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AGENDA

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NJ

**December 21, 2021
7:00 PM**

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

The requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Express-Times (Warren County Edition) and posted on the Boroughs website stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.

ROLL CALL Conry, Cox, Duchemin, Heinrich, Noone, Norris, Higgins.

AUDIENCE/COUNCIL APPEARANCE

Remarks, petitions, statements and testimony from guests

MINUTES

November 9, 2021 Regular
November 9, 2021 Executive

NEW BUSINESS

1. Set Re-Organization Meeting Date-January 4, 2021@ 7:00 PM
2. Adoption of a policy regarding obtaining cannabis business letters of support.
3. Request for a letter of support from a cannabis cultivator

Agenda-Continued

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

- **(tabled from 11/09/21 Meeting) RESOLUTION 2021-125-RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-71 WHICH AUTHORIZED APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN COLORED EXTERIOR ELEVATION OF TACO BELL STRUCTURE LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH'S DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA, BLOCK 95 LOTS 1 AND 31**
- **RESOLUTION 2021-153-Resolution Adopting a Policy Regarding the Issuance of a Letter of Support and Zoning Approval Letter to Cannabis Business License Applicants**
- **RESOLUTION 2021-154-RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**
- **RESOLUTION 2021-155-AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.00 IN THE CURRENT FUND**

VOUCHERS

REPORTS

RECAP

COUNCIL REMARKS

Remarks, Reports, Discussions

EXECUTIVE SESSION-if needed

ADJOURNMENT _____ P.M.

RESOLUTION 2021-125
RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-71 WHICH AUTHORIZED
APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN COLORED EXTERIOR ELEVATION OF TACO BELL
STRUCTURE LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH’S DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT
AREA, BLOCK 95 LOTS 1 AND 31

WHEREAS, the property within the Downtown Redevelopment Area designated as Block 95, Lot 1 and 31 (the Property”), was granted preliminary and final site plan approval by the Borough Land Use Board pursuant to a resolution adopted on November 18, 2019 (the “Site Plan Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, construction of the proposed fast-food restaurant is currently in the final phases of construction and will operate as a fast-food establishment; and

WHEREAS, due to a shipping error, the shade of the exterior siding delivered and erected at the Property is not in conformance with the Site Plan Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the developer applied to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington (the “Council”) seeking an approval of a color change to the exterior of the Property; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2021 the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington (the “Council”) adopted Resolution No. 2021-71 authorizing approval of a change in color of a structure located within the Borough’s Redevelopment Area at Block 95, Lots 1 and 31; and

WHEREAS, the attorney for the Land Use Board wrote a letter to the Council dated September 6, 2021 requesting that the Council rescind Resolution No. 2021-71 because such exceeded the Council’s authority; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to rescind resolution No. 2021-71 so that the developer can seek to change the building color via a request for a field change to the Borough Engineer or an application to the Land Use Board for a modification of a condition of the Site Plan Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, Resolution No. 2021-71 is hereby rescinded.

RESOLUTION 2021-153

Resolution Adopting a Policy Regarding the Issuance of a Letter of Support and Zoning Approval Letter to Cannabis Business License Applicants

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington(the “Borough”) permitted the operation of cannabis retailers and cultivators in certain zoning districts pursuant to Ordinance 2021-07; and

WHEREAS, Applicants for cannabis business licenses must provide “proof of local support” and a “zoning approval letter” to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.8 and 7.10; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to adopt a policy regarding the issuance of such approvals, which is attached hereto; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Policy Regarding the Issuance of a Letter of Support and Zoning Approval Letter to Cannabis Business License Applicants is hereby adopted.
2. The Borough Council may amend such policy at any time via resolution.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2021-154
A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE
As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 7, 2021 to FIG CUST FIGNJ19 LLC, P.O. Box 54226, New Orleans, LA 70154, in the amount of \$655.34 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2020 in the name of Blyd, Winsten & Yendi as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 31 North Lincoln Ave, Block 12 Lot 7, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #21-00009 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 12-10-21 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Winsten Blyd claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by FIG CUST FIGNJ19 LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$733.45 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #21-00009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 21st day of December, 2021 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to FIG CUST FIGNJ19 LLC, P.O. Box 54226, New Orleans, LA 70154 in the amount of **\$3,233.45** (This consists of \$733.45 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$2,500.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 12 Lot 7 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2021-155
AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.00 IN THE CURRENT FUND

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58 provides for appropriations transfers during the last two (2) months of the fiscal year, and

When it has been determined that it is necessary to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in the excess of the sum appropriated therefore and where it has been further determined that there is an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, the Chief Financial Officer Natasha S. Turchan, be and the same is hereby authorized to make transfers among the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget in the amount of \$25.00 in the Current Fund as follows:

	FROM	TO
General Government		
Other Expenses	25.00	
Shade Tree		
Other Expenses		25.00