

Agenda Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council – February 22, 2016
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue
Executive Session 6:00 P.M.
Public Session 7:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione –
Giralo -
Gribbin -
Pullia -
Rodio –
Torrissi -
Mayor DiDonato -

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor
Jerry Barberio, PWM/Business Administrator

Executive Session #R031-2016

#R 031 -2016

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton that, in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," an Executive Session is authorized on this below adopted date, for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon:

1. Personnel
2. Litigation
3. Discuss Reprimand Highway Equipment Operator

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of any matters discussed in Executive Session shall be released to the public as soon as reasonably possible after Mayor and Council conclude that the basis for exclusion of the public ceases to exist.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

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Jerry Barberio, PWM/Business Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this meeting has been posted and given to official newspapers. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exits to the right and rear of the Council Chambers. Please do not proceed beyond the front benches without invitation from the Mayor to do so. Also, each person who wishes to address Council will be allotted 5 minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Session – January 25, 2016

Regular Meeting – January 25, 2016

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1.NJDEP Presentation – Rt. 206 Bridge Repair
- 2.South Jersey Industries Presentation – Lincoln Street Project
- 3.Hearing Person/Person Pocket/Place Transfer Liquor License Lyons to Tomasello Catering
(Resolution appears under New Business for Council Action)
- 4.Hearing Ordinance #001-2016 Purchase Fire Truck and Auxiliary Equipment

Ordinance #001-2016

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE RESCUE/PUMPER TRUCK AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$538,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$511,100 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey (the "Town") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$538,000, including the sum of \$26,900 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$511,100 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the purchase of a Fire Rescuer/Pumper truck including any auxiliary equipment and all related costs and expenditures necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefore.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Town may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$511,100, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$53,800 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Town hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to obligations determined to be issued by the Chief Financial Officer on a tax-exempt basis. The Town hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the notes, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the notes. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Town to deem the obligations authorized herein as bank qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Town hereby declares the intent of the Town to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this

bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

5. Hearing Ordinance #002-2016 Airport Obstruction Removal Phase II

Ordinance #002-2016

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS AT THE AIRPORT INCLUDING PHASE II DESIGN AND PERMITTING IN AND BY THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$166,481 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$15,800 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey (the "Town") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$166,481, including the sum of \$849 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets. The remaining \$149,832.00 consists of a grant from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$15,800 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the removal of obstructions at the airport including required permitting and design including all related costs and expenditures necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefore.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Town may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$15,800, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$166,481 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Town hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to obligations determined to be issued by the Chief Financial Officer on a tax-exempt basis. The Town hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the notes, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the notes. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Town to deem the obligations authorized herein as bank qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Town hereby declares the intent of the Town to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The chief financial officer is further

authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

6. Hearing Ordinance #003-2016 Create Downtown Improvement District

ORDINANCE NO. 003-2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON,
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
CREATING A DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE AND DESIGNATING A
DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Hammonton Revitalization Corporation/MainStreet Hammonton Program (MainStreet Hammonton) was awarded a Main Street Improvement District Grant to review the feasibility of the formation of a Downtown Improvement District in Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton fully endorsed and supported this grant application and process through Resolution #R026-2014; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has reviewed the procedures for the creation of a Downtown Improvement District and endorses this project as a means for seeking additional grant and loan funds for Downtown Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has shown its continuing dedication to the revitalization of Downtown Hammonton by providing funding from the general operating budget, to support MainStreet Hammonton, since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Hammonton has been recognized nationally, statewide and regionally as a leader in community development; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature has created a Downtown Business Improvement loan fund; and

WHEREAS, the loan program was established for the benefit of assisting municipalities that establish Improvement Districts and further establish, by Ordinance Downtown Business Improvement Zones; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Downtown Business Improvement Zone will assist the Town of Hammonton and the Improvement District in undertaking public improvements to the Business Improvement Zone; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a Downtown Improvement Zone will be in the best interest of the Improvement District and the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated funding and services to be provided by a Downtown Improvement District will only serve to enhance the safety, welfare and economic growth of the commercial areas, their inhabitants and the Town of Hammonton as a whole; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56-65, et seq. (the "Act"), this governing body hereby determines the following:

1. It is in the best interests of Town of Hammonton and its inhabitants to create a Downtown Improvement District and to designate a District Management Corporation to administer the district;

2. A District Management Corporation would provide administrative and other services to benefit those customers and consumers in the designated Downtown Improvement District and will also assist Town of Hammonton to promote economic growth and employment;

3. The Town desires that the cost of operations of the Downtown Improvement District should be funded through the continued general operating support provided in the Town's annual budget and a special assessment assessed on those properties within the Downtown Improvement District.

4. That the district shall include those properties within the MainStreet Hammonton Program Area, described at this time by block and lot as set forth in Schedule "A" of this ordinance, and the property owners, tenants and inhabitants therein will benefit from being designated as a Downtown Improvement District and a Downtown Business Improvement Zone as will the whole of the Town of Hammonton.

WHEREAS, based upon these findings, this governing body hereby desires to establish the areas designated in Schedule A as the "Town of Hammonton - Downtown Improvement District." Schedule A will

also be the program area for the Downtown Business Improvement Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 - Introduction. The recitation set forth in the preamble above is hereby incorporated in the ordinance.

Section 2 - Establishment of the District and Zone. The Town of Hammonton Downtown Improvement District (the "District") is hereby established, consisting of the properties designated and listed on Schedule A annexed hereto by tax block and lot numbers. The District shall be managed by a District Management Corporation. A Downtown Business Improvement Zone is hereby created and designated and shall be co-extensive with the Improvement District.

Section 3 - Assessment. All costs of improvements and maintenance, other than the costs of improvements and maintenance ordinarily incurred by Town of Hammonton out of general funds, shall be determined and approved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56-80 or N.J.S.A. 40:56-85 as determined by the District Management Corporation. A special assessment shall be assessed against the properties within the Downtown Improvement District for the purpose of promoting the economic and general welfare of the District, to be spent on those purposes permitted by N.J.S.A. 40:56-65 et. seq. The foregoing special assessment shall not exceed one dollar (\$1.00) per property.

Section 4 - Annual Report and Budgets. The District Management Corporation shall submit an annual report to the Town of Hammonton governing body pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56-80 within thirty (30) days of the close of the fiscal year. This report shall consist of a narrative covering the previous year's operation and detailed financial statements.

(a) The District Management Corporation shall submit a detailed business plan and budget for the upcoming year no later than July 1 of the current fiscal year, for the approval by resolution of the Town Committee, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:56-84. The budget shall be submitted with a report that explains how the budget contributes to the goals and objectives for the Downtown Improvement District.

(b) The fiscal year of the district and the management corporation shall be January 1st to December 31st, except that the first year of operation will commence upon adoption of this ordinance, and appointment and installation of the District Management Corporation.

(c) The District Management Corporation shall also cause an audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions to be made and filed with this governing body. This audit shall be completed and filed with Town of Hammonton within four (4) months after the close of the fiscal year of the corporation. A certified duplicate copy of the audit shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs within five (5) days of the filing of the audit with this governing body.

Section 5 - District Management Corporation. The governing body of Town of Hammonton hereby designates the Hammonton Revitalization Corporation/MainStreet Hammonton Program ("District Management Corporation"), a non-profit corporation, as the District Management Corporation for the District and the Zone.

(a) The District Management Corporation shall be composed of the members in good standing of the board of directors of the Hammonton Revitalization Corporation/MainStreet Hammonton Program, plus one elected member of the Town of Hammonton Council.

(b) The District Management Corporation, in addition to acting as an advisory board to this governing body, shall have the following powers necessary and requisite to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance:

1. Adopting by-laws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business, and prescribing rules, regulations, and policies for the performance of its functions and duties;
2. Employing such persons as may be required, including an Executive Director to implement the day-to-day operational activities of the Corporation, and fixing and paying employee compensation from funds available to the corporation;
3. Applying for, accepting, and administering and complying with the requirements respecting an appropriation of funds, or gifts, grants, or donations of property or money;
4. Making and executing agreements which may be necessary or convenient to the exercise of the powers and functions of the corporation, including but not limited to, contracts such as loans or any other agreements with any persons, firms, corporations, governmental agencies, or entities;
5. Administering and managing its funds and accounts and paying its own obligations;

6. Borrowing money from private lenders and entities for periods not to exceed 180 days and from governmental agencies for that or longer periods;
7. Providing security, sanitation, maintenance and other services in the district, supplemental to those normally supplied by Town of Hammonton;
8. Undertaking improvements designed to increase safety and attractiveness of the district to businesses which may locate there or visitors to the district, including but not limited to litter clean-up and control, landscaping, façade, signage, and those improvements generally permitted for pedestrian malls under N.J.S.A. 40:56-66 pursuant to pertinent regulations of the governing body; and
9. Publicizing the district and the businesses included within the district's boundaries.
10. Application for and acceptance of funds or loans from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, for Public Improvements and other Improvements as contemplated and defined by N.J.S.A. 40:56-71.1, et.seq.

Section 6 - Municipal Powers Retained. Notwithstanding the creation of the Downtown Improvement District, Town of Hammonton expressly retains all of its powers and authority over the areas designated as within the District.

Section 7 - Debt Obligations. This ordinance obligates the Town of Hammonton Downtown Improvement District to satisfy all debts, loans, and financial liabilities incurred by the corporation. The District and the District Management Corporation may not borrow an amount that exceeds the ability of the approved budget for that fiscal year to pay the amount required by the instruments executed at the time the debt is incurred. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Town of Hammonton Council may choose to supplement the revenue of the Downtown Improvement District in order to enable the District to perform necessary activities, or to incur debt to carry out those activities.

Section 8 - Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or part thereof shall be declared to be invalid or inoperative, such section, to the extent it is not invalid or inoperative, shall not be affected thereby and shall be enforced and effectuated.

Section 9 - Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect within 45 days of the passage of this ordinance following second reading, adoption, and publication as required by law.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This ordinance allows the formation of a Downtown Improvement District and Downtown Business Improvement Zone, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56-65, et seq. and designates the District Management Corporation to assist this governing body to effectuate the purposes and intent of that legislation and the goals and objectives of the Downtown Improvement District. This governing body hereby determines that the creation of the Downtown Improvement District will enhance the safety, welfare and economic growth of the commercial district, the businesses and residents, and Town of Hammonton as a whole.

SCHEDULE "A"

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES
INCLUDED WITHIN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>
2811	1
2811	2
2811	3

7.Hearing Ordinance #004-2016 PWM,AirportAdm,RecLeader,BA,DepEmergMgtCoord Salary

Ordinance #004-2016

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF
HAMMONTON

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey

the salaries, cell phone reimbursement, sick time, vacation time, personal time, holidays, shall apply to officials listed on this ordinance for 2016-2021 per Town code and individual contract. Salary minimum and maximums are as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
PWM,AirportAdm,RecLeader,BA,DepEmergMgtCoord	\$130,000.00	\$140,700.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the specific salary for any municipal employee shall be set forth by appropriate salary resolution.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law and its provisions shall be retroactive to January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Torrissi

Business & Industry - Councilman Gribbin

Education - Councilman Giraldo

Quality of Life - Councilman Pullia

Public Works & Transportation - Councilman Rodio

Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

ENGINEER REPORT

SEWER AND WATER ACTION ITEMS:

1. Lincoln Avenue Chemical Building Relocation (ARH #11-30155.05):

TKT has completed some additional work at the site during the last month. A second bill for payment consideration has been submitted for a payment consideration subject to receipt of the funds from SJ Gas Company. The new lime slurry tank has been delivered to the job site. The installation of same will begin shortly.

As authorized last Council meeting, price quotes were sent out to the four (4) different tank removal companies related to the UST adjacent to the old cistern building at the Lincoln Avenue site. We have attached a copy of the price quotes provided which we will review with the PWTC. If satisfactory, we will seek approval to award to the lowest quote company for the work delineated and recommended by the PWTC. The cost for this work will be derived from the SJ Gas Company funds established for the site.

Also, Anthony DeCicco has met with Ron Curcio and requested that the present site contractor, TKT to provide a cost to complete some additional work at the Lincoln Avenue site within the present Water Department Building. We will review same with the PWTC. Action at the regular Council meeting may be requested. The cost for this work will be derived from the SJ Gas Company funds established for the site.

Action Requested:

1. Recommendation of award to the lowest responsible contractor for the various tasks listed within the price quote for the removal and disposal of the old heating oil UST at the Lincoln Avenue site. The total cost to complete all of the tasks associated with the removal and disposal of the old UST is \$2,932.50. This could increase slightly depending on the volume of liquid in the tank and the volume of soil excavation and replacement required if any. The MUD Superintendent will work with the contractor where possible to save on project costs. After discussions with the PWTC, we would recommend that an award be made to DeMaio's Inc. of Egg Harbor City, NJ for a price not to exceed \$3,500.00.

2. Recommendation to approve a change order request to TKT for the three (3) areas of work requested by the MUD Superintendent at the Lincoln Avenue Water Department site associated with the improvements to the Chemical Feed Building relocation and general improvements to the Water Department's operation. The total cost for the change order request is \$21,915.00.

2. Valley Avenue Utility Replacement (ARH #11-30159):

Plans & specification were previously submitted to all permit agencies as well as NJEIT. The following is a status of all submissions:

- Cape Atlantic Soil Conservation – Approval Received
- Treatment Works Approval – Approval Received
- Bureau of Water System Engineering – Approval Received
- Atlantic County – Awaiting comments

The Town was advised by the NJEIT Representative that they no longer need to go out for RFQ in order to utilize NJEIT funds for Construction Administration/Inspection. NJEIT is holding up issuing the authorization to advertise until they receive an executed Engineering Agreement from the Town for Construction Administration/Inspection. In order to move the project forward our office has submitted a proposal to complete these services in conjunction with the direction received from the NJEIT Representative.

Action Requested:

Authorize ARH Construction Administration/Inspection contract (proposal attached) subject to NJEIT concurrence on funding availability. The estimated amount to complete the construction administration/inspection work is \$156,500.00. Authorize the Mayor to sign the appropriate documents to send to NJEIT.

3. NJ Tractor Supply Water & Sanitary Sewer Service (ARH #11-10030.02):

Primax Properties, LLC has made a submission through their Design consultant to provide sanitary sewer and public water for a proposed NJ Tractor Supply store located at 70 US Route #206. We have reviewed the design plans with the MUD Superintendent and PWTC. The applicant and Design Consultant appeared at the PWTC meeting to respond to comments and answer questions. Although there are a number of items that must be addressed it is felt that an approval recommendation could be made to the Mayor and Council subject to the applicant complying with the items listed in the Town Engineer's review letter dated 2/9/16.

Action Requested:

Approval of the design plans to provide public water and sanitary sewer for the NJ Tractor Supply store to be located at 70 South Route #206 subject to compliance with the items noted in the Town Engineer's report dated 2/9/16 and authorize the Mayor to sign the NJDOT applications on behalf of the Town.

PUBLIC WORKS ACTION ITEMS:

4. GKP Gino Pinto Site Plan Project Performance Bond Release (ARH #11-10026.03):

We received a request from the Design Consultant for GRP Enterprises related to release of their project Performance Bond for on-site project improvements completed for the Phase 1 portion of their site. We will need to review our files related to compliance with all conditions and arrange for an on-site inspection with the Quality of Life Committee. If satisfactory, we would recommend approval for release of the project Performance Bond for Phase #1 subject to compliance with the following conditions:

1. Favorable on-site inspection from the Town's Quality of Life Committee.
2. Compliance with all conditions of approval.

3. Posting of a project Maintenance Bond as per ordinance standards.
4. Ensure all project review and inspection bills are satisfied.

Action Requested:

Release of the remaining portion of the Irrevocable Letter of Credit #10012519186 amended 8/28/14 provided by Susquehanna Bank in the amount \$181,470.00 subject to compliance with the conditions noted above.

5. First Road/Chew Road Drainage Improvements Phase I-B (ARH #11-60207.05):

As approved by Council, we are finalizing the plans, limited specs, etc. in order to send out requests for price quotes. We would hope to be able to receive the price quotes by the middle of March. Last month we provided a proposal dated 12/30/15 (copy attached) totalling \$7,900.00 for the above noted project. In our engineer's report we mistakenly requested authorization for \$6,575.00. We are therefore requesting approval for an additional \$1,325.00 to comply with our project proposal for the work as described therein.

Action Requested:

Approve the issuance of an additional purchase order in the amount of \$1,325.00 to coincide with the ARH proposal dated 12/30/15 for the above noted project.

PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS:

6. Weymouth Road Drainage (ARH #11-06007):

We have prepared the legal descriptions for two of the areas where drainage easements are required and provided them to the former Solicitor to prepare the deeds for signature and filing. He forwarded a draft copy of same to the County for review and is awaiting their response before obtaining the necessary signatures.

7. Boyer Avenue Dog Park and 2-Bay Water Department Garage Replacement Drainage Calculations (ARH #11-75003.04):

Our office submitted the revised drainage report, calculations, plans etc. to the Pinelands Commission on February 12, 2016 for the following two areas at the Boyer Avenue site:

- Two (2) bay Water Department Garage Replacement/Storage Building
- Dog Park site to address Pinelands Commission review comments

We are currently awaiting Pinelands approval of the submitted information.

8. Hammonton Bike Path Extension (ARH #2014.0309): No Status Change

Base plans have been completed and our office has begun the design work. Once design has been completed we will be able to submit for the various permit approvals we will need to be able to receive bids for the bike path construction later this year.

9. 14th Street Roadway Improvements (ARH #2015.0303): No Status Change

The Contractor has completed all major items of work associated with this project (i.e. roadway reconstruction, paving, driveway replacement). We have issued the project punch list and are currently awaiting the Contractor's schedule to have all issues completed. Additionally, we are currently waiting for the pavement cores as required by NJDOT to be taken. Once the cores results are obtained and the punch list completed we will be able to close the job out with the Contractor.

SEWER AND WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:

10. Improvement Project At The Hammonton Wastewater Treatment Plant/Water Department Site (ARH# 11-30163.03, .04, .05):

As authorized last meeting, Ron Curcio is working with the MUD Superintendent on the plans and specifications for the following projects:

1. Dump Station Pad
2. Heating System, Sludge Press Building
3. Utility Water Pressurization System

We will keep Council informed of further progress.

11. LTCWMP Report Underground Drip Irrigation (ARH #11-50058.21):

We reviewed the various information, data, prior reports and charts with the MUD Superintendent and finalized the LTCWMP annual report. The report was sent to the Pinelands Commission on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

12. Lincoln Avenue Water Department Building Replacement & Communication Equipment Improvements (ARH #11-30155.06):

Now that the agreement with SJ Gas has been signed, we will prepare the contracts and issue a Notice to Proceed to the contractor.

13. AT&T Equipment Relocation Lincoln Avenue (ARH #11-30156):

The former Solicitor is finalizing the lease agreement between AT&T and the Town to be consistent with other Town leases.

14. Metro PCS Equipment/Antennae Replacement Lincoln Avenue (ARH #11-30162):

The former Solicitor has finalized the lease agreement modifications with T-Mobile and their representative for the Lincoln Avenue site. The Mayor has signed the agreement as authorized at a prior meeting. Their contractor has been on-site and completed a portion of their required work.

15. White Horse Pike/Cedar Branch Stream Water Main Replacement (ARH #11-30161):

The legal descriptions were forwarded to the former Solicitor for preparation of the required deeds to be sent to the affected property owner of Block 4601, Lot 29. Once the deed of easement is executed we could finalize the design plans and specifications for the receipt of price quotes. Funding for same will need to be addressed in the 2016 budget.

16. Verizon Antenna, 4th Street Water Tower (ARH #11-30157):

The former Solicitor has been in discussions with representatives from Verizon related to completing a lease agreement for installation of communications antenna and emergency generator at the 4th Street Water Tower site as discussed with the PWTC and MUD Superintendent. Once finalized the Mayor will be required to sign to agreement as authorized by Council last year.

17. Bellevue Avenue Utility Replacement (ARH #11-50120): No Status Change

The prior Town Solicitor has been working towards a final resolution of this matter between the Town, contractor and sub-contractors in order to close-out this project.

18. Pratt, Packard, Grape & Second Street Utility Replacement (ARH #11-40046):

The Contractor has completed all items of work associated with this project. Our office is in negotiations with the Contractor regarding final quantities for this project. Once the negotiations are finalized we will present this information along with a recommendation regarding project claims to Council for their consideration.

19. Pleasant Mills Road 3 Bay Garage Replacement (ARH #11-30163.01):

As authorized by Council and as discussed with the PWTC, we have finalized the site plan design for the Pleasant Mills Road site. The plan noted the relocation of the 3 Bay Garage, Office and

material storage facility from the Lincoln Avenue site to the Pleasant Mills Road site. The site plan has been submitted to the Pinelands Commission in January for review and approval as a Public Development Application. We will keep Council informed of further progress once we receive the Pinelands comments.

20. SJ Gas Company Lincoln Site Remediation (ARH #11-30155.07):

A public information meeting was held by SJ Gas Company on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at Hammonton High School. Representation from SJ Gas company will also be present at the Council meeting of 2/22/16 to provide a general explanation of their remediation effort at the Lincoln Avenue Water Department site.

SOLICITOR REPORT

MAYOR REPORT

PWM/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Authorize Mayor to sign annual Atlantic Co Mosquito Control Agreement
2. Re-hire Antony Sirolli PT Pub Safety Telecomm \$15.00 hour, 20 hrs week, no benefits, eff 2/15/16
3. Approve Bruce Caporale Membership Fire Co. 1
4. Approve Kenneth Dulaney Membership Fire Co. 2
5. Auth Clerk advert & hire between mtgs PT Temp Mech/CDL TrckDr, \$14.99 hr, 20 hr wk max, no benefits
6. Auth Extend probation Dept Head of PW add'l 12 months w/ no vacation, comp allowed from 12/1-3/15 AN

APPROVE BILL LIST & PURCHASE ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Introduction Ordinance #005-2016 Refunding Bond Ordinance

RESOLUTIONS

#R032-2016 Authorize Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade

RESOLUTION # 032-2016

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
THE ANNUAL "TRI VET MEMORIAL DAY PARADE"

WHEREAS, the Tri Vets continue to promote the Town of Hammonton with their annual "Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade"; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council continues to support the efforts of the Tri Vets; and

WHEREAS, May 30, 2016 is the scheduled date for the Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Tri Vets have requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and road closure of the following street in the Town of Hammonton during the parade from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon:

Bellevue Avenue (Route 54) from Railroad Avenue to Tilton Street

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade is acknowledged and endorsed by the Town of Hammonton contingent upon the following:

1. Filing of required State written approvals for street closures with the Town Clerk's office.
2. Filing of the necessary certificate of insurance.

#R033-2016 Authorize Various Refunds

R033 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS REFUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the following refunds are authorized as approved by the respective Department Heads of the Town of Hammonton:

Justin Kurtz	Peddler/Hawker License Fee	\$ 100.00
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#R034-2016 Salary Resolution PWM/BA/RecLeader/AirportAdm/EMC

#R034 - 2016
R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, by Ordinance fixed a salary range for the employment of the certain Town Officials of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance provides that the amount to be paid to such official or employee within the salary range shall be fixed from time to time by Resolution of the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the time of service of any employee shall be computed as commencing in January of the year when the employee was hired; and

WHEREAS, employee(s) listed in this resolution shall also be compensated in the form of cell phone reimbursement, pension, benefits, vacation, sick, holidays, personal time but not longevity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, Atlantic County, New Jersey as follows:

Employee	Title	Effective	Salary
Jerome Barberio	PWM/BA/REC/DEMC/AIRPORTADM	1/1/16	\$130,000.00
		1/1/17	\$130,000.00
		1/1/18	\$132,600.00
		1/1/19	\$135,250.00
		1/1/20	\$138,000.00
		1/1/21	\$140,700.00

#R035-2016 Authorize Right of Way Agreement PEG Bandwidth

Resolution #035-2016

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON AUTHORIZING RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT
WITH PEG BANDWIDTH LLC

WHEREAS, PEG Bandwidth LLC has indicated their need to enter into a "Right of Way" Agreement with the Town of Hammonton to perform work in the Public Right of Way owned by the Town of Hammonton;

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has negotiated a "Right of Way Use Agreement" with PEG Bandwidth LLC which is attached here;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic State of New Jersey that Mayor Stephen DiDonato is authorized to executive the attached "Right of Way Use Agreement" between the Town of Hammonton and PEG Bandwidth LLC.

#R036-2016 Authorize Temporary Emergency Appropriations

#R036-2016

RESOLUTION MAKING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS
IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides that temporary emergency appropriations may be made for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the date of adoption of the budget for said year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is not within the first thirty days of January, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey, that the following temporary emergency appropriations are hereby made:

Fund	Appropriation
Admin S&W	\$31,400.00
Admin OE	\$4,000.00
Finance S&W	\$18,800.00
Finance OE	\$4,000.00
Assessor S&W	\$20,300.00
Assess OE	\$1,500.00
Collection S&W	\$24,800.00
Collection OE	\$2,000.00
Legal OE	\$30,000.00
Engineering OE	\$7,000.00
Audit Services	\$2,000.00
Historical Society	\$250.00
Computer S&W	\$11,900.00
Computer OE	\$8,000.00
Plng Brd S&W	\$10,000.00
Plng Brd OE	\$3,000.00
Brd of Adjust OE	\$300.00
Construction S&W	\$30,500.00
Construction OE	\$700.00
Other Code S&W	\$2,900.00
Other Code OE	\$100.00
Group Insurance	\$500,000.00
Insurance (Airport/Rec.)OE	\$20,481.44
Workers Comp (State Wide)	\$150,000.00

NJ Disability	\$5,000.00
Fire OE	\$40,000.00
State Fire S&W	\$6,700.00
State Fire OE	\$800.00
Police S&W	\$700,500.00
Police OE	\$50,000.00
Radio S&W	\$68,900.00
Radio OE	\$2,000.00
Prosecutor OE	\$5,000.00
Bldg & Grds OE	\$13,125.00
Highway S&W	\$188,300.00
Highway OE	\$250,000.00
Environmental OE	\$600.00
Dog Reg. OE	\$2,000.00
Registrar	\$200.00
Park S&W	\$600.00
Recreation S&W	\$4,950.00
Advertising	\$10,000.00
Airport OE	\$3,000.00
Gasoline	\$30,000.00
Natural Gas	\$8,000.00
Electric	\$17,000.00
Street Lighting	\$78,750.00
Telephone	\$13,125.00
PERS	\$99,571.27
Social Security	\$50,000.00
Recycling Tax	\$4,500.00
PFRS	\$438,508.51
DCRP	\$1,000.00
Municipal Court S&W	\$35,800.00
Municipal Court OE	\$3,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$30,000.00
Utility S&W	\$170,800.00
Utility OE	\$500,000.00
Social Security	\$14,000.00
PERS	\$100,000.00

#R037-2016 Authorize Hazardous Mitigation Plan

Resolution #037-2016

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton, of the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property and;

WHEREAS, the hazard mitigation planning process set forth the by State of New Jersey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risk and;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management is providing federal mitigation funds to support development of the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and;

WHEREAS, a Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Mitigation Planning Committee and;

WHEREAS the Hazard Mitigation Plan includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time, will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property, and;

WHEREAS the draft plan was provided to each participating jurisdiction and was posted on the County Office of Emergency Preparedness website so as to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments; and to present the Plan and request comments, as required by law, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton:

1. The Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update, as approved by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on February 5, 2016, is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic.
2. The Municipal departments identified in the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments.
3. Any action proposed by the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the Mayor and Council and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.
4. The Emergency Management Coordinator is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the Atlantic County Office of Emergency Preparedness according to the predetermined timeline and procedures outlined in the Plan's Section 7: Plan Maintenance and Integration.

#R038-2016 Authorize Person/Person Pocket/Place Transfer of Liquor License Lyons to Tomasello Catering

Resolution #038-2016

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person to person, pocket to place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 0113-33-022-014;

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

WHEREAS, a police background check has revealed the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33;

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton does hereby approve the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to Tomasello Catering Services LLC, and does hereby direct the Town Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "this license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Tomasello Catering Services LLC effective February 23, 2016.

#R039-2016 Tax Resolution

#R039-2016

WHEREAS, Rosemarie Jacobs, Tax Collector, has approved and made amendments to utility and/or tax accounts as follows:

B&L	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	ACCT.	REASON	PER
3302-7	Kane	15 Broadway	984.46	tax	Refund Trident Land overpayment	Rosie
2512-7.01	Fabiszewski	131 S Grand St	917.96	tax	Refund Corelogic overpayment	Rosie
4903-17	Chinnock	95 Centennial Dr	1,750.77	tax	Refund Corelogic overpayment	Rosie
3904-29	Vision	240 s W.H.P.	22,465.98	tax	Refund BB&T paid in error	Rosie

WHEREAS, if any above referenced are not approved by Mayor and Council, a retraction will take place.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Tax Collector's actions are approved.

#R040-2016 Oppose Atlantic County Financial Support of Atlantic City

Resolution #040-2016

Resolution Opposing Proposal for Atlantic County to Provide Financial Assistance to Atlantic City

WHEREAS, State Senate President Steve Sweeney has proposed for Atlantic County to provide financial assistance to Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, this assistance would include Atlantic County bonding to pay off outstanding debts of Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, such bonding would negatively impact the taxpayers of the other Atlantic County municipalities; and

WHEREAS, neither Atlantic County nor the other Atlantic County municipalities bore any responsibility in Atlantic City acquiring the current unsustainable debt;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of Hammonton strongly opposes the use of Atlantic County debt instruments to provide debt relief to Atlantic City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Prieto, Senator Addiego, Assembly Representatives Rodriguez-Gregg and Howarth, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the Office of the Governor.

#R041-2016 Refunding Bonds (Taken up Under New Business as Ordinance #005-2016)

#R042-2016 Support HRC/MainStreet Application Business Improvement Zone Loan

#R042-2016

Resolution in Support of Hammonton Revitalization Corporation/MainStreet Hammonton Application for a Downtown Business Improvement Zone Loan

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton finds and declares that the Hammonton Revitalization Corporation/ MainStreet Hammonton (HRC/MainStreet) is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that provides administrative and other services to benefit customers, consumers, promote economic growth and employment to those properties within the Town of Hammonton Downtown Improvement District; and

WHEREAS, HRC/MainStreet is the District Management Corporation of the Town of Hammonton Downtown Improvement District; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton recognizes the importance of the role HRC/MainStreet has played in the economic revitalization of Downtown Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for HRC/MainStreet to support the ongoing efforts to expand arts and cultural opportunities in the Downtown Hammonton Art District by submitting an application for a \$300,000, 0% interest loan from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Office of Main Street New Jersey and Improvement District Programs, Downtown Business Improvement Zone Loan Fund, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Office of Main Street New Jersey and Improvement District Programs, Downtown Business Improvement Zone Loan Fund requires a governing body resolution in support of the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey hereby supports the application of Hammonton Revitalization Corporation/MainStreet Hammonton to the New

Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Office of Main Street New Jersey and Improvement District Programs, Downtown Business Improvement Zone Loan Fund.

#R043-2016 Oppose Bonding of ACIA for SJ Gas Parking Garage Project & Corporate Headquarters Relocation

#R043-2016

Resolution Opposing the Bonding of the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the South Jersey Gas Parking Garage Project and Major Corporate Headquarters Relocation from Western Atlantic County to Atlantic City

WHEREAS, the corporate headquarters for South Jersey Gas is currently located in Folsom, New Jersey, directly adjacent to the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, additional offices for South Jersey Gas are located along the White Horse Pike in the Uptown District of the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, many employees of South Jersey Gas reside, shop, dine, and use services in the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic County, through the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, funded a nearly year-long, \$175,000 economic development study by Angelou Economics, titled Atlantic County Action Now, which included months of public meetings, surveys, studies, and research, and was completed in September 2015; and

WHEREAS, the resulting Atlantic County Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan listed the adoption of an Anti-Poaching Agreement as one of the highest priorities the County should do to further sustainable economic development; and

WHEREAS, Western Atlantic County has been, and continues to be, a model of sound economic planning, as evident by the strong economies of Western Atlantic County municipalities over the course of the past ten years and through one of the worst recessions in our region's and country's history; and

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Gas Major Corporate Headquarters Relocation from the Folsom/Hammonton area to Atlantic City, which will be funded by an entity of the Atlantic County government, is detrimental to our economy, would negatively impact Hammonton taxpayers and the taxpayers of all other Atlantic County municipalities, and is directly contradictory to the Atlantic County Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County government is rewarding Atlantic City for its failure to plan and prepare for its economy and is placing the burden and responsibility of rescuing Atlantic City on the backs of all other Atlantic County municipalities; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2016, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority adopted a resolution to authorize the application to the State of New Jersey Local Finance Board for approval to bond for the ACDEVCO Project, a portion of which will be used to fund a parking garage structure and other improvements which are essential to the South Jersey Gas Major Corporate Headquarters Relocation from the Folsom/Hammonton area to Atlantic City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Town of Hammonton strongly opposes the use of these funds for the South Jersey Gas Major Corporate Headquarters Relocation from the Folsom/Hammonton area to Atlantic City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson, the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, the State Local Finance Board, the Board of Directors of South Jersey Industries, State Senator Dawn Addiego (R-LD8), Assemblywoman Maria Rodriguez-Gregg (R-LD8), Assemblyman Joseph Howarth (R-LD8), State Senator James Whelan (D-LD2), Assemblyman Christopher Brown (R-LD2), Assemblyman Vincent Mazzeo (D-LD2), the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, New Jersey Governor Christopher Christie, and Lieutenant Governor Kimberly Guadagno.

PUBLIC HEARD

MEETING ADJOURNED