

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING/REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AGENDA
MAY 09, 2024
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 09, 2024 Stratford Borough Agenda Meeting/Redevelopment Workshop.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER:

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:

Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post and The Retrospect and is posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and the place of the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR LINDA HALL	STUART PLATT, BOROUGH SOLICITOR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICHAEL TOLOMEO	STEVEN BACH, BOROUGH ENGINEER
COUNCILMAN PATRICK GILLIGAN	RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF/OEM
COUNCILWOMAN TINA LOMANNO	MICHAEL LEMMERMAN, FIRE CHIEF
COUNCILWOMAN DAWN MARTIN	JOHN D. KEENAN JR, BOROUGH ADMIN/DEPUTY CLERK
COUNCILMAN STEPHEN GANDY	
COUNCILMAN JIM KELLY	

PRESENTATION: Miss Stratford 2024 Briana Schwartz and Little Miss Stratford 2024 Carly DeHaven

PROCLAMATION: Nutri-Serve Food Management, Inc.

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: (5 min per person)

Motion to go to open public portion on agenda items only:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

Motion to close public portion on agenda items:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

POLICE/ OEM REPORT:

FIRE REPORT:

ENGINEER REPORT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

APRIL 04, 2024 AGENDA MEETING
APRIL 09, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

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OLD BUSINESS:

- REPORT #1 UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS OF ORDINANCES
ORD. 24:05 TITLE 39 FOR STRATFORD COMMONS HOA – NO PARKING
- ORD. 24:06** AMENDING CH. 10.44 TRAFFIC SCHEDULES – NO PARKING

NEW BUSINESS:

- REPORT #2 UPCOMING INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES
- ORD. 24:07** AUTHORIZE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT – 72 BERLIN RD, B. 52, L. 15
- ORD. 24:08** 2024 BOND ORDINANCE

RESOLUTIONS:

THE BELOW LISTED RESOLUTIONS WILL BE ADOPTED AS A CONSENT AGENDA
Council may at this time request to remove any of the resolutions from the consent agenda and they can be voted on separately.

- RES.24:68 MAINTENANCE LIEN 40 LONGWOOD DR. B. 98, L. 1
RES.24:69 APPOINT ALTERNATE TOWING VENDOR FOR 2024 AND 2025, W/ OPT TO 2026
RES.24:70 SUPPORT DEPT OF JUSTICE FY2024 COPS HIRING PROGRAM APPLICATION - \$250,000
RES.24.71 SUPPORT DEPT OF JUSTICE 2024 BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT APPLICATION
RES.24.72 EXECUTIVE SESSION – FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER v BOROUGH OF STRATFORD

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

GOOD AND WELFARE: (5 min per person)

Motion to open the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

Motion to close the public portion for Good and Welfare:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

ADJOURN:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Voice Vote _____

RESOLUTION 24:68

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford had to respond to maintenance issues at a vacant property located within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, when the Borough of Stratford has their employees respond to maintenance issues at vacant properties the charges for their service is secured by a municipal maintenance lien; and

WHEREAS, the following charges are being confirmed as work performed by municipal staff related to the following properties and charges:

ADDRESS	AMOUNT
40 Longwood Drive, B. 98, L. 1	\$1,675.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council to authorize the Tax Collector to make the proper posting of the above dollar amount be placed as a municipal lien on the property noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Deputy Clerk, hereby certify the above Resolution was adopted at a meeting held on May 09, 2024.

John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC
Borough Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION 24:69

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford enacted Ordinance 2014:20 entitled Providing for an Orderly System for Towing Services; and

WHEREAS, Tomkinson's Auto Repair and Towing is the designated provider for Stratford Towing Services, but an alternate Towing Service is required; and

WHEREAS, an application was received dated March 1, 2024 from Pritchett Automotive, DBA Wayne's Towing of Somerdale, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Police Department reviewed the application and recommends approving as a licensed tower within the Borough of Stratford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to approve Pritchett Automotive, DBA Wayne's Towing of Somerdale, NJ as an alternate licensed tower for the Borough of Stratford for the term expiring December 31, 2025 with an optional one-year extension.

CERTIFICATION

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John D. Keenan, Jr., RMC
Borough Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION 24:70
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)
FY 2024 COPS HIRING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the office of community-oriented policing services (COPS) has announced the application period for FY2024 COPS Hiring Program; and

WHEREAS, the COPS hiring program is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to impact their community policing capacity and problem solving efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2024 COPS Hiring Program will cover 75% of the approved entry-level salary and fringe benefits of each newly-hired and/or rehired, full-time sworn career law enforcement officer for three years (36 months) up to \$125,000.00 per officer position; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stratford desires to apply with no local match. And at the conclusion of the federal funding period grantees shall retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the COPS hiring grant for a minimum of one year; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that if this grant, if awarded, it will authorize the Borough of Stratford to hire up to two (2) additional full time police officers not currently hired as full-time police officers of the Borough of Stratford Police Department thereby increasing the police force by up to, two (2) officers.

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council have the authority, as does the Chief of Police, to reexamine the merits of maintaining such base number of police officer staffing, continually assessing the needs of the Borough, now and in the future.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford authorizes the Chief of Police, Ronald Morello, Borough Administrator John D. Keenan, and Chief Financial Officer Robin Sarlo to prepare and submit the necessary application and paperwork needed for the FY2024 COPS hiring program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that they hereby support the Borough of Stratford Police Department's application for the 2024 COPS Hiring Program in the amount of \$250,000.00.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Deputy Clerk, hereby certify the above Resolution was adopted at a meeting held on May 09, 2024.

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Borough Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION 24:71

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)
PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT PROGRAM (BVP)**

WHEREAS, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership is a program of the United States Department of Justice (administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance) designed to pay up to 50 percent of the cost of bulletproof vests for law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Police Department applied for funding in the amount of \$7168.44 via the Bulletproof Vest Partnership program; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Police Department may use these funds to outfit new officers or replace expiring bulletproof vests for their police officers; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 50 percent local match, which has been identified within lines in the Stratford Police Department operating budget.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford authorizes the Chief of Police, to prepare and submit the necessary documents to request funding under the program on behalf of the Borough of Stratford Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stratford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that they hereby support the Borough of Stratford Police Department's application for the 2024 United States Department of Justice Patrick Leahy Federal Bullet Proof Vest (BVP) Program.

I, John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Deputy Clerk, hereby certify the above Resolution was adopted at a meeting held on May 09, 2024.

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RESOLUTION 24:72

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NJSA 10:4-12

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford is subject to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act*, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the *Open Public Meetings Act*, NJSA 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12b and designated below:

_____ (1) ***Matters required by Law to be Confidential:*** Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

_____ (2) ***Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds:*** Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

_____ (3) ***Matters Involving Individual Privacy:*** Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including, but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

_____ (4) ***Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements:*** Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

_____ (5) ***Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds:*** Any matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

_____ (6) ***Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property:*** Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations of possible violations of the law.

 X (7) ***Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege:*** The topic of discussion is related to Litigation Negotiations and Attorney Client Privilege; Fair Share Housing Center v The Borough of Stratford AND Laurel Mills LLC v Borough of Stratford

_____ (8) *Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship*: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting; Police Dept. Titles & Positions

_____ (9) *Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty*: Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, on May 09, 2024 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on May 09, 2024 at approximately 6:30 p.m. for the discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above. It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in Closed Session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Governing Body that public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

CERTIFICATION

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