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# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 8th, 2024 at 4:30 PM.
FLEMINGTON CITY HALL • 156 OLD SUNBURY RD.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PERSON

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

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

Craig Stafford, City Attorney Holly Kennedy, Building Assistant

Present via Phone: None

Absent: Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

- 1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Room at Flemington City Hall. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
- 2. Mayor Hawkins welcomed all attendees.
- 3. The invocation was given by Councilman Logan and the Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.
- 4. Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting as written. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.
- 5. Lieutenant Gallob with the LCSO was in attendance and will provide the September report at the next Council meeting.
- 6. Council reviewed the September 2024 Profit & Loss statement and the Balance Sheet.

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

i. Mr. Todd Kennedy with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") presented a business license request for Jan Areiza, LLC for a microblading body art studio located at 1661 E. Oglethorpe Hwy, Suite H. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to approve the business license, to be issued once a Certificate of Occupancy was obtained from the Fire Marshal. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.* 

#### 8. <u>BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)</u>

i. The City of Flemington will be participating in a county-wide storm cleanup to begin on October 14th, 2024 until complete.

## No Update(s) Available

- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Rd.
- Law Enforcement Office Expansion (on hold)

### 9. ON THE HORIZON

- a. October 2024
  - 14th Closed in Observance of Columbus Day
  - 26<sup>th</sup> @ 0900 Citywide Cleanup
- 10. ADDED WITHOUT NOTICE: Mayor Hawkins reported to Council that it would be wise for drainage purposes, and in keeping with the rest of the street, for the self-storage and townhouse projects on the corner of O.C. Martin Dr. and E. Oglethorpe Hwy to have a natural street line in lieu of curb and gutter. A sidewalk and 2-foot green space would still be installed. *MPT Edwards made a motion to waive the requirement to install curb and gutter on O.C. Martin Jr., Dr. for these projects. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilwoman Evans made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of real estate. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. Open session resumed at 5:25 pm.
- 12. MPT Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.