

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council March 23, 2026
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

Roll Call

Councilperson:
Calderone –
Marino -
Matro -
R, Rodio -
S. Rodio –
Scipione -
Mayor Furgione –

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #056-2026

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Roll Call

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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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Minutes February 23, 2026
Executive Minutes February 23, 2026
Special Meeting Minutes March 11, 2026

PRESENTATION

- Food Drive – Mary Anne Sacco
- Lakeview Gardens
- Food Truck

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing of Ordinance #001-2026- Amending the redevelopment plan for 8th Street

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAMONTON APPROVING THE AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PREMISES IDENTIFIED ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP AS BLOCK 801, LOTS 7, 8, 9 AND 11

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2024, Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #134-2024 authorizing the Planning Board to investigate whether the area known as Block 801, Lots 7, 8, 9 and 11 (hereinafter the “Premises”) constituted an area in need to redevelopment without the municipality’s use of its eminent domain power; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2024, the Hammonton Planning Board (“Planning Board”) adopted Resolution No. 47-24PB, which recommended that the Premises be designated an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council on January 27, 2025, adopted Resolution #36-2025 accepting the Planning Board’s recommendation designating the Premises as a redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk per Resolution #36-2025, notified the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs of that action; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs approved the designation of the Premises as an area in need of redevelopment on March 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Town Planner, Stuart B. Wiser, P.P., A.I.C.P., of ARH Associates, Inc., prepared a Redevelopment Plan dated June 2, 2025, to which Mayor and Council gave careful consideration; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council on June 23, 2025, adopted Ordinance #12-2025, adopting the Redevelopment Plan dated June 2, 2025, for the Premises; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk per Ordinance #12-2025, forwarded the Ordinance and Redevelopment Plan to the Pinelands Commission for their review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Pinelands Commission Staff reviewed the adopted Redevelopment Plan and determined that it could not recommend approval of the plan because it required further clarification to enable it to be consistent with the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (“CMP”), and therefore recommended certain amendments to the Redevelopment Plan to bring it into compliance with the CMP; and

WHEREAS, The Town reviewed the Pinelands Commission staff’s comments and subsequently amended the Redevelopment Plan to incorporate the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e), Town Council sent the amended Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board for further review; and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 18, 2026, the Town Planning Board considered the amendments and reported same does not impact or change its prior conclusions with regard to the content of the Redevelopment Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is on this 23rd day of March, 2026, ordained by Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that:

1. The Redevelopment Plan-Landfill Redevelopment Area, as amended, dated June 2, 2025, last revised March 11, 2026, for the Premises, which incorporates the Pinelands Commission’s amendments, be and hereby is adopted by Mayor and Council;
2. It is further ordered that Mayor and Council are authorized to take further action consistent with said Redevelopment Plan including, but not limited to, designating Hammonton-8th Street Landfill Solar LLC, as the Redeveloper; and
3. The Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Ordinance and the Redevelopment Plan to the Pinelands Commission for their review and approval.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the Courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

Resolution #057- 2026- approval of temporary Capital Budget

WHEREAS, the need has arisen to introduce a bond ordinance to provide funds for West End Avenue and Thirteenth Street Roadway and Drainage Improvements, including all appurtenances necessary and related thereto, and;

WHEREAS, the regulations of the Local Finance board (N.J.A.C. 5:30-4.3(b)) of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Services requires that the municipality adopt a temporary capital budget if a bond ordinance is to be passed prior to the adoption of the Annual Capital Budget, and;

WHEREAS, the ordinance provides a total appropriation as follows:

General Capital Fund

1) Purpose	<u>Total</u>	<u>Debt Authorized</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>CIF Downpayment</u>
West End Avenue Roadway & Drainage Improvements	\$ 322,728	\$ 43,225	\$277,228 (a)	\$ 2,275
Thirteenth Street Roadway & Drainage Improvements	\$ 275,190	\$ 43,700	\$ 229,190 (a)	\$ 2,300
	<u>\$ 597,918</u>	<u>\$ 86,925</u>	<u>\$ 506,418</u>	<u>\$ 4,575</u>

(a) New Jersey Department of Transportation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic that:

- 1) a Temporary Capital Budget is hereby created for the following:

General Capital Fund

West End Avenue Roadway & Drainage Improvements \$ 322,728
 Thirteenth Street Roadway & Drainage Improvements \$ 275,190

- 2) the projects will be included in the Annual Capital Budget, and
- 3) one certified copy shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services immediately after passage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Administration - Councilman Marino**
- Business & Industry – Councilwoman R. Rodio**
- Quality of Life – Councilman Calderone**
- Education – Councilman Scipione**
- Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio**
- Law & Order – Mayor Furgione**
- Water & Sewer - Councilman Matro**

ENGINEER’S REPORT

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Lakeview Gardens Watermain – Funding Support (ARH #P2026.0001)**

The Town is planning an extension of the public water system to the Lakeview Gardens section. ARH will support the Town and their grants consultant in the pursuit of FY2027 funding from the NJDEP (I-Bank) to support the project.

Action Item

Approve ARH's proposal for Engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$33,365.00.

2. **West End Ave Roadway Improvements (ARH #P2025.0444)**

The Town received funding from the NJDOT FY 2026 Municipal Aid Program to resurface West End Avenue. ARH will provide professional surveying and engineering services to execute the project, manage the NJDOT PMRS process, and coordinate all work with the current development along the roadway.

Action Item

Approve ARH's proposal for Engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$28,860.00.

ROADWAY & TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS:

Hammonton Bike Path Connector – Phase II (ARH #1140052.09): **95% Complete**

We have made multiple contacts with NJDOT on this project and the discretionary aid application to set up a meeting to move this forward. We continue to wait for a substantive response.

NJDOT FY2023 Safe Streets to Transit: Front St. (ARH #1140063.01): **85% Complete**

The NJDOT approved ARH's proposal for engineering design, and we are coordinating with them on next steps.

NJDOT & NJ Transit Coordination (ARH #1101110.01): **75% Complete**

We continue to pursue a coordination meeting with NJ Transit and NJDOT to discuss all open issues.

11th Street Sidewalk Improvements CA/CI (ARH#1140062.04): **25% Complete**

The contractor is on the 60-day clock. Work will start soon, and we expect it to be completed within the contract period.

SEWER/WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:

Lakeview Gardens Water Main Extension (ARH #1130172.01): **95% Complete**

This work is on hold until the State funding source is secured.

Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project (ARH #1130167.06): **95% Complete**

We are working with the Town, NJDEP, NJDOT, and federal representatives to manage the timeline constraints with the current NJDOT project. Final permits and approvals are expected in the next few weeks.

Sanitary Sewer Study & Rehabilitation Program (ARH #1150146.01): **95% Complete**

We have coordinated with the Town and purchasing, and we anticipate field work to start in April/May 2026 for the initial, targeted improvements.

Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project – Phase II (ARH #1130167.07): **95% Complete**

We received all permits needed to proceed. The Town requested that ARH pursue the NJDEP (I-Bank) for funding, and that process has been initiated. This project is being coordinated with Phase I (see above).

Lead Service Line Replacement (ARH #1130170.02): **78% Complete**

We met with the Town, NJDEP and EPA to coordinate next steps and gather more information on funding to support system repairs.

Boyer Ave Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Phase 2 (ARH #1150058.32): **15% Complete**

We are nearly complete with our feasibility phase of work, and we are coordinating next steps with the Town.

GENERAL SITE AND RECREATION INFORMATION ITEMS:

Lake Park ADA Walkways CA/CI (ARH #1190032.06): 100% Complete

This phase of work is complete. We are coordinating with Triad for the grant project close-out. Please note that the Lake Park Project is a multi-phased project that will span over many years.

Lake Park Pavilion Enhancements (ARH #1190035.01): 95% Complete

This work is on hold until the turf installation is ready to start.

Jake's Law Park (ARH #1190037.01): 85% Complete

The State has approved our plans & specifications. We are coordinating equipment purchasing with the Town, and we expect to go out to bid in April/May. We will continue to coordinate with the Town, Triad, and the Little League on scheduling.

11th St Recreation Area Engineering (ARH #1101065.12): 75% Complete

The fencing site work is complete. Phase 2 of the site design is substantially completed. We are coordinating with the Town and Triad on potential funding sources for the construction phase.

Lake Park Tot Lot (ARH #1190036.01): 50% Complete

We are on schedule for this project and coordinated with the Town who is purchasing the play equipment through NJ State Contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND REMEDIATION PROJECTS:

K&K Linens Property / 224 Vine Street (ARH #1101094.09): Ongoing

We continue to execute the project tasks, staying in close coordination with the Town and NJDEP.

Mazza Muffler Site / 104 S. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #1101102.04): Ongoing

We continue to work with the site LSRP performing site investigation and monitoring.

Skinner Property / 317 N. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #P2022.0424): Ongoing

We continue to execute the project tasks, staying in close coordination with the Town and NJDEP.

Celona Site Remediation - 130 Railroad Avenue (ARH #1101054.06): Ongoing

We continue to execute the project tasks, staying in close coordination with the Town and NJDEP.

Octagon Oil/Vine Street Parking Lot (ARH #1101060.23): Ongoing

We are preparing a proposal to perform additional work based on DEP's RAP application review.

SOLICITOR REPORT

MAYOR REPORT

Public Works Report

Lake Park Tot Lot Swing Set Equipment- The Town will be purchasing the new equipment to replace the old Tot lot swing set that was removed. This purchase will be completed by the end of April.

Lake Park walkways- We will be adding additional Bollards along the concrete walking path to protect the pedestrians and the new walkways that were installed.

Town Public Works Schedule April 2026

Bulky waste pickup – for the Month of April will be from the 6th through the 10th.

Brush pickup – for the month of March will be the 13th through the 17th.

Trash Collection for the Easter Holiday- Friday April 3rd will be collected on Thursday April 2nd. Monday April 6th collection will be on Tuesday April 7th.

The County Recycling pickup – for April will be March 30th to April 3rd and April 13th to the 17th.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1) Approve the finalized wording of both the Blue Collar (Highway) and the Radio (Dispatch) contracts.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance 004-2026- Bond Ordinance for Road Improvements West End Ave and 13th Street

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$597,918 THEREFOR (INCLUDING STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANTS TOTALING \$506,418) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$86,925 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 \$597,918, which sum includes grants in the amounts of \$229,190 and \$277,228, respectively, expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (the "2025 DOT Grant", and the "2026 DOT Grant" and sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "DOT Grants"), and \$4,575 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 \$597,918 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of the DOT Grants and said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$86,925 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 \$86,925 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) Various roadway and drainage improvements along the entire length or portions thereof Thirteenth Street; and	\$275,190 (including the 2025 DOT Grant)	\$43,700	\$2,300	10 years
(ii) Various roadway and drainage improvements along the entire length or portions thereof of West End Avenue.	\$322,728 (including the 2026 DOT Grant)	\$43,225	\$2,275	10 years
TOTAL	\$597,918	\$86,925	\$4,575	

(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 \$86,925.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$597,918, the excess amount thereof over the said DOT 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 \$4,575.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #058-2026- Approval of 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Berenato, Joseph	380 S, Chew Rd	\$ 600.00	Refund Rental Fee
Hammonton Youth Wrestling	PO Box 805	\$280.00	Refund Escrow

Resolution #059- 2026 – Approving Hammonton Community Market

AUTHORIZING THE HAMMONTON COMMUNITY MARKET

WHEREAS, The Hammonton Green Committee and MainStreet Hammonton Organization shall collaborate to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled Community Market events in the downtown business district; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council shall support the efforts of The Hammonton Green Committee in collaboration with MainStreet Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the Hammonton Green Committee of Hammonton will host this Community Market event, which will feature sustainability themed agriculture, arts and craft vendors, and environmental conservation demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, The Hammonton Community Market attracts residents and visitors to the town and therefore enhanced the growing reputation of Hammonton's Downtown, and

WHEREAS, Friday June 26th, 2026 is the scheduled date for the first of three Hammonton Community Market events, during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, additional dates of **July 24 & September 25** will repeat the Community Market during the hours of 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm; and

Resolution #060-2026- Appoint a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA)

**RESOLUTION FOR INCREASING BID THRESHHOLD
AND APPOINTING A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT
SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9(a)**

WHEREAS, 40A:11-9(a) permits a municipal governing body to authorize its purchasing agent to award contracts that do not exceed in a contract year the annual limit as established by the Governor, and

WHEREAS, local governing bodies have been advised by the Local Finance Board through (LFN 2025-13) that the Governor has authorized the following bid and quotation thresholds effective July 1, 2025:

	<u>Bid Threshold</u>	<u>Quotation Threshold</u>
With Qualified Purchasing Agent	\$53,000	\$7,950

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton desires to appoint Frank Zuber as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Town of Hammonton;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton desires to increase its bid and quotation thresholds as provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, in the State of New Jersey hereby increase its bid threshold to \$53,000 for QPA and its quotation threshold to \$7,950; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton hereby appoints Frank Zuber as the Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9(a), with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Town of Hammonton.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, **June 26, July 24, & September 25** are approved for the Hammonton Community Market event.

Resolution #061-2026- Approve Good Friday Procession

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE “SPANISH COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION”

WHEREAS, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish/St. Joseph’s Church continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with their annual “Spanish Community Good Friday Procession”; and

WHEREAS, **Friday April 3, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.** is the scheduled date for the Spanish Community Good Friday Procession; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish/St. Joseph’s Church 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 stations of the cross and procession:

From N. Third St.
To French St.
To Second St.

To Pleasant St.
To Tilton St.
To French
To N. Third 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 Spanish Community Good Friday Procession is approved by the Town of Hammonton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the necessary certificate of insurance has been filed with the Town Clerk.

Resolution #062-2025- Appoint Recycling Coordinator

**RESOLUTION NAMING
CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL,
AND AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION
FOR RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT FOR YEAR 2025**

WHEREAS, The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of the municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Town of Hammonton to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, Scott Rivera Certified Recycling Professionals, is herein designated as the individual authorized to ensure that the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that the Town of Hammonton hereby endorses this submission of the Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and therefore designates Scott Rivera Certified Recycling Professional, to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the Recycling Tonnage Grant be deposited in a dedicated Recycling Trust Fund to be used solely for the purpose of recycling; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Town Clerk, Scott Rivera Certified Recycling Professional, are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in furtherance of this Resolution

Resolution #063-2026- Approve Petty Cash for Joint Municipal Court

RESOLUTION CHANGE IN PETTY CASH AMOUNT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund, and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic that the petty cash fund for the Hammonton Joint Municipal Court be increased to \$300.00 for the year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Resolution #064-2026- Authorize food truck festival

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 11th ANNUAL HAMMONTON FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, MainStreet 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 MainStreet Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, The annual Hammonton Food Truck Festival is a widely popular event attracting thousands of visitors to the town, many of whom are visiting for the first time, and therefore generates increased business & exposure for the entire town, and

WHEREAS, Saturday, June 13, 2026 (rain date June 14, 2026) is the scheduled date for the 11th Annual Hammonton Food Truck Festival event during the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has requested the following street closures for this event between the hours of 12:00 pm. to 11:00 p.m.:

- Central Ave (Route 542) between Bellevue Ave to Vine Street;
- South Second Street between Bellevue Ave and Vine Street;
- Horton Street between Bellevue Ave and Orchard Street;
- Front Street between 12th Street and Passmore Ave.

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has requested appropriate Police Parking Control signs to be posted early in the day noting NO PARKING AFTER 1:00 pm and the reservation of the following parking spaces for safer traffic access and the Food Trucks to park and set up:

- North-western side of Route 54 between Third Street and N. Egg Harbor Road;
- Both sides of Central Avenue between Bellevue Ave and Vine Street;
- Both sides of Horton Avenue between Bellevue Avenue and Orchard Street,
- Both sides of S. 2nd Street between Bellevue Ave. and Vine Street
- Both sides of Front Street between 12th St. and Passmore Ave.

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has met with the Police Chief and been approved for Police Officers to assist with crowd control and direct traffic at the intersections due to increased event-related pedestrian and vehicular traffic on State Route 54, and crossing the railroad tracks at Egg Harbor Rd. 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 Saturday, June 13, 2026 (rain date June 14, 2026) is approved for the 11th Annual Hammonton Food Truck Festival event, including the above requests for street closures, reservation of parking spaces, posting of “NO PARKING” signs and five police officers are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

Resolution #065-2026- Approval of request for time extension for NJDOT Bike Path Grant

Requested time extension for NJDOT Grant-L.A. – 2022 Bike, Hammonton Town, Veteran’s Place Bicycle Path Connector Phase II – 00035

Resolution Requesting a Six (6) Month Time Extension for Project Award for use of the NJDOT Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Funds

Whereas, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton desire to use the NJDOT Municipal Aid project funds, and

Whereas, the Town has received the following funding allotments from the NJDOT Municipal Aid program: FY-2022, \$745,000.00 dated February 16, 2022, and

Whereas, the requirements for project award of the NJDOT Municipal Aid fund is two (2) years from the receipt of letter related to project funding allotment as listed within the NJDOT, PMRS date of 2/16/24, and

Whereas, the Town has endeavored to comply with the project deadline standards as established by the NJDOT, and

Whereas, certain circumstances have caused delays in the project survey, design work, and obtaining easements required for project completion which are listed as follows:

- Coordination with NJDOT regarding a proposed railroad crossing which requires upgrades to existing signalization, concrete path and a safety gate.

Furthermore, The Town planned to bid and award the Phase II Bike Path Connector – 00035 construction projects during the summer of 2024 and be compliant with the NJDOT requirements for award of the FY-2022, \$745,000.00 funds.

However, to be safe we are requesting a six (6) month time extension on the award for the FY-2022 project funds until August 16, 2026.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that the adoption of this resolution be approved and forwarded to the NJDOT, Local Aid District IV Office for review and approval consideration for the reasons as stated above.

Resolution #066-2026- Approval of State Contract purchase for Lake Park Tot Lot

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT TO AWARD
THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TOT LOT EQUIPMENT LAKE PARK**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to purchase and install Tot Lot Playground Equipment at lake park; and

WHEREAS, after comparing the prices, a contract be to be awarded to MRC Recreation, PO Box 106, Spring Lake, NJ 07762, to purchase and install the Tot Lot Playground Equipment and subsurface under state contracts ESCNJ #ESCNJ 24/25/-01 & #24—Food-118185, in the amount not to exceed \$94,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in ordinance #006-2025 for the purchase; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1-et seq. requires that the resolution awarding the contract without competitive bidding and the contract must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY that the Mayor and Town Clerk of the Town of Hammonton are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with MRC Recreation, PO Box 106, Spring Lake, NJ 07762,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law as a State Approved Contracts ESCNJ #ESCNJ 24/25/01 & #24—Food-118185; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between MRC Recreation and the Town of Hammonton.

Resolution #067-2026- Approval to apply for New Jersey Environmental Trust Loan

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON TO APPLY FOR NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCUTRE TRUST LOAN FOR N.J.S.H ROUTE 54 WATER INFRASTRUCUTRE PROJECT – PHASE 2 FROM CENTRAL AVENUE TO FIRST ROAD

WHEREAS, The Town of Hammonton intends to file an application with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust for the project known as "ROUTE 54 WATER INFRASTRUCUTRE PROJECT – PHASE 2", for the construction of a new 12" diameter HDPE water main to replace the existing 6-inch water main along 12th Street (NJSH Rt. 54), from Central to First Road, along with service lateral replacements to comply with safe drinking water standards to remove lead from service lines.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that **Frank Zuber** be authorized to act as the Authorized Representative to represent in all matters relating to the project undertaken pursuant to the above referenced New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Loan to be executed with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust. The Authorized Representative may be contacted at the following address:

100 Central Ave, Hammonton, NJ 08037-1676, Phone Number: 609-567-4300; ext: 121.

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