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JANUARY 28, 2021
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Via ZOOM

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On January 26, 2021 advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex.

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On January 26, 2021 advance written notice of this meeting was filed with the Township Clerk.

The Clerk is directed to enter into the minutes of this meeting this public announcement.

Roll Call

Councilmember	Present	Absent
<i>Councilman Nathaniel Anderson</i>	X	
<i>Councilwoman Rebecca Perrone</i>	X	
<i>Councilwoman Samantha Whitfield</i>	X	
<i>Deputy Mayor Kaya McIntosh</i>	X	
<i>Mayor Dr. Tiffani Worthy</i>	X	

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Res 2021 – 15

A RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS TOWNSHIP BOARDS. (ROLL CALL VOTE ON NOMINEES)

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Discussion

- Councilwoman Perrone stated the whole process should be done over;
- Mayor – we are here to vote on the names that were motioned and seconded;
- Councilwoman Perrone – Mr. Turner, the process was done wrong, why can't we do it over and add names?
- Mr. Turner - there is a way to do that but, not at this special meeting. Tonight, we are here to vote on the nominees to correct the problem from January 19, 2021.
- Councilwoman Whitfield – Councilwoman Perrone, It was properly done. You are being misleading.
- Councilman Anderson – Mr. Turner, because the meeting was done properly as it relates to the finalization of the votes. Can we just go through the process? I do not see what the big deal is. Can we go into executive to have a more detailed conversation?
- Mr. Turner- Councilman Anderson, that is a loaded question. As it relates to executive session, I would ask the Mayor/Council to go into recess, so I can do some research. Is your second question on how to add more individuals? Councilman Anderson – Yes. Mr. Turner – Special agenda is specific in nature. However, you can make a motion, second and voted on to add more name.

Councilwoman Perrone made motion to amend the process on Jan 19 and do it correctly and add new names

<i>Councilmember</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Recuse</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>		x	x				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>	x		x				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>				x			
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>				x			
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>				x			

Discussion:

Councilwoman Whitfield: I took a great deal of time and research to be prepared for the January 19, 2021, as well as others but some did not. That will be reflected in my vote.

Councilman Anderson- That is understandable. I am not saying the names will not be approved but

why can't we add names to it? That is my question?

Councilwoman Perrone- Mr. Turner, I am challenging some of the names that was nominated and seconded. I am trying to wait until we get to it but there is an issue.

Mayor- Each council member had the opportunity to provide feedback and names. There are still seats available. Tonight's meeting is to vote on nominees that was properly motioned and seconded.

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Councilman Anderson – with that being said, I just do not understand why we cannot go through the process in case there are others to be added on.

Mayor – Each council member had an opportunity to add names.

Councilwoman Perrone- what we received was not a list. It was a list that was generated by our clerk of all the application she received. However, she did not give us the actual application. I now have all the application given to me Monday.

Deputy Mayor – we went to the township and got them. Why did you wait so late to go get it?

Councilwoman Perrone – Mr. Anderson just stated that we did not know that we were making selections at the January 19th meeting. I did not know that we were going to that at that meeting. It was a surprised to me. What is wrong with doing it right today? What are you afraid of exactly?

Councilman Anderson – point of correction. I was aware that we were doing it. I just was not aware of the list.

Mayor – Thank you Councilman, but we did have all the names. We all had an excel workbook. There was a tab for each board and commission. If any one of us wanted to see the backup, Ms. Bligen had all the supporting document. The information was provided to council. MS Bligen provided updates almost weekly. The initial date to make appointments were January 1st but due to more application coming in we postponed it until January 19th so Council would have more time. It sounds more like a lack of preparation. I do not think anyone is opposed to adding more names. The issue is the process and how we got here. Council had adequate time.

Citizen Award Committee:

1. Yeta Phillips
2. Nicole Thomas
3. Kafi Meekins

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>			X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>		x	X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>	x		X				

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Economic Development:

1. Fred Worthy

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<i>Councilman Anderson</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>	x		X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>		x	X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>						X	

2. Sharon Anderson
3. Richard Green
4. Martha Boyer
5. Christopher Gore
6. Dr. Rhonda Palmer
7. Dr. Jamar Purnsley
8. Yeta Phillips

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>	x		X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>		x	X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>			x				

Environmental Commission:

1. Jose Redmond
2. Christian Whittaker
3. Davon McCurry

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>	x		X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>		x	X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>			X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>			X				

Library Board

1. Patricia Lindsay-Harvey

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>			X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>		x	X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>	x		X				

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Municipal Alliance:

1. Staci Burns – Coordinator/Chair
2. Yeta Phillips
3. Alice McIntosh

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<i>Councilman Anderson</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>		x	X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>						X	
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>	x		X				

Parade/Events:

1. Taylor Hamilton
2. John Greer
3. Stephen Craig
4. Esther Turner
5. April Maxwell-Henley
6. Jasmine Davis

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>	x		X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>		x	X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>			X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>			X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>			X				

Planning Board

1. Donya Jean-Baptiste – Alternate 1

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>	x		X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>			X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>		x	X				

2. Nicole Thomas – Alternate 2

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>	x			X			
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>				X			
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>		x		X			

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Route 130 Corridor

1. Sharon Anderson
2. Stephen Craig
3. John Greer

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<i>Councilman Anderson</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>			X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>	x		X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>		x	X				

Shelter Board:

1. Tears Hall
2. Staci Burns
3. Deborah Lee

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>	x		X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>		x	X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>			X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>			X				

WMUA

1. Kevin McIntosh – move from Alternate to Full Member

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>				X			
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>				X			
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>		x	X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>						X	
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>	x		X				

2. Carl Turner – Alternate 1

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>				X			
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>				X			
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>		x		X			
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>				X			
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>	x			X			

3. James Boyer – Alternate 2

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>				X			

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<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>				X			
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>		x	X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>			X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>	x		X				

Youth Advisory

1. Karen Paige
2. Nicole Thomas
3. Claudine Archer
4. Dr. Rhonda Palmer

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>	x		X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>		x	X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>			X				

5. Chloe Worthy – student

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>	x		X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>		x	X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>						X	

Zoning Board

1. Davon McCurry – Full Member
2. Nicole Thomas – Alternate

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>	x		X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>			X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>		x	X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>			X				

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**AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL (not needed)**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., permits a public body to exclude the public from portions of a meeting at which specific matters set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b are discussed; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made of the Township Council assembled in public

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session on this 28th day of January 2021 to convene a closed Executive session consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b; and

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made and seconded and passed by a vote of in favor and opposed, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that an Executive Session of the Township Council meeting shall be convened to discuss one or more of the following categories as noted:

- _____ 1. Any matter which, by express provision of federal law, state statute or rule of court is rendered confidential or excluded from the public portion of the meeting.
- _____ 2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair the right to receive funds from the United States Government.
- _____ 3. Any material the disclosure of which constitutes and unwarranted invasion of privacy as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (3).
- _____ 4. Any Collective Bargaining Agreement or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any Collective Bargaining Agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees.
- _____ 5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real estate with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussions of such matters were disclosed.
- _____ 6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public and any investigations of violations or possible violations of law.
- _____ 7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which Township Council is or may become a party.
- _____ 8. Any matters falling within the attorney/client privilege to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise his/her ethical duties as a lawyer.
- _____ 9. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment and other categories set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(8).
- _____ 10. Any deliberations occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of specific civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:9-12b(9).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the general nature of the subject to be discussed

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relates to:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted in closed session will be disclosed to the public, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-14, and to the extent that it is not inconsistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

Oath of Office

PUBLIC COMMENT

Yeta Phillips

3 Douglas Court- will do my best at the office that I am sworn into. Thank you and Good night

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Woman Perrone

come back to me; Mayor – let the record reflect that Councilwoman Perrone decline Council Comment; Councilwoman Perrone – I said come back to me; I did not decline; Mayor – You don't dictate the order of Council Comment; Councilwoman Perrone – I'm not dictating, I said you can come back to me; Mayor - The order of Council Comment is You and then Councilman Anderson; Councilwoman Perrone- you can't eliminate my comments; Mayor - Mr. Turner – Please advise: Councilwoman Perrone is correct;

Councilman Anderson

No comment

Councilwoman Perrone

I am still preparing my thoughts. You can pass me.

Councilwoman Whitfield

Good evening Willingboro; Thank you for joining the meeting tonight. I am looking forward to working with all of you on the boards that I am liaison of. I hope that we (governing body) can have a better working relationship and unified for the township and not ourselves.

Councilwoman Perrone

Good evening; I would like to thank everyone for attending this special meeting. Congratulations to all the board member who has been appointed; Councilwoman Whitfield it is my job to challenge things that I feel is not done properly. Good night and be well and stay safe.

Deputy Mayor

Good evening; Thank you so much for your participation; Lets work together. I have been coming to Council meeting long before being elected and some actions are hypocritical. Hopefully, this will mend.

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Mayor

Thank you for coming out and volunteering for the Boards and Commission. I am liaison to quite a few and look forward to working with you. We have a lot of great work to do; Thank you Council for all your input; Thank you Councilwoman Perrone for bringing the issue to our attention. I appreciate the diversity of thought Council. Let us continue to support one another with unity and respect. In all thy getting, get understanding.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>		x	X				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>	x		X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>			X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>			X				