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## **CITY COUNCIL**

## SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES - FY26 BUDGET

April 25th, 2025 AT 10:00 a.m.

FLEMINGTON CITY HALL ♦ 156 OLD SUNBURY RD

Present at City Hall: Mayor Paul Hawkins

Mayor Pro Tem ("MPT") David Edwards

Councilwoman Rene' Harwell Councilman Larry Logan Councilwoman Gail Evans Councilman Hasit Patel Councilwoman Leigh Smiley Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk Craig Stafford, City Attorney

Present via Phone: None

Absent: LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

- 1. The special called meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:06 a.m. in the Council Room at Flemington City Hall. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
- 2. Mayor Hawkins presented the draft FY26 budget to the Council. After some light discussion, *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to adopt a tentative rollback millage rate of 2.829 mills. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.* Council also requested a mid-year budget review.
- 3. The job descriptions for the Clerk and Administrative Assistant were reviewed. It was the consensus of the Council to review further and present again at the May meeting.
- 4. The Flemington Downtown Development Authority ("FDDA") Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") was reviewed by Council. It was the consensus of the Council to review further and present again at the May meeting.
- 5. Councilman Edwards made a motion to enter Executive Session for Real Estate. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and Executive Session began at 11:10 a.m.

Regular session resumed at 11:32 a.m. Councilman Edwards made a motion to accept the 10-year financing term from Ameris Bank, paying the closing costs separately, and to elect for equal monthly payments (not a single, yearly payment) for the McLarry's Curve land purchases. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

\*\*Councilwoman Smiley recused from discussion and voting due to conflict of interest.

- 6. The Council requested for the General Fund check register to once again be included with the financial reports. Also requested was the YTD P&L and Balance Sheet, and the Budget vs. Actuals report monthly. The Clerk said that she would re-work the chart of accounts to provide the requested reports.
- 7. Councilman Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.