

**BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE
COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – 6:30 P.M.
JULY 11, 2023 – AGENDA**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor LaDaena D. Thomas in the courtroom of Borough Hall, 1 State Street, Penns Grove, New Jersey. Mayor Thomas made the Open Public Meeting Statement. In accordance with Section V of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L 1975, Notice of this meeting was posted on the Borough of Penns Grove Municipal Bulletin Board designed for that purpose. Notice was also posted on the Borough of Penns Grove website: www.pennsgrove-nj.org and was emailed to the official newspaper as provided by Resolution. This July 11, 2023 meeting is being held via “Zoom” online meeting platform.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor LaDaena Thomas

INVOCATION: Sharon Thomas, Municipal Clerk

MEETING RULES OF CONDUCT: Mayor LaDaena Thomas

ROLL CALL: Council President, Anjanette Scott – Present (as of 6:36 PM), Councilman Jonathan Carter – Absent, Councilwoman Tracy Marinaro – Present, Councilman John Rambo – Present, Councilwoman Deborah Scott – Present, Councilwoman Sonya Worley – Present

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION:

2023-7-107 – RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED AT HELMS COVE, PENNS GROVE, NEW JERSEY, THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN AGREEMENT OF A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES, AND THE EXTENSION THEREOF

Mr. Tarver explained PILOT for Penns Gardens 2022 to move forward with Silver Street who couldn't finance and not able to move forward. New group as Silver Street under the same financial terms. Nine percent of project revenue selling less prose 2033 ten years. Stephen Labb advised this is beneficial the Borough with a two percent from prior year. This is a win/win for the Borough and developer. Stormwater management responsibilities on the owner. Councilman Rambo questioned the reservoir cleaning and Mr. Tarver said it is built into the agreement per law. Councilwoman Worley Questioned what the taxes would be if there was no increase and the agreement. Mr. Labb will provide the calculation and Mr. Tarver will provide the agreement. Motion to adopt by Rambo seconded by Deborah Scott. Roll call: all affirm, motion passed.

2023-7-108 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT THE NEW JERSEY ASSET ACTIVATION PLANNING GRANT

Motion to adopt by Rambo seconded by Deborah Scott. Roll call: all affirm, motion passed.

2023-7-109 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL SIGNATORIES TO THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE BANK ACCOUNT AT FULTON BANK

Motion to adopt by Worley, seconded by Deborah Scott. Roll call: all affirm, motion passed.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION:

2023-8 – AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE OPERATION OF CANNABIS FACILITIES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE

Mr. Tarver explained licensing requirements, security, hours of operation, parking, etc. and need to review. Mayor addressed councils concern over parking.

Motion to table by Council President Scott, seconded by Worley. Roll Call: all affirm, motion passed.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Irene Scarpaci, Railroad Avenue, expressed concern regarding the PILOT Agreement, and the burden it creates for the taxpayer. Mrs. Scarpaci suggested studying further.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Council President Scott, seconded by Worley. All In Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Hills, Deputy Clerk

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