

AGENDA
May 11, 2020
Special Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting
Mayor and Borough Council

Borough of Chatham
54 Fairmount Avenue
Chatham, NJ 07928

**CALL MEETING
TO ORDER**

The meeting will be called to order at 6:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE

**STATEMENT OF
ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by including same in the Annual Notice, copies of which were posted on the official bulletin board on the main floor of Borough Hall, emailed to the Daily Record, the Star-Ledger, the Chatham Courier, the Chatham Patch, and TAPinto Chatham and was filed with the Borough Clerk, all on January 08, 2020.

Pursuant to the requirements of R.S. 10:4-10, adequate notice of the change in time of tonight's virtual meeting was provided to the press on May 6, 2020, a copy of which was posted on the Borough website, including the front and side entrance of Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Thaddeus J. Kobylarz
Council President Jocelyn Mathiasen
Council Member Robert A. Weber, Sr.
Council Member Carolyn Dempsey
Council Member Karen Koronkiewicz
Council Member Irene Treloar
Council Member Leonard Resto
Stephen W. Williams, Borough Administrator
Tamar Lawful, Borough Clerk
James L. Lott, Jr., Borough Attorney

RESOLUTION #20-165

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that the minutes from the following meeting are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Borough Clerk's office:

April 27, 2020

RECUSALS

Recusals or abstentions submitted for the record.

MAYOR'S REPORT I

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Residents wishing to make public comments may dial 929-205-6099 (Meeting ID: 811-3434-4002) or obtain online access of the meeting using the following URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81134344002>. The Mayor and Council meeting will be televised as usual.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMIT

Hearing of citizens during the Public Comment section of the Agenda is an opportunity for any member of the public to be heard about issues which are or are not matters scheduled for Public Hearing tonight. In light of the emergency, discussions and actions by the Chatham Borough Mayor and Council related to discretionary municipal actions and/or other non-emergent matters including redevelopment planning will be deferred until further notice. Accordingly, I would respectfully request that the public try to limit its comments to matters primarily related to the COVID-19 response and/or the continued operations of the Borough government during the emergency. While the Chatham Borough Mayor and Council welcome public participation and comment on any topic, to help facilitate an orderly meeting, and to permit all to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to a reasonable length of time.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

Mayor Kobylarz asks Council Member Resto to proceed with Ordinance # 20-07.

Council Member Resto reads Ordinance # 20-07 entitled:

ORDINANCE # 20-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 139 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CHATHAM DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF HEDGES AVENUE AND WESTON AVENUE AS A STOP INTERSECTION

Which Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Council meeting held on April 27, 2020.

Mayor Kobylarz asks the Borough Clerk to give a summary of the legal notice.

The Borough Clerk states: A legal notice was published indicating that Ordinance #20-07 was introduced and passed on first reading at the April 27, 2020 meeting and indicated the second reading and public hearing would be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 11, 2020 for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public and posted in accordance with the law.

Mayor Kobylarz: The meeting is now open for a public hearing on the Ordinance and any member of the public may be heard.

Mayor Kobylarz: Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, I will now close the public hearing.

Council Member Resto: I offer the following Ordinance and move its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Ordinance as read by title on second reading, and after public hearing at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

Council Member _____ seconds the motion.

Mayor Kobylarz asks the Borough Clerk for a Roll Call Vote:

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Weber, Sr.						
Dempsey						
Mathiasen						
Koronkiewicz						
Treloar						
Resto						

Mayor Kobylarz: I declare this Ordinance adopted and finally passed and request the Borough Clerk to publish the proper notice of adoption of this Ordinance in the official newspapers and to permanently record the Ordinance.

MAYOR’S REPORT II

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are considered to be routine by the Chatham Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

Resolution #20-166 through Resolution #20-168 have been placed on the Consent Agenda.

**RESOLUTION[S] REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

RESOLUTION #20-

FINANCE

RESOLUTION #20-166

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

WHEREAS, vouchers for payment have been submitted to the Borough Council by the various municipal departments.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Chatham that all vouchers approved by the Finance Chairman be paid subject to the certification of the availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

RESOLUTION #20-167

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE THIRD QUARTER
“ESTIMATED” TAX BILLS, DUE ON AUGUST 1, 2020**

WHEREAS, in light of the disruption caused by the coronavirus outbreak, the State delayed the adoption of the State Fiscal Year 2021 Budget to September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) cannot certify State Aid allocations to municipal budgets until State Aid Appropriations are known; and

WHEREAS, the DLGS cannot approve municipal budgets and the County Board of Taxation cannot certify taxes until long after the June 30, 2020 deadline to process third quarter tax bills due August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, without an adopted 2020 Municipal Budget and a 2020 Certified Tax Rate, the Tax Collector cannot process the final 2020 Tax Levy; and

WHEREAS, the DLGS “strongly recommends” under Local Finance Notice 2020-07 “that municipalities prepare to issue estimated property tax bills for 2020;” and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated Tax Levy necessary to bill third quarter taxes due August 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Chatham, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 11th day of May 2020 that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to process estimated tax bills for the third quarterly installment of 2020 taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the third quarterly installment of 2020 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10, 2020 or the twenty-fifth (25) calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

OTHER

RESOLUTION #20-168

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020 AS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF CHATHAM

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people and some of the most inspiring moments in our history have arisen from the various civil rights movements that have brought one group after another from the margins to the mainstream of American society; and

WHEREAS, in the movement towards equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning (LGBTQ) people, history was made some 51 years ago on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Inn Uprising. During this uprising, LGBTQ citizens rose up and fought against the discriminatory criminal laws which have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and LGBTQ individuals have had an immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic and economic successes of the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Chatham is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for LGBTQ people as part of the increasingly rich mosaic of diversity in Chatham Borough; and

WHEREAS, while society at large is increasingly supporting LGBTQ equality and dignity, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ community having made great strides since 1969 still faces challenges in being accepted, in not having equal protection under the law in 39 states, and in parents still rejecting their own children when they come out of the closet as LGBTQ individuals; and

WHEREAS, the struggle of LGBTQ youth with their sexual orientation is a major cause of the teen suicide rate being unacceptably high; and

WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has inherent dignity and worth and is thus to be treated with ultimate dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, celebrating June as LGBTQ Pride Month brings awareness and provides support and advocacy for Chatham Borough's LGBTQ community and is an opportunity to act and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag is widely recognized as a symbol of pride, inclusion and support for social movements that advocate for LGBTQ people in our society and in the Borough of Chatham.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Chatham do hereby proclaim the month of June 2020 as Pride Month in the Borough of Chatham in support of and in solidarity with our LBGTO community and rainbow flags will be displayed at Borough Hall and along the business district on Main Street during the month of June recognizing LGBTQ residents whose influential and lasting contributions to our neighborhoods make Chatham Borough a vibrant and accepting community in which to live, work and visit.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Kobylaz asks Council Member _____ to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions #20-166 through #20-168.

Council Member _____: I would like to make a motion to approve the resolutions placed on this evening's Consent Agenda by consent of the Council.

Seconded by Council Member:_____.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION[S]

ADJOURNMENT