beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, as per their quote in an amount not to exceed \$15,780.00.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 32-2020: A Resolution to Authorize the Refund of A CCO Inspection Payment for 12-14 Coryell Street in an Amount Not to Exceed \$350.00.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 32-2020**

*A Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a CCO Inspection Payment for 12-14 Coryell Street in an Amount Not to Exceed \$350.00*

**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 refund of a CCO Inspection Payment for 12-14 Coryell Street to Kelly Sullivan in the amount of \$350.00 is hereby authorized.

**ADOPTED:** January 21, 2020

~~RESOLUTION NUMBE 33-2020: A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1008, Lot 20 In the Amount of \$20,287.63~~

RESOLUTION NUMBER 34-2020: A Resolution to Authorize the Extension of the Contract with Parkmobile for 1 additional Year, Ending 12/31/2020.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 34-2020**

*A Resolution Authorizing the Business Administrator to Sign the Extension of the Contract with Parkmobile for One Additional Year, Ending 12/31/2020*

**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 Business Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the one-year extension of the contract with Parkmobile for the collection of parking revenue through 12/31/2020, noting no changes with the fee schedule.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 35-2020: A Resolution to Authorize the Refund of a Permit Fee for 76 Delevan Street, Block 1079, Lot 10, Permit Number 19-00250 in the Amount of \$395.18.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 35-2020**

*A Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a Permit Fee for 76 Delevan Street, Block 1079, Lot 10, Permit Number 19-00250 in the Amount of \$395.18*

**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 refund of a permit fee to Richard Yard Plumbing & Heating for 76 Delevan Street, block 1079, lot 10, permit number 19-00250, in the amount of \$395.18 is hereby authorized.

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 36-2020:** *A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1046, Lot 5 In the Amount of \$674.05 Plus a Premium in the Amount of \$1900.00.*

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 36-2020**

*A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of a Tax Lien for Block 1046, Lot 5 In the Amount of \$674.05 Plus a Premium in the Amount of \$1900.00.*

**WHEREAS**, Tax Lien Certificate 19-00010 issued on Block 1046 Lot 5 was sold to Christiana T C/F CE1/FirstTrust, First Trust Bank PO BOX 5021, Philadelphia, PA 19111 on 08-15-2019 and

**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 Christiana T C/F CE1/FirstTrust, First Trust Bank PO BOX 5021, Philadelphia, PA 19111 for the redemption of tax lien certificate #19-00012 in the amount of: \$674.05

In addition, the City is holding a premium in the amount of \$1900.00

and upon redemption this is due back to the lienholder.

2 checks for the lienholder –

Check 1= \$674.05

Check 2= for premium= \$1900.00

**ADOPTED:** January 21, 2020

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 37-2020:** *A Resolution to Authorize the Refund of Escrow to Hibernia Apartments in an Amount Not to Exceed \$193.20.*

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 37-2020**

*A Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Escrow to Hibernia Apartment in an Amount Not to Exceed \$193.20 for Escrow Balance*

**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 refund of escrow to Hibernia Apartments in the amount of \$193.20 for 25 South Main Street is hereby authorized.

**ADOPTED:** January 21, 2020

Mayor Fahl made the motion to adopt the resolutions listed on the consent agenda. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS LIST AND THE AMENDED BILLS LIST.**

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Council President Asaro/Mayor Fahl asked for a motion to approve the Bills List and the Amended Bills List. Council President Asaro made the motion and Councilwoman Urbish seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

The Business Administrator informed the members of the Governing Body and the public that he worked with the Cleaning Company to provide green products for all of the City buildings. This includes cleaning products and toilet paper which will be made of bamboo and other products that are more environmentally friendly.

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING** - None

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING** - None

**CONSTITUENT CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS**

State of the City Address: Mayor Fahl invited everyone to attend the annual State of the City Address scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2020 in the All-Purpose Room of the Lambertville Public School. She informed the members of the public that she will be laying out the vision for 2020 for the administration and some relatively big policy changes in 2020 and 2021. She asked that people RSVP their attendance so that we can make sure we have adequate seating.

Community Development Fair: *Engaging with local stakeholders on the of future Lambertville*: Mayor Fahl invited everyone to attend the Community Development Fair scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2020 in the All-Purpose Room of the Lambertville Public School. Representatives of the City will be present to go over the big policy questions around facilities, budget, affordable housing, re-investing in your home. It is an educational, fun filled policy weekend!

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Business Administrator**

Update on the 2020 Budget Process: Alex Torpey informed the members of the public present that the Governing Body will be focusing on the Capital Budget and looking at revenues, and being mindful of the tax impact on residents and businesses. There is a lot of work going on internally.

Mayor Fahl commented that the Governing Body will be discussing this at the February 4, 2020 work session to dig into our almost \$30 million in Capital Purchase requests for 2020. This is the first time we aggregated those capital cost. It is good to have it all in one place and part of the role of this Governing Body is to triage what those capital requests look like and which ones we can honor.

**ONGOING PROJECTS**

**Appointments**

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Mayor Fahl nominated Stewart Palilonis to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilman Sanders made a motion to confirm the nomination and Council President Asaro seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT: Invitation to the Governing Body and City Officials.

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH: Notice of Pesticide Control Regulations.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JUSTICE CENTER PARKING: Space Number 16 is available for lease at the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center. The fee is \$55 per month. Please call Kristina at 609-397-0110, ext. 12 for additional information.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC CONCERN**

Michael Zareva, a resident of South Main Street was present to voice his concerns over rumors circulating with regards to 'removal' of the speed humps on South Union Street. Mr. Zareva referenced a letter emailed to the Business Administrator today, January 21, 2020. A copy of the letter is attached with meeting correspondence. Mayor Fahl responded that she put in a direct request to remove the speed humps as part of the Capital Budget process. She received several complaints from residents that they don't allow for handicapped vans to drive over them. These have significant road damage where people are grinding the road down because of the angle. Mayor Fahl said she would prefer to have a speed study completed and then figure out the best way to mitigate the issue. Discussion ensued. Mayor Fahl commented that if this moves forward as part of the Capital Budget, it isn't a wildly popular position, but the Governing Body will continue to discuss it. She encouraged Mr. Zareva to continue to attend the meetings of the Governing Body.

**CLOSED SESSION:** The Governing Body will go into Closed Session to discuss matters related to COAH (attorney-client and litigation matter) and Professional Service Contracts (contracts).

**RESOLUTION**

*"Authorizing a Closed Session at the January 21, 2020 Lambertville City Council Meeting to Discuss COAH Litigation (Attorney/Client Privileged)"*

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Lambertville is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and



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**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that a closed session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by N.J.S.A 10:4-12(b).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville that a closed session shall be held on January 21, 2020, in the Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, located at 25 South Union Street, Lambertville, to discuss the following matters: *COAH Litigation (Attorney/Client Privileged)*.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Lambertville Mayor and City Council.

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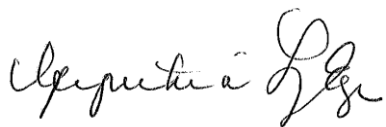
Mayor Fahl and City Council convened in closed session at 7:18 p.m. with a motion made by Council President Asaro and seconded by Councilman Sanders. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Fahl and City Council re-convened in regular session at 8:10 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Council President Asaro. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Sanders and seconded by Council President Asaro. 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



*The January 21, 2020 Voting Session Minutes were approved at the February 20, 2020 Voting Session.*