

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council August 25, 2025**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue**  
**Executive Session 6:00 P.M.**  
**Public Session 7:00 P.M.**

**CLOSED SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Present

Gribbin – Present

Marino – Present

Oliva- Present

R. Rodio - Present

S. Rodio – Present

Mayor DiDonato – Present

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #126-2025**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Furgione  
Close Executive Session

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Present

Gribbin – Present

Marino – Present

Oliva- Present

R. Rodio - Present

S. Rodio – Present

Mayor DiDonato – Present

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

Rich Rehmann of ARH

**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**

No one desired to be heard

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Minutes July 30, 2025

Executive Minutes July 30, 2025

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. Rodio  
Approval of minutes

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino – Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

**PRESENTATION**

- Kevin Friel Hiring Police Officer Connor Wilsbach

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva

Approval to hire Connor Wilsbach as a police officer effective August 25, 2025

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino – Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

- **Puerto Rican Civic Association**- Edwin Negroni gave a plaque to Mayor DiDonato for his support of their organization through the years. He also invited all the residents of the Town to their celebration this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Resolution #139-2025- Approval of the Capital Budget Amendment**

**WHEREAS**, the local capital budget for the year 2025 was adopted on the 30th day of June, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire to amend said adopted capital budget;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, that the following modification to the adopted capital budget of the Town of Hammonton be made:

**Utility Capital Fund**

**Purpose**

**Total**

**Debt  
Authorized**

**CIF  
Downpayment**

Slip Lining for Various Stormwater Lines	\$ 30,000	\$ 28,500	\$ 1,500
Replace Water Main and Water Services at Various Locations	100,000	95,000	5,000
Purchase of Water Meters	200,000	190,000	10,000
Boyer Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement	40,000	38,000	2,000
	<u>\$370,000</u>	<u>\$ 351,500</u>	<u>\$18,500</u>

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second S. Rodio  
Approval of Resolution #139-2025 Capital Budget Amendment

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino – Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #013-2025 Recreation Improvements**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2025 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HAMMONTON LAKE PARK, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,283,259 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$997,500 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

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

**SECTION 1.** The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the “Town”). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$2,283,259, which sum includes (i) a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection through its Green Acres Program in the amount of \$745,000 (the “Green Acres Grant”) and (ii) a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs – Small Cities Community Development Block

Grant Program in the amount of \$488,259 (the "Small Cities CDBG Grant" and together with the Green Acres Grant, the "Grants"), and \$52,500 as the aggregate amount of down payments for said improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). The down payments are now available by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Town for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

**SECTION 2.** For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$2,283,259 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of the Grants and said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$997,500 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$997,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3.** (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, include, but are not limited to, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) Jake's Law playground at Hammonton Lake Park;	\$995,000 (including the Green Acres Grant)	\$237,500	\$12,500	15 years
(ii) <u>Various recreation improvements at various locations at Hammonton Lake Park, including but not limited to, engineering, purchase of various equipment, paving, and playground upgrades and purchase of playground equipment; and</u>	\$800,000	\$760,000	\$40,000	15 years
(iii) Installation of ADA compliant pathways at Hammonton Lake Park.	<u>\$488,259</u> (including the Small Cities CDBG Grant)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$2,283,259</u></b>	<b><u>\$997,500</u></b>	<b><u>\$52,500</u></b>	

(b) The above improvements and purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall also include, as applicable, surveying, construction planning, engineering and design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid

documents, construction inspection and contract administration, environmental testing and remediation and also all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances as necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$997,500.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$2,283,259, the excess amount thereof over the said Grants and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is the aggregate down payments for said purposes in the amount of \$52,500.

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Oliva  
Ordinance is Open for Public Hearing

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Gribbin  
Ordinance is adopted and approved for final Publication

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino – Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Tax bills are due September 11<sup>th</sup>
- Court is the process of hiring
- A letter was sent to the County regarding the potential of a new jail to be located on the outskirts of Town. The meeting to discuss this will be held on Tuesday September 2, 2025.
- Happy Labor day

**Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva**

- Mainstreet cornhole tournament will be held 12 noon this coming Saturday. Fee to join per team is \$80.00. There will be a beer garden and food trucks.
- Hamm-oween will be 10/14 from 6 to 10 on Horton Street. There will be a live band and beer garden.
- New Businesses that are opening uptown: Chipotle and Sparks Carwash will be opening the next couple months on the White Horse Pike.
- Good luck to all the students this coming year and happy Labor Day

**Quality of Life – Councilwoman R. Rodio**

- Green Committee will have a road cleanup on 9/20/2025.
- The final community market will be held on 9/26 from 5 to 8.
- Green Day Event will be held on 11/1/25 from 12 to 4 at Vets Park
- Happy Labor Day

### **Education – Councilman Marino**

- Gave recap of School Board meeting
- The school has developed a safety checklist
- John Lyons reported that Mt. Carmel Society gave a donation to the school.

### **Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio**

- Spoke about the Egg Harbor Road project and other construction projects ongoing in the Town currently.

### **Law & Order – Mayor DiDonato Given by Chief Friel**

- September 2<sup>nd</sup> School will be back in session. Please be careful and follow all traffic patterns near the school.
- Please be aware of the crossing guards and follow their directions.
- Please do not pass any busses while they are stopped.
- 9/27/2025 there will be a mediation collection on the Mt. Carmel grounds from 9 am to 12 pm.

### **Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione**

- Land app. is dry. Tilling of 3 of the 5 trenches has been completed.
- Water usage for August is very high. Please conserve as much as you can.
- There will be a group of individuals along with our Utility Dept. going door to door regarding the lead water lines. They will be handing out info. to residents and answering questions.
- Happy Labor Day

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **1. Boyer Avenue Sanitary – Phase 2**

The Town recently completed a sanitary sewer service extension that was confined to six (6) existing homes along Boyer Ave that all have a rear yard border with the Land Application Facility.

#### **Action Item**

We are requesting authorization to provide engineering design, permitting, and bidding services for the extension of sanitary sewer along Boyer Ave for approximately five residences. Our proposal is for an amount not to exceed \$39,600.00 and subject to passage of ordinance and 20 day estoppel

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Marino

Approval of PO on the amount of \$39,300 for Boyer Ave Sanitary contingent upon passing of ordinance and Estoppel period

#### **Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino – Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

#### **2. Bellevue Water Main (Central to First)**

The Town wants to replace the water main on Bellevue Ave since it is an old and undersized main. Further, there are suspected lead-based fittings at the services which need to be replaced per NJ Law. This project has significant time consideration since the NJDOT is currently scheduled to resurface Bellevue Ave in 2026.

**Action Item**

We are requesting authorization to provide surveying, engineering design, permitting, and bidding services to replace the water main from Central Ave to First Road. Our proposal is for an amount not to exceed \$87,730.00 and subject to passage of ordinance and 20 day estoppel.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second R. Rodio

Approval of PO on the amount of \$87,730 for Bellevue Water Main contingent upon passing of ordinance and Estoppel period

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino – Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

**3. Stormwater System Spot Upgrades**

The Town identified six locations that had previously been identified and investigated for spot upgrades internally by the Town. ARH will review the existing video footage, determine the best repair strategy, and assist the Town in implementing the fixes.

**Action:** We are requesting authorization to provide as directed engineering consulting to assist with the stormwater system spot upgrades. Our proposal is for an amount not to exceed \$28,360.00 and subject to availability of funds.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second S. Rodio

Approval of PO on the amount of \$28,360 for Stormwater System contingent upon passing of ordinance and Estoppel period

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino – Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

**4. NJDOT & NJ Transit Coordination**

The Town has several projects that require coordination with the NJDOT and NJ Transit. While some of this coordination is associated with active projects, the recent consolidation of talks and negotiations has led to some additional effort.

**Action Item**

We are requesting authorization to provide as directed engineering consulting to assist with coordination with the NJDOT and NJ Transit. Our proposal is for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 and subject to availability of funds.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Oliva

Approval of PO in the amount of \$20,000 for NJDOT & NJ Transit. **They will use PO from previous year for this work. That original PO was not needed.**

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino – Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

**Resolution #140-2025 – Sale of Cell Tower to American Tower**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Furgione

Resolution #140-2025 is adopted

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino – Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

**MAYOR REPORT**

- No Action Items

**Public Works Report**

**Town Public Works Schedule September**

**Bulky waste pickup** - will be from the 1st to the 5th.

**Brush pickup** - will be the 8<sup>th</sup> through 12th.

**Trash Collection**- September 1<sup>st</sup> labor day trash will be collected on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**The County Recycling pickup** – will be 1st to the 5<sup>th</sup>, the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>, and the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

1. Approval of Utility Contract retro active to January 1, 2025. Contract duration January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027.
2. Approval to release the performance bond for D.R. Horton for the Hammonton Chase (3rd Street Project) in the amount of \$17,390.40. Contingent upon approved by ARH.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
Items 1& 2 above are approved

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:  
Furgione – Yes  
Gribbin – Yes  
Marino – Yes  
Oliva- Yes  
R. Rodio - Yes  
S. Rodio – Yes  
Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Marino  
Approval of Bill list

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:  
Furgione – Yes  
Gribbin – Yes  
Marino – Yes  
Oliva- Yes  
R. Rodio - Yes  
S. Rodio – Yes  
Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Introduction of Bond Ordinance #014-2025- Utility Improvements**

**BOND ORDINANCE #014-2025**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2025 UTILITY CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$370,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$351,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

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

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$370,000, which sum includes \$18,500 as the aggregate amount of down payments for said improvements or purposes as required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). Said down payments are now available therefor by virtue of appropriations in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Town for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$370,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$351,500 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$351,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, including, but not limited to, are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) Slip lining various storm water lines throughout the Town as necessary; and	\$ 30,000	\$ 28,500	\$1,500	15 years
(ii) Replacement of water mains and water services at various locations throughout the Town;	\$100,000	\$ 95,000	\$5,000	20 years
(iii) Purchase and installation of water meter at various locations throughout the Town; a	\$200,000	\$190,000	\$10,000	10 years

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(iv) Replacement of sanitary sewers along Boyer Avenue.	<u>\$ 40,000</u>	<u>\$ 38,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	20 years
Total:	<u>\$370,000</u>	<u>\$351,500</u>	<u>\$18,500</u>	

(b) Such improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall also include, but are not limited to, as applicable, demolition and excavation, paving, resurfacing and reconstruction of the roadways, roadway painting and striping, replacing the castings on catch basins and manholes, the repairing and/or removal and installation of sidewalks, driveway aprons, curbing, retaining walls and curb ramps, guardrails, and concrete improvements, and all other related improvements, design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, contract administration, work, materials, equipment, accessories, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purposes is \$351,500.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$370,000, the excess amount thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor is the aggregate down payments for said purposes in the amount of \$18,500.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Atlantic make a contribution or grant in aid to the Town for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Town prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Atlantic. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Atlantic shall be received by the Town after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Town as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Town, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date or otherwise authorized by the Local Bond Law. The 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 the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon 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 notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second S. Rodio

Ordinance has passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading and is approved for publication and Public hearing

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino – Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #127- 2025- Authorizing Kiwanis Club Halloween Parade**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
KIWANIS CLUB HALLOWEEN PARADE**

**WHEREAS**, Kiwanis Club of Hammonton has and continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled events in the downtown business district; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of Kiwanis Club of Hammonton;  
and

**WHEREAS**, October 29, 2025 is the scheduled date for the Annual Kiwanis Club Halloween Parade (rain date to be October 30, 2025);

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**, that the Kiwanis Club Halloween Parade is acknowledged and endorsed with the following streets being closed:

N. Egg Harbor Road from Rt. 54 to Fairview Avenue from 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Rt. 54 (Bellevue) from N. Egg Harbor Road to Third St. from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Resolution #128-2025- Authorizing Firefighters Christmas Parade**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
FIREFIGHTER CHRISTMAS PARADE**

**WHEREAS**, the Hammonton Fire Department continues to support the Town of Hammonton in it's effort to promote events such as the Christmas Parade which is scheduled for **Saturday December 13, 2025 (rain date December 14th) @ the hour of 7:00 p.m.:**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of the Hammonton Fire Department;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**, which the Annual Hammonton Firefighter Christmas Parade is acknowledged and endorsed with the following streets being closed:

Liberty Street (from Hammonton Middle School to Bellevue) 5:00 to 9:00 pm  
Route 54 (from WPH to Front Street) from 5:00 to 9:00 pm  
Central Avenue (from Bellevue to Vine) from 5:00 to 9:00 pm  
All Road openings onto Bellevue Avenue (from WHP to Front Street) will be closed during event at 7:00 pm  
Passmore Avenue (from Egg Harbor Road to Washington Street) from 7:00 to 10:00 pm  
Front Street (from Bellevue to Line Street) from 7:00 to 11:00 pm  
Liberty Street (from Bellevue Ave to Fairview Ave) from 5:00 to 8:00 pm  
Vine Street (from Egg Harbor Rd. to Central Ave.) from 5:00 to 9:00 pm

**Resolution #129-2025- Authorize Green Day Festival**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
HAMMONTON GREEN DAY FESTIVAL**

**WHEREAS**, Hammonton's Green Committee and MainStreet Hammonton have promoted and continue to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled events in the Town of Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations have forged positive relationships with other key organizations and institutions in Hammonton, particularly the Hammonton Education Foundation, St. Joseph's High School, the Hammonton Lions Club, and the Hammonton High School Green Earth Club, and

**WHEREAS** these positive working relationships have helped to establish the annual Green Festival as an eagerly-anticipated staple among Hammonton's annual celebrations, and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council have and continue to support the efforts of these organizations to promote the Town of Hammonton and particularly their efforts at ensuring the environmental, economic, and cultural sustainability of the Town,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Town of Hammonton authorizes and endorses the Hammonton Green Day Festival to held at on Second Street between Bellevue and Vine Street on Saturday November 1, 2025 from 12 -4 pm with a rain date of Sunday November 2, 2025:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Hammonton will provide municipal services required for this event including police assistance if required.

**Resolution #130-2025- Approve St. Michael Procession**

**Approve Procession of St Michael**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
THE "ST. MICHAEL PROCESSION"**

**WHEREAS**, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parrish continues to promote support of the Town of Hammonton Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of Mt. Carmel Parrish and the Hammonton Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Michael is the patron saint and protector of Law Enforcement Officers and

**WHEREAS**, September 29th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. is the scheduled date for the Blue Mass of St. Michael and 7:00 pm St. Michael religious procession to be held in the Town of Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parrish has requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following streets in the Town of Hammonton for procession:

From St. Joseph Church (N. 3rd St.) left onto French St.  
Left onto N. Second St.  
Left onto E. Pleasant St.  
Return to Church (N. 3rd St.)

**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 Feast of St. Michael and procession of streets is acknowledged and endorsed by the Town of Hammonton contingent upon the following:

1. Filing of necessary insurance certificates by St. Mary of Mt. Carmel as required by the Town of Hammonton.
2. Filing of required State and/or County written approvals for street closures with the Town Clerk's office and the Chief of Police at least two weeks prior to event.

**Resolution #131-2025- Establishing a policy for totally disabled Veterans**

**A Resolution of the Mayor and Members of Town Council of the Town of Hammonton establishing a policy for applications approved for Totally Disabled Tax-Exempt Veterans.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton Tax Assessor's office received applications for Totally Disabled Tax Exempt Veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, when the Tax Assessor approves these applications tax dollars are cancelled; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton's Mayor and Council have an interest in establishing a policy concerning the cancellation of taxes on approval of applications for Totally Disabled Tax Exempt Veterans; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that;

1. They hereby adopt the facts and determinations as set forth in the preamble of this resolution as if the same were more fully set for herein, and which facts and determinations shall have the same binding effect as the paragraphs set forth herein below.
2. The Town of Hammonton will cancel taxes as of the date of the Town's receipt of a completed application form DVSSE (Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse Tax Exemption Form). The form must be date received and stamped by the Tax Collector or Tax Assessor's office.

**Resolution #132-2025- Authorizing 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiesta Celebration**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING**

**The 6th Annual Fiesta Celebration 2025**

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton has and continues to promote the Town of Hammonton through scheduled events in the downtown business district; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council have consistently supported the efforts of MainStreet Hammonton in creating inclusive and vibrant community programming; and

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton is partnering with the Hammonton Art Club, Hammonton Green Committee, Hammonton Health Coalition (HHC), and Una Comunidad Hammonton to host this collaborative annual event, which will feature live music, vendors, performances, and community resource tables; and

**WHEREAS**, this event will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by expanding the final Community Market of the year into a larger-scale "Fiesta" with a broader footprint, greater attendance, and enhanced participation from local partners; and

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton and the Hammonton Health Coalition will coordinate fundraising for performers and community resources, while Una Comunidad Hammonton will organize the Tianguis, a traditional open-air market, by bringing in additional vendors; and

**WHEREAS**, the event is scheduled to take place on **Friday, September 26, 2025**, during the hours of **5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, with the following street closure requested from **3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**:

South Second Street, between Bellevue Avenue and Vine Street; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the above street closure and use of public space for the "Fiesta" event on Friday, September 26, 2025, are hereby approved and endorsed.

**Resolution #133-2025- Authorize Downtown trick or Treat**

**AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT EVENT WITH ROAD CLOSURES**

**WHEREAS**, Saturday October 25th (rain date Sunday October 26th), 2025 is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Downtown Trick or Treat event from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm; and

**WHEREAS**, Downtown businesses will be distributing treats and organizing activities from their stores for children throughout the event; and

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton is requesting the following road closures and police assistance for this event during the hours of 11:00 am - 5:00 pm at  
Central Avenue between Bellevue Ave. (Rt 54) and Vine Street

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the MainStreet Hammonton Downtown Trick or Treat event is approved with road closures and police assistance specifically crossing assistance at intersections on Bellevue Avenue contingent upon contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event.

**Resolution #134-2025- Authorize Tree Lighting Ceremony**

**AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON TOWN TREE LIGHTING EVENT WITH ROAD CLOSURE**

**WHEREAS**, Saturday, December 6th (rain date, Sunday Dec 7th), 2025 is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Town Tree Lighting Event from 6 pm- 9pm. at the intersection of Bellevue Ave. and Central Ave. and we request the road closure of Central Avenue between Bellevue Avenue and Vine Street from 9am-10 pm.

**WHEREAS**, Carriage rides will not be part of the event this year as in previous years.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the MainStreet Hammonton Town Tree Lighting Event is acknowledged and endorsed with road closures, no parking, and police assistance contingent upon contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event.

**Resolution #135-2025- Authorize Various Refunds**

**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/close out of accounts are authorized as approved by the respective Department Heads of the Town of Hammonton:

Harbor Freight

\$ 28,219.36

Refund Escrow

**Resolution #136-2025- Authorize Water-Tax-Sewer Refunds**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**



## AUTHORIZING TAX / WATER / SEWER REFUNDS

**Whereas**, the following accounts need to have amounts credited, transferred, cancelled, refunded or changed

<u>Block / Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
1102/27	Mark Kenney	120 N Chew Rd	\$1,012.84	Refund/change in assessment
1704/1.01/QF	James Raso Jr.	121 W 15 <sup>th</sup> St	\$77.06	Refund/Remove QFarm
2413/13	West End Dev	266 West End Ave	\$3,107.74	Refund/Subdivision change
2418/1	West End Dev	104 N Washington Ave	\$1,349.21	Refund/Subdivision change
3902/8	Zachmar Inc	23-49 Seagrove Ave	\$3,741.64	Refund/change in assessment
2005/12	Schiernbeck, Lance	108 Wood St	\$6,298.16	Cancel/100% exempt vet
5002/5	Minguzzi, Nancy	584 Oak Rd	\$7,093.93	Cancel/100% exempt vet

**Whereas**, the above amounts have been corrected in the Edmunds Billing system for the Utilities and or tax module showing the correct amounts.

**BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the above refunds are authorized, as approved by the Tax Collector of the Town of Hammonton:

### **Resolution #137-2025 – Adopting NPP Grant for 2025**

#### **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HAMMONTON NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM REVISED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 the Town of Hammonton applied for and was awarded a Neighborhood Preservation Program ("NPP") designation for The Hammonton NPP District by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ("NJDCA"); and

**WHEREAS** this designation includes award funding in the amount of \$125,000 per year for 5 years to begin July 1, 2019, for Community and Economic Development improvements to the Hammonton Downtown target area; and

**WHEREAS** the purpose of the grant is to design and implement a wide range of initiatives to restore a favorable climate for investment and to improve the quality of life for the residents and businesses of this neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of the grant, the NJDCA requires that an annual Implementation Plan be prepared which delineates the planned activities of the NPP program and describes the manner in which the grant funds will be expended. The current plan covers a one-year period and has been submitted to the NJDCA for review and approval prior to program implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, said Plan has been completed pursuant with the required citizen input and other related State mandates and approved by the NJDCA; and,

**WHEREAS**, the NJDCA has reviewed and approved the Implementation Plan for the Hammonton Neighborhood District for 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton does hereby approve The Hammonton Neighborhood Preservation Program District Implementation Plan including the accompanying Budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council is hereby authorized to expend funds in accordance with said Plan.

**Resolution #138-2025- Approve Addendum with West End Development Associates**

**SECOND ADDENDUM TO REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH  
THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON AND WEST END DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES**

Town: The Town of Hammonton, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey

Redeveloper: West End Development Associates, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company

Property: Certain parcels of land in the vicinity of West End Avenue, Pleasant Street and Orchard Street, more particularly known as:  
Block 2413, Lots 13 & 16 and at Redeveloper's option Lots 10-12  
Block 2416, Lots 1 & 19  
Block 2417, Lot 1  
Block 2418, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 & 8  
Block 2418, Lot 7 is to be acquired by the Town and then transferred to the Redeveloper.)  
situated in the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey

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**This Addendum is between the** Town of Hammonton, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey **hereinafter referred to as "Town"** and West End Development Associates, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company **hereinafter referred to as "Redeveloper"**.

**WITNESSETH that Town and Redeveloper have negotiated a Redevelopment Agreement dated on or about October 28, 2022 and a first Addendum dated on or about December 19, 2024 to redevelop that certain tract of land and premises situated in the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey being designated as:**

Block 2413, Lots 13 & 16 and at Redeveloper's option Lots 10-12  
Block 2416, Lots 1 & 19  
Block 2417, Lot 1  
Block 2418, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 & 8

Block 2418, Lot 7 is to be acquired by the Town and then transferred to the Redeveloper.) situated in the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey **(hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Property") and the parties hereto now wish to execute an addendum to that Agreement as follows:**

1. Paragraph 5.3 Permitted Transfers. (d) **Shall now read as follows: conveyance of one or more lots to Lennar Corporation, U.S. Home, LLC, OHC Lennar Pool I, LLC, and their related entities.**
2. **A signed facsimile version and/or a signed email version of this document shall be considered to constitute an original of same.**
3. **This Addendum may be executed in one or more counterparts and when each party has executed at least one counterpart, the foregoing Addendum shall be in full force and effect as of the date thereof. In all other respects unless contradicted by the above, the terms of the Redevelopment Agreement dated October 28, 2022 shall be considered in full force and effect.**

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Gribbin  
Resolution #127 to #138 are approved

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino – Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARD**

No one heard

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Oliva