

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2020**

A Combined Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison was held via Telephone Conference. The meeting was called to order at 6:10p.m.by Council President Ship-Freeman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Patil, and Ship-Freeman.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Health Director Elliott, Water & Sewer Director Smith, Township Engineer O’Krepyk, Police Chief Bryan, Fire Chief Latham, OEM Coordinator Deputy Fire Chief Toth and IT Jim DeVico.

The Township Clerk advised that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, has been provided by an Annual Notice sent to The Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger, Criterion Sentinel and News Indian Times on December 13, 2019 and Special Notice sent to Homes News Tribune on March 31, 2020 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

4. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- a. No comments were made.

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA
FROM MAYOR THOMAS LANKEY:**

- a. And b. No comments were made.

6. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Coyle, Beautification Committee is working on flowers and plans for parks.

Councilmember Joshi, Library Board the Director Keith McCoy is working on the finances. They are working on the grant application the deadline has been moved to June.

7. POINTS OF LIGHT

Council President Ship, this past Saturday, May 9th the South Edison Community Association organized a Food Drive to benefit our Hand of Hope Food Pantry. It was a great success, thank you to all the volunteers and participates. The E-cycle at Lake Papaiani has been postponed with a tentative reschedule date of October 24th. Our Council Meeting in June will be change to combined meeting on the Wednesday, June 10th and June 24th. We are not sure at this time if they will be in person or not, we must wait to hear from the Governor.

8. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- a. through e. No comments were made.

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

- a. No comments were made.
- b. No comments were made.

- c. Councilmember Brescher stated his issue is we have been waiting for two to three weeks for the Budget that we should be approving. He called the state and they explained we can have a budget and make changes later. He is not comfortable when the residents will receive the tax increase the last quarter of the year which is the holiday time. He said Woodbridge has their budget done early.

Ms. Ruane explained Woodbridge is a Fiscal year, not a calendar year budget. The Introduction of the Budget will be at the May 27th meeting.

Councilmember Coyle will be voting yes, however he understand his frustration and this will be the last time until the budget is presented.

Councilmember Gomez explained due to COVID we are waiting for guidance from the State it’s not intentional, the economy is at a halt.

Councilmember Patil stated this is on 12th of last year’s budget.

- d. Through f. No comments were made.

10. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:**

- a. Councilmember Brescher, asked isn't Unicorn ?

Ms. Ruane explained Unicorn is only for Payroll.

11. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:**

- a. Councilmember Joshi, he requested this Resolution to be pulled.
b. Councilmember Joshi, he is very happy this Resolution is on he himself heard the notice from the street.

Councilmember Brescher commented in Woodbridge their Health Department takes care of this.

Mr. Elliot said he does the enforcement here also, this is a noise study.

- c. Resolution R.249-052020 is being pulled off Consent Agenda.

12. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:**

- a. and b. No comments were made.

13. **FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS:**

- a. Councilmember Coyle is going to request to pull these Resolutions, he wants to make sure they are inspected.

Ms. Ruane explained they are accepted by the Engineering Department before we release.

14. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWER:**

- a. Councilmember Brescher said we don't have back up information yet so how can we blindly vote on this.

Ms. Ruane, this is for Introduction.

15. **FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:**

- a. through e. No comments were made.

16. **FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:**

- a. No comments were made.
b. Councilmember Joshi expressed he will not be voting no on R.252-052020 appointment because he is not a resident of Edison.

Councilmember Brescher, he also will be voting no.

Councilmember Coyle, he will be voting no, he would like to review for one more week.

Ms. Ruane, I do not know if he has to live in Edison, the authority is a separate entity from the Township.

17. **FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD:**

Councilmember Coyle, there has not been a meeting since COVID 19.

18. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

- O.2066-2020 No comments were made.

19. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Council President Ship-Freeman:
a.

Councilmember Brescher:

- a. He is looking into the Contract with Optimum school spends about \$34,000.00 on internet service he would like to re-negotiate the contract.

- b. Metuchen Pump Station, 75% are Metuchen homes and we are 25% will be metered and pay their share we paid more can we re-coop the additional from Metuchen?

Mr. Northgrave we will provide you that information.

Ms. Ruane explained the agreement.

Mr. Northgrave also explained the price to purchase is 50/50, running would be according to flow.

- c. He asked Mr. Northgrave if he works for current council equally because he is still waiting for an Ordinance regarding school overcrowding.

Mr. Northgrave said he gave him the state statue and explained any ordinance would be preempted only with State Law says. He thought the Ordinance research was resolved. He works for the Township of Edison he takes direction from the Mayor.

Council President Ship-Freeman stated the Board of Education receives sixty percent of our taxes.

Councilmember Coyle:

- a. He thanked all first responders for all their work during this pandemic.
- b. He thanked Administration and Billy Thomas for Amboy Avenue improvements.
- c. He supports Councilmember Joshi for the study for cable.

Ms. Ruane, we signed a fifteen year contract in 2014.

Mr. Northgrave explained it's a non-exclusive contract.

- d. He asked Fire Chief Latham to explain the staffing issues.
- e. He asked Ms. Ruane to walk him thru the process to hire more fireman.

Ms. Ruane is getting the hiring together now.

- f. He asked if he could receive the submissions during the meeting in real time.

Council President Ship-Freeman explained she doesn't want to create piece meal she reads all the submissions and will forward all to the council the next day.

Mr. Northgrave explained Council President has the right to set policy.

He asked the Clerk the procedure on the submissions being received.

Clerk Russomanno explained once we publish the agenda on the website the public can see the instructions to submit submissions. Deputy Clerk McCray opens that email about an hour before the meeting we print them out and separate for Council President which are for Resolution and which are for Oral Petitions and Remarks. Those emails aren't sent to anyone before be read at the meeting.

He feels he is being denied his right.

Mr. Northgrave doesn't believe you are being denied your right. As Council President Ship-Freeman explained she will read each one email, time and date received and distribute

Councilmember Diehl:

- a. None

Councilmember Gomez:

- a. None

Councilmember Joshi:

- a. Fire Department staffing levels he feels are inadequate.
- b. Redevelopment of our Seven miles of River
- c. Option to look into a Municipal Broad Band system since we probably pay over twenty million dollars a year for cable services. He would like to see a study done.

Councilmember Patil:

- a. None

18. COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Councilmember Joshi seconded by Councilmember Gomez and duly carried, the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of April 27, 2020 were accepted as submitted.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:
FROM MAYOR THOMAS LANKEY:**

May 8, 2020

Edison Township Council
100 Municipal Blvd
Edison, New Jersey 08817

Dear Honorable Council Members:

This is to inform you that I have re-appointed Mr. Carlos Sanchez of 3 McEvoy Road, Edison, New Jersey, to the Housing Authority of the Township of Edison for five year term pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1.

His term will expire on November 9, 2023.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Lankey
Mayor

Cc: Maureen Ruane, Business Administrator
Cheryl Russomanno, Clerk
Carlos Sanchez

May 8, 2020

Clerk
Cheryl Russomanno
100 Municipal Boulevard
Edison, NJ 08817

Dear Madam Clerk:

Please be advised that pursuant to Township Code 37-54.3, I have appointment Andrea B. Sandler of 128 Mineola Place, Edison, NJ 08817, as a Class B member of the Edison Historical Preservation Committee. His term will expire May 13, 2024.

Thank you.

Thomas Lankey
Mayor

cc: Andrea B. Sandler

May 8, 2020

Clerk
Cheryl Russomanno
100 Municipal Boulevard
Edison, NJ 08817

Dear Madam Clerk:

Please be advised that pursuant to Township Code 37-54.3 that I have appointment Anthony P. White of 54 Kathleen Place, Edison, NJ 08817 as a Class B member of the Edison Historical Preservation Committee. His term will expire May 13, 2024.

Thank you.

Thomas Lankey
Mayor

cc: Anthony P. White

May 8, 2020

Clerk
Cheryl Russomanno
100 Municipal Boulevard
Edison, NJ 08817

Dear Madam Clerk:

Please be advised that pursuant to Township Code 37-54.3, I have appointment Mark Maklary, 153 Fourth Street Edison, NJ 08837, as a Class C member of the Edison Historical Preservation Committee. His term will expire May 13, 2024.

Thank you.

Thomas Lankey
Mayor

The above appointment was received on a motion made by Councilmember Gomez seconded by Councilmember Joshi and duly carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING**

The following Ordinances, which were introduced by Title on April 27, 2020 passed on first reading, published according to law for further consideration at this meeting, were read by the Township Clerk:

O.2066-2020	CODIFIES THE POLICY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON (THE “TOWNSHIP”) REGARDING MILITARY LEAVE LAW FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES, NOT INCLUDING TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL EMPLOYEES, WHO ARE CALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR SERVICE, OR INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING.
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(The above Ordinance O.2066-2020 can be found in its entirety in Ordinance Book #28.)

Council President Ship Freeman declared the Public Hearing opened for O.2066-2020.

None

Hearing no further comments, on a motion made by Councilmember Gomez seconded by Councilmember Diehl and duly carried, this Public Hearing was closed.

On a motion made by Councilmember Brescher seconded by Councilmember Coyle, the Ordinance was adopted.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Patil and Council President Ship-Freeman

NAYS - None

NEW BUSINESS
PROPOSED ORDINANCES PUBLIC HEARING SET DOWN FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020.

O.2069-2020 ORDINANCE AMENDS THE EDISON TOWNSHIP CODE
TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE 2020 PER GALLON
WATER RATES THE TOWNSHIP CHARGES
RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL USERS FOR
THE DISCHARGE OF NORMAL DOMESTIC SEWAGE
AND THE RATES CHARGED SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL
USERS OF THE TOWNSHIP'S SEWER SYSTEM.

On a motion made by Councilmember Gomez seconded by Councilmember Diehl this Ordinance was passed on first reading and ordered published according to law for further consideration and Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on May 27, 2020.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Patil and Council President Ship-Freeman

NAYS – Councilmember Brescher and Coyle.

Mr. Northgrave said before we go into the Resolutions this is the time Councilmember Brescher to read his proposed Resolution “Resolution Denouncing COVID-19 Related Hate Speech and Bias Crimes” and ask to add to Agenda.

There was discussion from all Councilmembers regarding paragraph four.

Councilmember Joshi, he understands the need however he would like to copy the language San Antonio Texas used.

Councilmember Diehl asked if this is related to anyone on this Council, he is not in favor in disparaging a colleague.

The councilmembers agreed to revise this resolution and put on the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AS TO PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Council President Ship-Freeman opened the meeting to the public for comments on Proposed Resolutions R.221-052020 through R.253-052020.

From: G Cao [mailto:*****]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:03 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingSubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Cc: Ship-Freeman, Joyce <JShip-Freeman@edisonnj.org>; Joshi, Samip <SJoshi@edisonnj.org>; Brescher, Richard <RBrescher@edisonnj.org>; Coyle, Joseph <JCoyle@edisonnj.org>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.org>; Gomez, Alvaro <AGomez@edisonnj.org>; Patil, Ajay <APatil@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Please oppose R.249-052020 - a resolution from legal department related to COVID-19 pandemic

Dear Edison Council Members,

I hope this email finds you well!

I request my comments to be read as public comments for resolution R.249-052020.

I'm writing to you to request you to oppose below resolution in the upcoming council meeting.

R.249-052020 - A Resolution Authorizing A Contract For Special Legal Services Related To Potential Claims Arising From Damages Sustained By The Township Due To The Covid-19 Pandemic.

Here are just a few reasons why this resolution should be rejected. Please kindly keep them in your mind when you cast your vote. All fellow residents are looking upon you to make the right decision for the township.

1. There is no moral stand on starting such a lawsuit at this difficult time when the whole world is still fighting the disease, and many people are dying every day because of COVID-19. All people, countries should unite in order to win the war against the virus.

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2. There is next-to-zero chance to win this in the court. As explained in many articles and by many scientists, the COVID-19 disease is born from nature. Chinese and Wuhan government did their best to contain the virus and have communicated with WHO and US federal government on this matter.
3. It'll be a total waste of tax-payers' money to start the lawsuit. This money could be put into better use by fighting against the virus, helping out the people who are impacted.
4. Being one of the most diverse communities in the country, Edison should strive to be the most inclusive community, and to fight against biases against any races/groups. This lawsuit will do no good in that regard.

Thank you for your service to the community.

Sincerely,

Guoliang Cao
1 Paula St
Edison, NJ 08820

From: Jothi Kesavan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: "No" to the resolution authorizing a contract for special legal services

Please do not authorize the contract for special legal services offered by Lombardi & Lombardi to start a lawsuit on behalf of Edison Township to recover the losses from Covid-19. This should be the responsibility of federal government and not a city government.
My name and address

Jothi Kesavan
5 Doreen Ct
Edison, NJ 08820

From: Ping Wang [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Ship-Freeman, Joyce <JShip-Freeman@edisonnj.org>; Joshi, Samip <SJoshi@edisonnj.org>; Gomez, Alvaro <AGomez@edisonnj.org>; Patil, Ajay <APatil@edisonnj.org>; Coyle, Joseph <JCoyle@edisonnj.org>; Brescher, Richard <RBrescher@edisonnj.org>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.org>
Cc: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: two questions for the incoming council meeting

Hello,
As Edison resident, I have two questions for council members.

1. The motion to sue a foreign country on the origination and liability issue about COVID19. Can Mr. Northgrave, the township attorney, explain on what ground the township may have a case. What is the chance that the township wins? Is it worth to spend \$3,000,000 of our tax money on such thing?
Who has the right to choose the law firm to represent the township? Should there be a public hearing on this? Personally I believe the township has better use for the money.
2. This is for council President Ms. Ship-Freeman. On May 7, you told NJ.com, quote "The Asians and everybody, they all around the world and they all go together". "What happens in their country happens here too. That's how the blacks feel about it."
Ms. Ship-Freeman, my country is United States of America. Please tell us, what is your country?

Edison resident and tax payer,
Ping Wang

From: Yan Fan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:07 AM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>; Ship-Freeman, Joyce <JShip-Freeman@edisonnj.org>; Joshi, Samip <SJoshi@edisonnj.org>; Brescher, Richard <RBrescher@edisonnj.org>; Coyle, Joseph <JCoyle@edisonnj.org>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.org>; Gomez, Alvaro <AGomez@edisonnj.org>; Patil, Ajay <APatil@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Public Comment question for May 13 Edison Council Meeting

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My name is Yan Fan

My home address is 32 Lamar Ave, Edison, NJ 08820

I request my question/comment to be read as public comments for resolution R.249-05202.

The resolution is for Edison Township to have firm Lombardi and Lombardi to sue Chinese government and entities due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Edison Township would compensate the attorney on the basis of time expended by the attorney, and contingent fee of the recovered.

The lawsuits against other countries typically don't go anywhere, because U.S. law generally prohibits them, i.e. sovereign immunity to protect foreign government from lawsuits.

As an Edison taxpayer, I am more concerned about how our tax money is spent. The lawsuit could take many years without ending, now Edison Township is going to pay the attorney on the time attorney expended, how much time he would spend and how much tax money would be paid to him?

Now with the pandemic, many Edison families are facing huge economic hardship. As our leaders of Edison, all members of city council, the priority is to relieve families' burden on property tax, by lower or prevent tax higher. Please reject resolution R. 249-05202.

Thank you!

From: Fuhong Huang [mailto:

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:22 PM

To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>; Ship-Freeman, Joyce <JShip-Freeman@edisonnj.org>; Joshi, Samip <SJoshi@edisonnj.org>; Brescher, Richard <RBrescher@edisonnj.org>; Coyle, Joseph <JCoyle@edisonnj.org>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.org>; Gomez, Alvaro <AGomez@edisonnj.org>; Patil, Ajay <APatil@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Public Comment question for May 13th Edison Council Meeting

Fuhong Huang
23 Brian Rd, Edison NJ 08817

I request my question to be read at the May 13th Council meeting as public comments for resolution R.249-05202.

As an Edison taxpayer for many years, I am more concerned about how our tax money is spent. The lawsuit could take many years without ending, now Edison Township is going to pay the attorney on the time attorney expended, how much time he would spend and how much tax money would be paid to him?

During this tough period with the pandemic, many Edison families are facing huge economic hardship. As our leaders of Edison, all members of city council, the priority is to relieve families' burden on property tax, by lower or prevent tax higher. Please vote against resolution R. 249-05202.

From: starbox blue [mailto:

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:54 PM

To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: RE: Resolution R.249-05202. Please read as Public Comments.

I am Bo Xia From 10 Lucille CT Edison NJ 08820

I request my question/comment to be read as public comments for resolution R.249-05202.

This resolution is for Edison Township to have firm Lombardi and Lombardi to sue Chinese government and entities due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Edison Township would compensate the attorney on the basis of time expended by the attorney, and contingent fee of the recovered.

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Thank you

Bo Xia

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10 Lucille CT Edison NJ 08820

From: starbox blue [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Question to Mr. Northgrave.

Bo Xia
10 Lucille CT
Edison NJ 08820

I request my question to be read at the May 13th Council meeting as public comments for resolution R.249-052020. Can Mr. Northgrave, the township attorney, explain if there had been successfully case laws of any US township suing a foreign government and entities that is part of the United Nation? Does Edison Township has the jurisdiction to sue? What is the probabily of success?
If the township does want to sue, should the contracts be bid? What makes the firm Lombardi and Lombardi, whose practice is mainly family law, to qualify to the the firm representing the township?

Thank you.

From: starbox blue [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Resolution R.249-05202. Please postpone.

Bo Xia
10 Lucille CT
Edison NJ 08820

I request my question/comment to be read as public comments for resolution R.249-05202.

Since the possibility to win that lawsuit is close to zero and huge cost to Edison tax payer if fees paid to the law firm, I suggest please postpone for that resolution.

Why not wait to see if there is any town won the similar lawsuit in the future, then we can do the same.

And also from the fees structure, it is like type of personal injury lawsuit. There should be no fee charged to plaintiff besides court rewards.

Thanks

From: quan wen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>; Ship-Freeman, Joyce <JShip-Freeman@edisonnj.org>; Joshi, Samip <Sjoshi@edisonnj.org>; Brescher, Richard <RBrescher@edisonnj.org>; Coyle, Joseph <JCoyle@edisonnj.org>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.org>; Gomez, Alvaro <AGomez@edisonnj.org>; Patil, Ajay <APatil@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Public Comment question for May 13th Edison Council Meeting

Quan Wen
9 Fielding Pl,
Edison, NJ 08820

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From: Roseline Jan [mailto:
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:21 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingSubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Cc: Ship-Freeman, Joyce <JShip-Freeman@edisonnj.org>; Joshi, Samip <SJoshi@edisonnj.org>; Brescher, Richard <RBrescher@edisonnj.org>; Coyle, Joseph <JCoyle@edisonnj.org>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.org>; Gomez, Alvaro <AGomez@edisonnj.org>; Patil, Ajay <APatil@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Public Comment question for May 13th Edison Council Meeting

Roseline Jan
9 Fielding Pl,
Edison, NJ 08820

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If the township does want to sue, should the contracts be bided? What makes the firm Lombardi and Lombardi, whose practice is mainly family law, to qualify to the firm representing the township in a cross border international case?

There were no other comments from the public regarding Proposed Resolutions. On a motion made by Councilmember Gomez seconded by Councilmember Diehl and duly carried, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Brescher requested that Resolution R.223-052020, R.235-052020, R.237-02020, R.245-052020 and R.250-052020 be pulled for separate vote.

Councilmember Joshi requested that Resolution R.252-052020 be pulled for separate vote.

Councilmember Coyle requested that Resolution R.251-052020 and R.252-052020.

The following Resolutions R.221-052020, R.222-052020 and R.224-052020 through R.234-052020 and R.236-052020 and R.238-052020 though R.244-052020, R.246-052020 through R.248-052020 and R.253-052020.were adopted under the Consent Agenda on a motion made by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Gomez.

RESOLUTION R.221-052020

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MAY 7, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance of the Township of Edison has transmitted to the Township Council a Report of Disbursements made through, May 7, 2020.

FUND	AMOUNT
Current	\$14,900,943.61
Affordable Housing	3,423.00
Capital	146,430.38
Cash Performance	0.00
CDBG	30,852.11
Developers Escrow	46,484.97
Dog (Animal Control)	5,461.77
Federal Forfeited	1,934.00
Grant Funds	191.87
Law Enforcement	0.00
Open Space	0.00
Park Improvements	0.00
Payroll Deduction	90,203.74
Sanitation Fund	133,629.10
Self Insurance	0.00
Sewer Utility	64,995.97
Tax Sale Redemption	42,916.09
Tree Fund	0.00
Tree Planting	0.00
Trust	114,754.74
Edison Water Utility	1,503,517.88

Edison Landfill Closure Trust	0.00
TOTAL	\$17,085,739.23

/s/ Nicholas C. Fargo
Chief Financial Officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the above-referenced disbursements report is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION R.222-052020

Authorizing refund for redemption of tax sale certificates

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Edison, Lina Vallejo, reports and advises that at various sales of land for delinquent taxes held by the Edison Township Collector of Taxes, Middlesex County, New Jersey, the attached listing of tax sale certificates were sold; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector further reports that the said tax sale certificates have been redeemed thereof, and further advises that the purchasers of said property are legally entitled to a refund of monies paid at the time of redemption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the appropriate official of the Township is hereby authorized to draw checks to the noted parties in the amounts specified on the attached listing, totaling **\$75,897.46**.

RESOLUTION R.224-052020

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO GRAINGER, INC. FOR THE FURNISHING OF INDUSTRIAL, JANITORIAL AND HARDWARE SUPPLIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase industrial, janitorial and hardware supplies for the Township of Edison; and

WHEREAS, GRAINGER, INC., 1001 Hadley Road, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, has been awarded State Contract Number 19-FLEET-00566 under M-0002 Industrial/MRO Supplies and Equipment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law, public bidding is not required when the purchase is under a state contract; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$170,000.00, cannot be encumbered at this time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 funds for Open-End Contracts shall be committed at the time an order is placed and shall not exceed the unit price; and

WHEREAS, no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for. Prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, the certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Financial Officer. It shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds of the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Finance Officer, as appropriate (N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township's recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract/purchase order(s) in the amount not to exceed \$170,000.00 and any other necessary documents, with GRAINGER, INC., 1001 Hadley Road, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, as described herein.
2. This contract is authorized pursuant to the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law, and State Contract, No. 19-FLEET-00566 under M-0002.

RESOLUTION R.225-052020

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO LUBENET, LLC FOR THE FURNISHING OF LUBRICANTS, FLUIDS AND ANTIFREEZE

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on February 6, 2020 for Public Bid No. 20-12-16 Lubricants, Fluids and Antifreeze; and

WHEREAS, LUBENET, LLC, 136 Morgan Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11237, submitted the lowest legally responsible bid for various items as listed on the spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, the initial contract shall be for one (1) year from execution of the contract with options to renew for two (2) one (1) year renewals at the sole discretion of the Township at the same prices, conditions, requirements and terms of the contract, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds each renewal year; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the first year and any succeeding renewal year shall not exceed \$40,000.00, and cannot be encumbered at this time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 funds for Open-End Contracts shall be committed at the time an order is placed and shall not exceed the unit price; and

WHEREAS, no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for. Prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, the certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Financial Officer. It shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds of the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Finance Officer, as appropriate (N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township's recommendations as described herein and as submitted on the summary spreadsheet.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. All bids have been reviewed, and the bid by LUBENET, LLC, 136 Morgan Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11237 for 20-12-06 Lubricants, Fluids and Antifreeze is determined to be the lowest legally responsible bid for various items as listed on the spreadsheet.
2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for the first year and any succeeding renewal year contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds each renewal year and any other necessary documents with LUBENET, LLC as described herein.

RESOLUTION R.226-052020

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GRADE A PETROLEUM CORP. FOR THE FURNISHING OF LUBRICANTS, FLUIDS AND ANTIFREEZE

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on February 6, 2020 for Public Bid No. 20-12-06 Lubricants, Fluids and Antifreeze; and

WHEREAS, GRADE A PETROLEUM CORP., 90 East Hawthorne Ave., Valley Stream, NY 11580, submitted the lowest legally responsible bid for various items as listed on the spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, the initial contract shall be for one (1) year from execution of the contract with options to renew for two (2) one (1) year renewals at the sole discretion of the Township at the same prices, conditions, requirements and terms of the contract, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds each renewal year; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the first year and any succeeding renewal year shall not exceed \$20,000.00, and cannot be encumbered at this time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 funds for Open-End Contracts shall be committed at the time an order is placed and shall not exceed the unit price; and

WHEREAS, no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for. Prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, the certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Financial Officer. It shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds of the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Finance Officer, as appropriate (N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township's recommendations as described herein and as submitted on the summary spreadsheet.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. All bids have been reviewed, and the bid by GRADE A PETROLEUM CORP., 90 East Hawthorne Ave., Valley Stream, NY 11580 for 20-12-06 Lubricants, Fluids and Antifreeze is determined to be the lowest legally responsible bid for various items as listed on the spreadsheet.
2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the first year and any succeeding renewal year contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds each renewal year and any other necessary documents with GRADE A PETROLEUM CORP., as described herein.

RESOLUTION R.227-052020

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PETRO CHOICE LLC FOR THE FURNISHING OF LUBRICANTS, FLUIDS AND ANTIFREEZE

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on February 6, 2020 for Public Bid No. 20-12-06 Lubricants, Fluids and Antifreeze; and

WHEREAS, PETRO CHOICE LLC, 837 Cherry St., PO Box 5066, Avoca, PA 18641, submitted the lowest legally responsible bid for various items as listed on the spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, the initial contract shall be for one (1) year from execution of the contract with options to renew for two (2) one (1) year renewals at the sole discretion of the Township at the same prices, conditions, requirements and terms of the contract, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds each renewal year; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the first year and any succeeding renewal year shall not exceed \$45,000.00, and cannot be encumbered at this time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 funds for Open-End Contracts shall be committed at the time an order is placed and shall not exceed the unit price; and

WHEREAS, no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for. Prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, the certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Financial Officer. It shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds of the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Finance Officer, as appropriate (N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township's recommendations as described herein and as submitted on the summary spreadsheet.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. All bids have been reviewed, and the bid by PETRO CHOICE LLC, 837 Cherry St., PO Box 5066, Avoca, PA 18641 for 20-12-06 Lubricants, Fluids and Antifreeze is determined to be the lowest legally responsible bid for various items as listed on the spreadsheet.
2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 for the first year and any succeeding renewal year contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds each renewal year and any other necessary documents with PETRO CHOICE LLC, as described herein.

RESOLUTION R.228-052020

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER TO JOHNSTON COMMUNICATIONS
FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE AVAYA PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE TOWNSHIP
OF EDISON**

WHEREAS, there is a need to renew the maintenance and support of the Avaya Phone system for the Township of Edison for the period of June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 et seq., authorizes contracting units to establish a cooperative pricing system and to enter into cooperative pricing agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Cooperative Pricing System hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a cooperative pricing system for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, JOHNSTON GP, INC./JOHNSTON COMMUNICATIONS, P.O. Box 390, Kearny, NJ 07032, has been awarded Bid No. UCCP 42-2017 through State Coop #8UCCP, under Telephone/Associated Services Systems-Equipment, Installation, Maintenance Services; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$38,826.00 and cannot be encumbered at this time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 funds for Open-End Contracts shall be committed at the time an order is placed and shall not exceed the unit price; and

WHEREAS, no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for. Prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, the certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Financial Officer. It shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds of the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Finance Officer, as appropriate (N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township’s recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract/purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$38,826.00 and any other necessary documents, with JOHNSTON GP, INC./JOHNSTON COMMUNICATIONS, P.O. Box 390, Kearny, NJ 07032, as described herein.
2. This contract is authorized pursuant to the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 et seq. of the Local Public Contracts Law, Bid No. UCCP 42-2017 through State Coop #8UCCP, under Telephone/Associated Services Systems-Equipment, Installation, Maintenance Services.

RESOLUTION R.229-052020

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO CDW GOVERNMENT INCORPORATED THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 et seq., authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison is a member of the EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #65MCECCPS; and

WHEREAS, CDW GOVERNMENT INCORPORATED, 2 Corporate Dr., Suite 800, Shelton, CT 06484 has been awarded Contract ESCNJ 18/19-03 (Technology Supplies & Services) through this Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison intends to enter into a contract/purchase order(s) with CDW GOVERNMENT INCORPORATED for the purchase of various computer equipment and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$35,000.00, cannot be encumbered at this time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 funds for Open-End Contracts shall be committed at the time an order is placed and shall not exceed the unit price; and

WHEREAS, no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for. Prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, the certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Financial Officer. It shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds of the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Finance Officer, as appropriate (N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township's recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract/purchase order(s) and any other necessary documents, in the amount of \$35,000.00 with CDW GOVERNMENT INCORPORATED, 2 Corporate Dr., Suite 800, Shelton, CT 06484, the approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System vendor through this resolution, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY Cooperative Pricing System Contract as set forth above.
2. This contract is awarded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 et seq.

RESOLUTION R.230-052020

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ACCOUNT CHARGED FOR THE ANIMAL LICENSING II SOFTWARE APPLICATION TO BE PROVIDED BY EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES

WHEREAS, R.047-012020 adopted January 22, 2020 awarded a contract/purchase order to EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC., 301A Tilton Road, Northfield, NJ 08225, to provide the Animal Licensing II application software at a cost of \$6,250.00; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned resolution certified funds in the amount of \$6,250.00 to be available in the Health Computer Hardware & Software Account, Number 0-01-27-0330-001-059, and

WHEREAS, the Township wants to charge the Health Other Professional Services Account, Number 0-01-27-0330-001-028 for the Animal Licensing II Application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, that the appropriation for said contract/purchase order under Resolution R.047-012020 shall be amended and charged under Account No 0-01-27-0330-001-028.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$6,250.00 are available for the above contract in Account No. 0-01-27-0330-001-028 subject to and contingent upon sufficient funds in the 2020 temporary and/or permanent budget.

/s/Nicholas C. Fargo
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.231-052020

Explanation: A Resolution authorizing a subsidy grant of \$85,000 from the Township's Affordable Housing Market To Affordable Program for the purchase of a home from market rate to affordable.

WHEREAS, by Resolution the Township Council approved, authorized and established a Market To Affordable Program pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.8(a), to assist eligible owner/s in the purchase of eligible housing units in the Township of Edison, to use these existing properties as Affordable Housing units (Unit), and committed \$2.875 million dollars from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council also approved and adopted a Manual at that time for the Market To Affordable Program in accordance with the Court's directives, which set forth the application process for applicants to comply with in order to participate in the Program and receive a subsidy for such purchase under the Program; and

WHEREAS, a Unit was located and an application to participate in the Program was submitted, reviewed and deemed complete and in compliance with the requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Seller, has entered into a Sales Contract with a household that is income certified as eligible to purchase such a Unit, as approved by the Township's Administrative Agent and qualifies for a subsidy grant of \$85,000 to be paid from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund in order to reduce the price for the Buyers to qualify the Unit as "Affordable"; and

WHEREAS, the title company, known as Golden Title Agency, will distribute such funds to the Seller, on behalf of the Buyer, at the time of the Closing in order to meet the full *sale price*; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award this subsidy grant to buy-down the selling price to make it an *affordable* unit at 30 Kathleen Place, Edison, NJ, Block 306, Lot 32.01, in the amount of \$85,000 for the purpose set forth herein under the Township's Market To Affordable Program; and to authorize the execution of a Deed Restriction between the Township and Bady Gamboa & Caroline Fernandez, the Buyer(s), with respect to such subsidy grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, as follows:

1. The Township Council hereby approves and authorizes a subsidy grant in the amount of \$85,000 from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund account T-13-00-0000-000-006 with respect to the Township's Market To Affordable Program, to Golden Title Agency, LLC, 1818 Old Cuthbert Road, Suite 105, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, for the purposes set forth herein and authorizes the execution of a Deed Restriction between the Township and Bady Gamboa & Caroline Fernandez , 30 Kathleen Place, Edison, NJ 08817 with respect to such subsidy grant.
2. That an original certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Municipal Housing Liaison.

RESOLUTION R.232-052020

Explanation: A Resolution authorizing a grant of \$15,000 from the Township's Affordable Housing Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program for the purchase of an *affordable* housing unit by an income certified buyer.

WHEREAS, by Resolution the Township Council approved, authorized and established a Market To Affordable Program pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.8(a), to assist eligible owner/s in the purchase of eligible *affordable* housing units in the Township of Edison, to use these existing properties as Affordable Housing units (Unit), and committed one million dollars from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council also approved and adopted a Manual at that time for the Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program in accordance with the Court's directives, which set forth the application process for applicants to comply with in order to participate in the Program and receive a grant for such purchase under the Program; and

WHEREAS, a Unit was located and an application to participate in the Program was submitted, reviewed and deemed complete and in compliance with the requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Buyers, have entered into a Sales Contract to purchase an *affordable* housing unit, as approved by the Township's Administrative Agent and qualifies for a grant of \$15,000 to be paid from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund in order to provide affordability assistance by reducing the costs for the Buyers; and

WHEREAS, the title company, known as Golden Title Agency, will distribute such funds on behalf of the Buyer at the time of the Closing to subsidize the down payment or closing costs; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award this grant to provide assistance in the purchase of an *affordable* unit at 30 Kathleen Place, Edison, NJ, known as Block 306, Lot 32.01, in the amount of \$15,000 for the purpose set forth herein under the Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program; and to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Township and Bady Gamboa & Caroline Fernandez, the Buyer(s), with respect to such grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, as follows:

1. The Township Council hereby approves and authorizes a subsidy grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund account T-13-00-0000-000-006 with respect to the Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program, to be paid to Golden Title Agency, LLC, 1818 Old Cuthbert Road, Suite 105, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, for the purposes set forth herein and authorizes the execution of an

Agreement between the Township and Bady Gamboa & Caroline Fernandez, 30 Kathleen Place, Edison, NJ 08817 with respect to such grant.

2. That an original certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Municipal Housing Liaison.

RESOLUTION R.233-052020

Explanation: A Resolution authorizing a subsidy grant of \$85,000 from the Township's Affordable Housing Market To Affordable Program for the purchase of a home from market rate to affordable.

WHEREAS, by Resolution the Township Council approved, authorized and established a Market To Affordable Program pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.8(a), to assist eligible owner/s in the purchase of eligible housing units in the Township of Edison, to use these existing properties as Affordable Housing units (Unit), and committed \$2.875 million dollars from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council also approved and adopted a Manual at that time for the Market To Affordable Program in accordance with the Court's directives, which set forth the application process for applicants to comply with in order to participate in the Program and receive a subsidy for such purchase under the Program; and

WHEREAS, a Unit was located and an application to participate in the Program was submitted, reviewed and deemed complete and in compliance with the requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Seller, has entered into a Sales Contract with a household that is income certified as eligible to purchase such a Unit, as approved by the Township's Administrative Agent and qualifies for a subsidy grant of \$85,000 to be paid from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund in order to reduce the price for the Buyers to qualify the Unit as "Affordable"; and

WHEREAS, the title company, known as All Ahead Title Agency, LLC, will distribute such funds to the Seller, on behalf of the Buyer, at the time of the Closing in order to meet the full *sale price*; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award this subsidy grant to buy-down the selling price to make it an *affordable* unit at 13 Hull Drive, Edison, NJ, Block 160.S, Lot 28, in the amount of \$85,000 for the purpose set forth herein under the Township's Market To Affordable Program; and to authorize the execution of a Deed Restriction between the Township and Maximo Guerrero, the Buyer, with respect to such subsidy grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, as follows:

1. The Township Council hereby approves and authorizes a subsidy grant in the amount of \$85,000 from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund account T-13-00-0000-000-006 with respect to the Township's Market To Affordable Program, to All Ahead Title Agency, LLC, 407 Pine Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701, for the purposes set forth herein and authorizes the execution of a Deed Restriction between the Township and Maximo Guerrero, 13 Hull Drive, Edison, NJ 08817 with respect to such subsidy grant.
2. That an original certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Municipal Housing Liaison.

RESOLUTION R.234-052020

Explanation: A Resolution authorizing a grant of \$15,000 from the Township's Affordable Housing Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program for the purchase of an *affordable* housing unit by an income certified buyer.

WHEREAS, by Resolution the Township Council approved, authorized and established a Market To Affordable Program pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.8(a), to assist eligible owner/s in the purchase of eligible *affordable* housing units in the Township of Edison, to use these existing properties as Affordable Housing units (Unit), and committed one million dollars from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council also approved and adopted a Manual at that time for the Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program in accordance with the Court's directives, which set forth the application process for applicants to comply with in order to participate in the Program and receive a grant for such purchase under the Program; and

WHEREAS, a Unit was located and an application to participate in the Program was submitted, reviewed and deemed complete and in compliance with the requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Buyers, have entered into a Sales Contract to purchase an *affordable* housing unit, as approved by the Township's Administrative Agent and qualifies for a grant of \$15,000 to be paid from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund in order to provide affordability assistance by reducing the costs for the Buyers; and

WHEREAS, the title company, known as All Ahead Title Agency, LLC, will distribute such funds on behalf of the Buyer at the time of the Closing to subsidize the down payment or closing costs; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award this grant to provide assistance in the purchase of an *affordable* unit at 13 Hull Drive, Edison, NJ, known as Block 160.S, Lot 28, in the amount of \$15,000 for the purpose set forth herein under the Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program; and to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Township and Maximo Guerrero, the Buyer, with respect to such grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, as follows:

1. The Township Council hereby approves and authorizes a subsidy grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund account T-13-00-0000-000-0006 with respect to the Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program, to be paid to All Ahead Title Agency, LLC, 407 Pine Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701, for the purposes set forth herein and authorizes the execution of an Agreement between the Township and Maximo Guerrero, 13 Hull Drive, Edison, NJ 08817 with respect to such grant.
2. That an original certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Municipal Housing Liaison.

RESOLUTION R.236-052020

RESOLUTION TO RELEASE STREET OPENING ESCROW

WHEREAS, the Township Department of Public Works advises the following have deposited Escrow Funds for Street Opening Permits; and

WHEREAS, notification has been received stating that all work has been inspected and restored as per the requirements of the Road Opening Permit; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release Street Opening Escrow Funds, under reference number STO0000391, to the following:

Permit Number: DEV- 0141

Opening Location: 78 LEXINGTON AVE

Block/Lot: 67/12

Applicant's Name & Address:

ANDA BUILDERS, LLC
222 PIERSON AVE
EDISON, NJ 08837

Initial Deposit Date: 09/06/2019

Deposit Amount: \$960.00

Paid by & refunded to:

ANDA BUILDERS, LLC
222 PIERSON AVE
EDISON, NJ 08837

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Edison forwards a certified true copy of the resolution to the Director of Finance.

Explanation: Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) through the Office of Justice Programs- Bureau of Justice Assistance to allocate funds to local and state law enforcement agencies for the purchase of body vests as part of a matching funds grant not to exceed \$15,000.00.

RESOLUTION R.238-052020

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN FY 2020
FEDERAL BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership is designed to provide matching funds to purchase valuable lifesaving equipment to local law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, this grant funding enables local law enforcement agencies to cover up to fifty (50) percent of the cost of each vest purchased or replaced for sworn officers and volunteer officers of the Edison Police Department; and

WHEREAS, this vest replacement grant program demonstrates the Edison Police Department's commitment to helping ensure that law enforcement officers have protective equipment they can rely on to keep our community safe;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Edison wishes to participate to in the Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership through the Office of Justice Programs-Bureau of Justice Assistance in a matching funds grant not to exceed \$15,000.00.

RESOLUTION R.239-052020

**2021 Pedestrian Safety Enforcement and Education
Grant Application and Initiative**

WHEREAS, the Division of Police wishes to apply for grant funding not to exceed the amount of \$16,500.00 to provide additional manpower hours to educate the public in pedestrian laws and increased enforcement of traffic laws; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, over 6,000 pedestrians were killed in traffic accidents in the United States and more than 60,000 pedestrians were injured; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat traffic violations related to pedestrian laws; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the State to participate in the Pedestrian Safety Grant; and

WHEREAS; the project will involve increased enforcement and education from July 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS; an increase in education and enforcement will save pedestrians lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Edison Township Council and the Division of Police declares its support for the grant application and participation in *The Pedestrian Safety Grant Program FY 2021* from July 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021 and pledges to increase awareness of pedestrian safety laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator be and is hereby authorized to sign the aforesaid grant application for and on behalf of the Township of Edison.

RESOLUTION R.240-052020

**Federal Highway Safety Fund 2021
Grant Application and Initiative**

WHEREAS, the Division of Police wishes to apply for grant funding not to exceed \$16,500.00 to provide additional manpower hours for speed enforcement as well as to combat distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement crackdown is planned to reduce violations related to speeding and distracted driver's to reduce the number of crashes and potential fatalities related to these offenses; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the State to participate in the grant; and

WHEREAS; the project will involve increased enforcement from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS; an increase in enforcement will reduce accidents and save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Edison Township Council and the Division of Police declares its support for the grant application and participation in the Federal Highway Safety Fund Grant Program 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator be and is hereby authorized to sign the aforesaid grant application for and on behalf of the Township of Edison.

RESOLUTION R.241-052020

**U.S. Department of Justice- Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program
Grant Application and Approval**

WHEREAS; the Division of Police wishes to apply for and approve acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$37,999.00 to use towards the overall purchase or reimbursement for supplies, equipment and/or overtime related to the Coronavirus pandemic backdated to January 20, 2020 ; and

WHEREAS; the Edison Division of Police is one of (23) twenty-three police departments in New Jersey that is eligible to receive funding through this program; and

WHEREAS; the grant allows for police departments to purchase much needed supplies, equipment, and pay for overtime while dealing with this pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Edison Township Council and the Division of Police declares its support for the grant application and to approve acceptance of the U.S. Department of Justice- Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program in the amount of \$37,999.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator be and is hereby authorized to sign the aforesaid grant application and execute the grant agreement for and on behalf of the Township of Edison.

RESOLUTION R.242-052020

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO CDW GOVERNMENT LLC FOR
THE FURNISHING OF THREE NEW SERVERS FOR THE POLICE DIVISION AND UPGRADING OF
ANTIVIRUS ENDPOINT PROTECTION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase three new servers for the Police Division and to upgrade antivirus endpoint protection for the Township of Edison; and

WHEREAS, CDW GOVERNMENT LLC, 230 North Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, IL 60061, has been awarded State Contract Numbers 89849 under M-0003 Software License & Related Services and State Contract Number 40116 under M-0483 Computer Equipment, Peripherals & Related Supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Township intends to purchase the servers under State contract Number 40116 in the amount of \$50,100.00 and the antivirus endpoint protection software under State contract 89849 in the amount of \$20,300.00 for a total purchase price of \$70,400.00; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law, public bidding is not required when the purchase is under a state contract; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$70,400.00 have been certified to be available in the Acquisition of Various Computers & Equip Account, Number C-04-17-1988-110-000.

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township's recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract/purchase order(s) in the amount not to exceed \$70,400.00 and any other necessary documents, with CDW GOVERNMENT LLC, 230 North Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, IL 60061 as described herein.
2. This contract is authorized pursuant to the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law, and State Contracts, No. 89849 under M-0003 and 40116 under M-0483.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$70,400.00** are available for the above in Account No. **C-04-17-1988-110-000**.

/s/ Nicholas C. Fargo
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.243-052020

EXPLANATION: A Resolution authorizing and approving the Person-to-Person transfer of the Plenary Retail Distribution License held by Daryl, LLC.(Pocket) to Shreeji19, Inc. (Pocket)

WHEREAS, an application has been filed with the Township of Edison (“Township”) for a Person-to-Person transfer of the Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License No. 1205-44-071-001 (“License”), issued to Daryl, LLC (“Seller”) to Shreeji 19, Inc. (“Applicant”) to be a Pocket License.

WHEREAS, the Applicant’s submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid and the License has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 13 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the License and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business; and

WHEREAS, public notice of this transfer has been published in the Home News Tribune, a New Jersey publication, in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, no legally valid objections have been received nor made as to why this transfer should not be granted to the Applicant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Municipal Council hereby approves the Person-to-Person transfer of the License to the Applicant, effective May 19, 2020.
3. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to endorse the Applicant’s current license certificate as follows: “This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Shreeji19, Inc.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

(New License No. 1205-44-071-002)

RESOLUTION R.244-052020

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Office of Arts & History established and operates a continuing program for the provision of free Historical Plaques to be mounted at designated sites in communities throughout Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society has requested such a Historical Plaque from the Middlesex County Office of Arts & History; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the requested historical plaque from the Middlesex County Office of Arts & History, the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society intends to install it at Oak Tree Pond Park Historic Park on New Dover Road (Block 545-R Lot 39.02); and

WHEREAS, Oak Tree Pond is the site where the Battle of the Short Hills began on June 16, 1777, during which the British Army attempted to attack the American Army commanded by General George Washington, headquartered nearby in what is now identified as Plainfield, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 1777, the British Army engaged an American force lead by General Stirling, which was fought in the hills of the northern part of what is now identified as Edison, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the battle between the British and the Americans in the Short Hills of Edison allowed General Washington to escape to the Watchung Mountains in order to continue the war of independence with the British leading to their eventual defeat at Yorktown, Virginia;

WHEREAS, Oak Tree Pond is included in the Short Hills Battlefield Historic District, officially recognized as a National Historic Register Site, previously established through the efforts of the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, does hereby approve and authorize the development and submission of said application to the Middlesex County Office of Arts & History for a free Historical Plaque, to be accepted and mounted within Oak Tree Pond Park to commemorate the Battle of the Short Hills, at a regularly-scheduled Work Session on the evening of May 11, 2020 and at a Public Meeting on the evening of Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

RESOLUTION R.246-052020

EXPLANATION: A Resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Government Strategy Group for financial management services.

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison (the “Township”) has determined that it is in its best interests and those of the Township residents to engage a financial management services firm to support the Township’s Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) and to ensure proper financial reporting, and the Township is authorized, pursuant by the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.* (the “Local Contracts Law”) to contract for professional services as it may require; and

WHEREAS, Government Strategy Group, 450 Shrewsbury Plaza, #330, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702 has submitted a proposal to provide such services including, but not limited to, the areas of public finance and municipal accounting, and has extensive staff and resources that may be utilized to support the Township’s Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons the Mayor and the Municipal Council recommend Government Strategy Group for its Financial Management Services, and seek to enter a contract with Government Strategy Group to provide for same; and

WHEREAS, the Local Contracts Law, more specifically *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5*, allows for the awarding of a contract for professional services without public advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, this Contract is not awarded through a “fair and open process” pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A20.5, et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract shall be in the amount of \$15,950.00 per month, payable in monthly installments, not to exceed \$191,400.00 for the one-year contract, as set forth in Government Strategy Group’s proposal, dated April 7, 2020, and attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, prior to entering into a contract, Government Strategy Group, will have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Edison in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Government Strategy Group from making any reportable contributions through the term of this one-year contract; and

WHEREAS, funds for this contract in the amount not to exceed \$191,400.00 will be available in the Finance Department - Other Professional Services Account, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds in both the 2020 and 2021 budgets; and

WHEREAS, no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for. Prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, the certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Financial Officer. It shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds of the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Finance Officer, as appropriate, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)*; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council accepts the Township's recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The Township is hereby authorized to execute a contract and any other necessary documents, with Government Strategy Group, 450 Shrewsbury Plaza, #330, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, in an amount not to exceed \$191,400.00 as set forth herein above and further in Exhibit A.

2. This contract is awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5* and *19:44A-20.5, et seq.*, and without competitive bidding.

3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

4. The Township Clerk shall advertise notice of this action in a legal newspaper pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.*, and in compliance with the Local Public Contracts Law guidelines.

RESOLUTION R.247-052020

EXPLANATION: A Resolution retaining PS&S Integrated Services for the purpose of providing professional services related to noise monitoring and sound level readings in the community adjacent to the Amazon Fulfillment Center at the intersection of Route 27 and Vineyard Road in the Township.

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison (the "Township") is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*, (the "LPCCL") authorizes the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids; and

WHEREAS, the Township received a proposal for professional services related to noise monitoring and sound level readings in the community adjacent to the Amazon Fulfillment Center at the intersection of Route 27 and Vineyard Road, and determined that PS&S Integrated Services, 67A Mountain Boulevard Ext., Warren, New Jersey 07059 ("PS&S") shall provide the proposed services in accordance with the terms set forth in said proposal, dated April 22, 2020, and attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Proposal"); and

WHEREAS, funds for the proposed services are available and shall be in an amount not to exceed Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$4,750.00), in furtherance of the Proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Township desires to retain PS&S for professional services related to noise monitoring and sound level readings in the community adjacent to the Amazon Fulfillment Center at the intersection of Route 27 and Vineyard Road in the Township.

Section 3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with PS&S in accordance with the terms set forth in the Proposal.

Section 4. Funds for the Proposal Services are available and shall be in an amount not to exceed Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$4,750.00).

Section 4. Notice of this Resolution shall be published in the designated official newspaper as required by law within ten (10) days of passage.

Section 5. A certified copy of this resolution, together with a copy of the contract between the parties, shall be made available by the Township Clerk.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION R.248-052020

EXPLANATION: A Resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Millennium Strategies, LLC for emergency consulting services to obtain FEMA grants and for management and administrative professional services in seeking emergency appropriations from FEMA.

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey has declared a state of emergency pursuant to Executive Order 103, issued on March 9, 2019, due to the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6*, a contract may be awarded without public bidding regardless of the bid threshold in circumstances where an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare of our citizens requires the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.12*, emergency contracts awarded for purposes of coronavirus response are excepted from Pay-to-Play requirements due to public exigency; and

WHEREAS, professional consultants will need to be retained to respond to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison (the "Township") may be entitled to reimbursement of funds from FEMA or FEMA programs as a result of the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, Millennium Strategies, LLC, located at 60 Columbia Road, Building B, Suite 230, Morristown, New Jersey, has the necessary experience and expertise as a consultant to obtain FEMA grants and in management and administrative professional services in seeking emergency appropriations from FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to enter into a contract with Millennium Strategies, LLC to act as consultant on behalf of the Township; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with a proposal, dated April 17, 2020 and attached hereto as Exhibit A, Millennium Strategies, LLC will provide services at a blended hourly rate of \$180.00 per hour, for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to retain Millennium Strategies, LLC for the services described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract, and any other necessary documents, with Millennium Strategies, LLC, at the blended hourly rate of \$180.00, for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, as set forth herein above and further in Exhibit A.
2. This contract is awarded pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5* and *19:44A-20.5, et seq.*, and without competitive bidding.
3. The Business Disclosure Entry Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.
4. The Township Clerk shall advertise notice of this action in a legal newspaper pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.*, and in compliance with the Local Public Contracts Law guidelines.

RESOLUTION R.253-052020

Resolution Extending Second Quarter 2020 Real Property Tax Grace Period to June 1, 2020 Pursuant to and Consistent With Governor's Executive Order No. 130, and Rescinding Resolution No. 220-042020 adopted on April 27, 2020 Respecting the Rate of Interest for Delinquent Taxes

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on Monday, April 27, 2020, the Township Council of the Township of Edison adopted Resolution No. 220-042020, which sought to reduce the current rates of interest for delinquent property taxes for the Second Quarter of 2020 in light of the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to that adoption, Governor Murphy on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, signed Executive Order No. 130, which permits municipalities operating on a calendar year budget to extend the Grace Period for payment of Second Quarter 2020 Real Property Taxes without penalty, to June 1, 2020, all in light of the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, among other things, Executive Order No. 130 also directed that any resolution adopted seeking to effectuate the purposes thereof through among others an interest rate reduction, was deemed in conflict therewith, and of no effect; and

WHEREAS, in consequence of the foregoing, the Township Council is desirous of both a) adopting this Resolution extending the Grace Period for payment of Second Quarter 2020 Real Property Taxes without penalty, to June 1, 2020; and, b) rescinding Resolution No. 220-042020, which sought to reduce the current rates of interest for delinquent property taxes, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and to effectuate the intent of Executive Order No. 130.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison in the Middlesex County that, consistent with Governor’s Executive Order No. 130, the Grace Period for payment of Second Quarter 2020 Real Property Taxes without penalty, be and hereby is extended to June 1, 2020 in light of the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 220-042020, which sought to reduce the current rates of interest for delinquent taxes in light of the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, be and hereby is, rescinded in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall be published in its entirety once in the official newspaper of the Township of Edison, and a copy of this adopted Resolution forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to the requirements of Executive Order No. 130 within three (3) days of its adoption.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Patil and Council President Ship-Freeman

ABSENT

NAYS - None

The following Resolutions will be voted upon separately:

RESOLUTION R.223-052020

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20, requires that the governing body of a municipality shall by Resolution make appropriations if any contract, commitments or payments are to be made between the beginning of the Calendar year and the adoption of budget; and

WHEREAS, the Local budget Law and the Optional Municipal Charter Act of 1950 provide for the adoption of municipal budget by May 30, 2020 unless said budget calendar is extended according to law; and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is prior to the adoption of the 2020 Calendar Year Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, New Jersey that the following Temporary Emergency Appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Finance for her record.

CURRENT FUND	AMOUNT
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR Salary	25,846.49
BUSINESS ADMINSTRATOR Other Expenses	7,178.75
PURCHASING Salary	13,000.00
PURCHASING Other Expenses	7,682.75
PURCHASING CENTRAL STORE Other Expenses	5,195.33
COMMUNICATIONS/EDISON TV Salary	5,000.00
COMMUNICATIONS/EDISON TV Other Expenses	4,616.67
PERSONNEL/HR Salary	5,000.00

PERSONNEL/HR Other Expenses	7,262.50
MAYOR Salary	2,000.00
MAYOR Other Expenses	200.00
COUNCIL Salary	7,000.00
COUNCIL Other Expenses	2,073.33
MUNICIPAL CLERK Salary	8,000.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK Other Expenses	21,508.33
ETHICS COMMISSION Other Expenses	833.33
FINANCE DEPARTMENT Salary	500.00
FINANCE DEPARTMENT Other Expenses	10,620.83
DISBURSEMENTS Salary	5,000.00
DISBURSEMENTS Other Expenses	342.00
PAYROLL Salary	5,670.36
PAYROLL Other Expenses	0.00
AUDIT SERVICES	6,007.33
DATA PROCESSING Other Expenses	
TAX COLLECTION Salary	10,000.00
TAX COLLECTION Other Expenses	2,514.17
TAX ASSESSMENT Salary	37,739.11
TAX ASSESSMENT Other Expenses	41,916.67
LEGAL DEPARTMENT Salary	5,846.01
LEGAL DEPARTMENT Other Expenses	61,666.67
ENGINEERING SERVICES Salary	20,000.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES Other Expenses	23,890.08
PLANNING BOARD Other Expenses	2,433.33
ENVIRONMENTAL COMM Other Expenses	108.33
ZONING BOARD Other Expenses	8,183.33
PLANNING & ZONING DEPT Salary	31,460.44
PLANNING & ZONING Other Expenses	8,500.00
CONSTRUCTION ENFORC AGENCY Salary	99,652.95
CONST ENF AGENCY Other Expenses	30,791.67
RENT CONTROL BOARD Salary	0.00
RENT CONTROL BOARD Other Expenses	116.67
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	3,113,904.35
EMPLOYEE SALARY AND	
WAGES(WAIVERS)	54,803.40

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE EXPENSE	0.00
INSURANCE & SURETY Expense	0.00
LOSAP-Other Expenses	8,333.33
POLICE DEPARTMENT Salary	2,264,981.51
POLICE DEPARTMENT Other Expenses	96,479.17
DISPATCH 911 Salary	207,798.50
DISPATCH 911 Other Expenses	73,375.00
OFFICE OF EMRGNCY MGMT Other Expenses	1,250.00
AID TO VOL FIRE	0.00
AID TO VOL FIRST AID	0.00
FIRE FIGHTING Salary	2,122,043.06
FIRE FIGHTING Other Expenses	82,489.17
FIRE PREVENTION Salary	32,797.36
FIRE PREVENTION Other Expenses	9,316.67
FIRE HYDRANT CHARGES	134,093.58
STREETS & ROADS Salary	60,240.57
STREETS & ROADS Other Expenses	27,066.67
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING Salary	39,992.58
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING Other Expenses	5,125.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Salary	121,045.11
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Other Expenses	19,333.33
MUNICIPAL GARAGE Salary	60,354.73
MUNICIPAL GARAGE Other Expenses	7,991.67
POLICE VEHICLES Salary	33,081.86
POLICE VEHICLES Other Expenses	19,237.50
CONDO COMMUNITY COSTS	13,333.33
HEALTH Salary	110,192.52
HEALTH Other Expenses	12,158.33
SENIOR CITIZEN Salary	30,276.18
SENIOR CITIZEN Other Expenses	3,312.50
RECREATION Salary	180,465.20
RECREATION Other Expenses	48,358.67
PARKS & TREES Salary	128,126.18
PARKS & TREES Other Expenses	6,483.33
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY Salary	204,763.88

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY Other Expenses	347,777.50
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS EXPENSES	5,083.33
PUBLIC BUILDINGS HEAT,LIGHT,POWER	78,822.42
STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	91,666.67
PUBLIC BUILDINGS TELEPHONE	20,833.33
FUEL & LUBRICANTS Other Expenses	67,987.08
CONTINGENT Expense	4,166.67
O.A.S.I. (SOCIAL SECURITY) Expense Defined Contribution Retirement Program Expenses	193,672.23 6,000.00
MUNICIPAL COURT Salary MUNICIPAL COURT Other Expenses	46,562.74 4,755.83
PUBLIC DEFENDER Salary PUBLIC DEFENDER Other Expenses	2,916.67 166.67
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	<u>10,738,372.81</u>

SEWER UTILITY FUND	AMOUNT
SEWER Salary	206,909.37
SEWER Other Expenses	525,900.25
SEWER Sewerage Disposal Charges	830,896.10
SEWER Public Emp Retirement Sys (PERS)	
SEWER Social Security (OASI)	6,000.00
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY FUND	<u>1,569,705.72</u>

SANITATION FUND	AMOUNT
SANITATION Salary	180,990.95
SANITATION Other Expenses	503,795.54
SANITATION EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	298,605.50

SANITATION Public Emp Retirement Sys (PERS)	
SANITATION Social Security (OASI)	16,666.67
SANITATION Disposal Fees	175,000.00
TOTAL SANITATION FUND	<u>1,175,058.66</u>

<u>WATER UTILITY FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
WATER Salary	0.00
WATER Other Expenses	240,721.34
WATER Bulk Water Purchase	583,333.33
WATER Capital Outlay	125,000.00
WATER Public Emp Retirement Sys (PERS)	
WATER Social Security (OASI)	8,948.25
TOTAL WATER UTILITY FUND	<u>958,002.92</u>

A motion was made by Councilmember Brescher seconded by Councilmember Joshi to adopt this Resolution.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Patil and Council President Ship-Freeman

NAYS –Councilmember Brescher and Coyle.

The following Resolutions will be voted upon separately:

RESOLUTIONS R.235-052020 AND R.237-052020

RESOLUTION R.235-052020

RESOLUTION TO RELEASE STREET OPENING ESCROW

WHEREAS, the Township Department of Public Works advises the following have deposited Escrow Funds for Street Opening Permits; and

WHEREAS, notification has been received stating that all work has been inspected and restored as per the requirements of the Road Opening Permit; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release Street Opening Escrow Funds, under reference number STO0000425, to the following:

Permit Number: DEV-20-0178
Opening Location: 48 STURGIS RD
Block/Lot: 1125/35
Applicant's Name & Address:
BVM CONSTRUCTION
5 GRACE RD
EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ

Initial Deposit Date: 01/23/2020
Deposit Amount: \$900.00
Paid by & refunded to:

LEELAVENKATA S TAMMANA
48 STURGIS RD
EDISON, NJ - 08817

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Edison forwards a certified true copy of the resolution to the Director of Finance.

RESOLUTION R.237-052020

RESOLUTION TO RELEASE STREET OPENING ESCROW

WHEREAS, the Township Department of Public Works advises the following have deposited Escrow Funds for Street Opening Permits; and

WHEREAS, notification has been received stating that all work has been inspected and restored as per the requirements of the Road Opening Permit; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release Street Opening Escrow Funds, under reference number STO0000447, to the following:

Permit Number: DEV-20-0203
Opening Location: 4 MIDLAND RD
Block/Lot: 557.T/21

Applicant's Name & Address:

FRANK TAMAYO
20 ARMSTRONG ST
SOUTH BOND BROOK, NJ 08880

Initial Deposit Date: 03/25/2020
Deposit Amount: \$1020.00
Paid by & refunded to:

FRANK TAMAYO
501 KNOPF ST
LINDEN, NJ 07036

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Edison forwards a certified true copy of the resolution to the Director of Finance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Diehl seconded by Councilmember Gomez to adopt this Resolution.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Patil and Council President Ship-Freeman

NAYS –Councilmember Brescher and Coyle.

RESOLUTION R.245-052020

EXPLANATION: A Resolution authorizing the Township Planning Board to investigate whether the property commonly known on the Township tax maps as Block 412, Lot 5.04 (1000 Inman Avenue) should be designated as an “area in need of redevelopment.”

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.* (the “**Redevelopment Law**”), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, to determine whether certain parcels of land constitute areas in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law the municipal council (“**Municipal Council**”) of the Township of Edison (the “**Township**”) must authorize the planning board of the Township (the “**Planning Board**”) to conduct a preliminary investigation of the area and make recommendations to the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council believes it is in the best interest of the Township that an investigation occur with respect to certain parcels within the Township and therefore authorizes and directs the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known on the Township tax maps as Block 412, Lot 5.04 (1000 Inman Avenue) (hereinafter the “**Study Area**”), to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5*, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment area determination requested hereunder authorizes the Township and Municipal Council to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, other than the power of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as a “**Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area**”).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to conduct an investigation pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6* to determine whether the Study Area satisfies the criteria set forth in *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5* to be designated as an area in need of redevelopment (non-condemnation).

Section 3. As part of its investigation, the Planning Board shall prepare a map showing the boundaries of the Study Area and the location of the parcel contained therein, and appended thereto shall be a statement setting forth the basis of the investigation.

Section 4. The Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, specifically *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6*, after giving due notice of the proposed boundaries of the Study Area and the date of the hearing to any persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Study Area is an area in need of redevelopment (non-condemnation). The notice of the hearing shall specifically state that the redevelopment area determination *shall not* authorize the Township or Municipal Council to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any property in the delineated area, for the Study Area is being investigated as a possible Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area.

Section 5. At the public hearing, the Planning Board shall hear from all persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Study Area is a redevelopment area. All objections to a determination that the Study Area is an area in need of redevelopment and evidence in support of those objections shall be received and considered by the Planning Board and made part of the public record.

Section 6. After conducting its investigation, preparing a map of the Study Area, and conducting a public hearing at which all objections to the designation are received and considered, the Planning Board shall make a recommendation to the Municipal Council as to whether the Municipal Council should designate all or some of the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Gomez to adopt this Resolution.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, and Gomez

ABSTAIN - Council President Ship-Freeman

NAYS –Councilmember Brescher, Coyle, Joshi, and Patil

MOTION FAILED

RESOLUTION R.250-052020

RESOLUTION TO RELEASE STREET OPENING ESCROW

WHEREAS, the Township Department of Public Works advises the following have deposited Escrow Funds for Street Opening Permits; and

WHEREAS, notification has been received stating that all work has been inspected and restored as per the requirements of the Road Opening Permit; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release Street Opening Escrow Funds, under reference number STO0000417, to the following:

Permit Number: DEV- 20 - 0170
Opening Location: 93 TINGLEY LN
Block/Lot: 425/16.A
Applicant's Name & Address: URESH PARIKH
6 JEGO CT
EDISON NJ 08820

Initial Deposit Date: 01/08/2020
Deposit Amount: \$ 6,720.00
Paid by & refunded to: URESH PARIKH
6 JEGO CT
EDISON NJ 08820

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Edison forwards a certified true copy of the resolution to the Director of Finance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Diehl seconded by Councilmember Gomez to adopt this Resolution.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Patil and Council President Ship-Freeman

NAYS –Councilmember Brescher and Coyle.

RESOLUTION R.251-052020

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Municipal Council to appoint members to the Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has selected the following to be appointed to said Authority.

Toni R. Johnson, B5 Willard Dunham Dr., Edison, NJ 08817
Barry A. Telesnick, 142 Ethel Road, Edison, NJ 08817

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, that Toni R. Johnson and Barry A. Telesnick are hereby appointed as a Members of the Housing Authority, said term to expire November 9, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilmember Diehl seconded by Councilmember Gomez to adopt this Resolution.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Patil and Council President Ship-Freeman

ABSTAIN –Councilmember Brescher

NAYS –Councilmember Coyle

RESOLUTION R.252-052020

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Municipal Council to re- appoint a member to the Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has selected Walter Szoludko to be appointed to said Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, that Walter Szoludko, 100 Beaman Blvd., Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716 be and he is hereby appointed as a Member of the Housing Authority, said term to expire November 9, 2024.

**NO MOTION WAS MADE TO ADOPT
ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS**

Council President Ship-Freeman opened the meeting for public comment.

EMAILS READ AND RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS:

From: Mark — [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: audio

Mark Ma Klary
153 4th street

On amboy ave between fords and the turnpike underpass there are loads of overgrown and even dead trees that need attention. Seems tree pruners tidied up from Rt 1 Thru the turnpike bridge only.

Has there been ever been an effort to ban the use of air brakes within the township or on certain county, state or local roads? I live in Clara Barton and the morning sounds of large trucks using airbrakes on Rt is pretty annoying and its very loud too. If that isn't possible can other planting or noise mitigating features be done? I recognize it's a PSEG right of way along with pipelines in that area of town but there was a small berm installed for some reason? That is too low to have any effect.

The small over grown park on Inman Avenue needs attention to the dead trees and fallen ones too. Inman Ave Park is its name.

Along Route 1 there are grassy areas that are unkempt. Recognizing it's the states responsibility but is there a way to prioritize or is that at the states whim whenever their contractors or employees get to it.

Is there any possibility of increasing the recyclable frequency, perhaps just during the pandemic ? more people are eating at home and are at home. I know I fill my bin within 2 weeks.

This is my 30th year in Edison. For that I have been making the triangle green area on 3rd street and Roosevelt Blvd a little nicer with bulbs and perennials adding some color. There are two oval beds that have growing flowering ground cover that the EPW cuts down vs letting the ground cover bloom.

From: David Zelingher [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Question from Public for Edison Council Meeting, 5/13/2020 @ 6pm

Recently, it was revealed that Council President Ship-Freeman shared racist content on Facebook that was offensive to Asian Americans, Catholics and Jews. While originally claiming she was hacked, she backed off this claim in a May 5th interview with NJ.com (quoting from article):

Joyce Ship-Freeman promises it had "nothing at all to do with COVID." She was simply upset, she told us, after seeing a CNN story about a McDonald's in China, banning black people. What does this have to do with boycotting every Chinese restaurant owner around here, as small businesses struggle to stay afloat? "The Asians and everybody, they all around the world and they all go together," she told us. "What happens in their country happens here too. That's how the blacks feel about it." There're more, so hear her out: After first conceding that "Out of frustration, yes, I shared the meme," and assuring us she's since deleted the post and apologized, she said: "I don't even think I shared it, because somebody's been hacking my Facebook since January. I just took the blame for it to let it die." Right. Is she one of the crazies? You decide.

As this has become a national embarrassment for Edison and shows biases towards majority of its residents, Ms. Ship-Freeman should accept responsibility for her social media posts and resign. What action, if any, will the council be taking in this matter?

David Zelingher
8 Dix Avenue

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Edison, NJ, 08817
201-741-7526

From: Wolke [REDACTED]
Date: May 11, 2020 at 12:55:08 PM EDT
To: "Cheryl Russomanno, Edison Town Clerk" <crussomanno@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Council President

Ms. Russomanno,

Will you please forward this to the Council so it will appear as a Communication for the May 13 council meeting. Thank you.

Lois Wolke

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As a resident of Edison, I would like to compliment Council President Joyce Ship-Freeman.

We have had many fine Council Presidents, but Ms. Ship-Freeman has a refreshing, no-nonsense style that has made meetings more productive and efficient. It has not been an easy task to keep meetings on point and moving along due to long and repetitive comments by some council members. I welcome her new ideas, insight and efficiency.

Thank you Council President Ship-Freeman.

Lois Wolke
Edison

From: Mark -- [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: public comment for may 13th meeting

Mark Ma Klary
153 4th street

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From: Peter Xiaochuan Huang [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Question for Edison Council President Ship-Freeman

Dear Edison City Council,

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My name is Peter.X.Huang, I'm a 20 year Edison resident and registered voter. My address is 3 Skytop Road, Edison, NJ 08820

This is a question for the council President Ms. Ship-Freeman:

In the May 7th article you told NJ.com quote "The Asians and everybody, they all around the world and they all go together," she told us. "What happens in their country happens here too. That's how the blacks feel about it." What did you mean "their county"? Can you please let the residents know what is your country? Is their country the same as YOUR country it is called United States is America? As one of the so many Asian American that live in Edison, I'm deeply offended by your discriminative words against Asian American. Can you apologize to all Asian American residents in Edison?

For the council president's reference here is the link to the article.
When social distancing is the dream: Crazyies in the time of COVID | Editorial

From: Chen, Hua [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:13 PM

To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>

Subject: RESOLUTION R.249-052020 -- Legal action against foreign government due to COVID-19

To Whom It May Concern,

I have some concerns regarding this matter,

(1) According to a very detailed analysis by Washington Post, this lawsuit is unlikely to yield any financial benefits for Edison taxpayers. Even if we won this lawsuit, it's unlikely we are going to get any monetary compensation from any foreign government. If so, why are we wasting taxpayers' money to file this lawsuit? The only one who benefit from this drama will the lawyers as they will reap lucrative legal fees no matter what.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/04/29/can-us-sue-china-covid-19-damages-not-really-this-could-quickly-backfire/?hpid=hp-ar39vCpoART54HrY8LrOYvshMen8tjU_oaFOI-e93Q7I0SbxdMbnLfMA7QA

(2) Let's say we do want to proceed with the lawsuit just for the sake of winning, not for the money. Are we actually hiring the best lawyer with least amount of money? Has there been a public bid to guarantee that we are retaining best lawyers with lowest bids?

Please advise,
Thank you,
Hua Chen

From: Ping Wang [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:16 PM

To: Ship-Freeman, Joyce <JShip-Freeman@edisonnj.org>; Joshi, Samip <Sjoshi@edisonnj.org>; Gomez, Alvaro <AGomez@edisonnj.org>; Patil, Ajay <APatil@edisonnj.org>; Coyle, Joseph <JCoyle@edisonnj.org>; Brescher, Richard <RBrescher@edisonnj.org>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.org>

Cc: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>

Subject: two questions for the incoming council meeting

Hello,
As Edison resident, I have two questions for council members.

1. The motion to sue a foreign country on the origination and liability issue about COVID19. Can Mr. Northgrave, the township attorney, explain on what ground the township may have a case. What is the chance that the township wins? Is it worth to spend \$3,000,000 of our tax money on such thing?

Who has the right to choose the law firm to represent the township? Should there be a public hearing on this?

Personally I believe the township has better use for the money.

2. This is for council President Ms. Ship-Freeman. On May 7, you told NJ.com, quote "The Asians and everybody, they all around the world and they all go together". "What happens in their country happens here too. That's how the blacks feel about it."

Ms. Ship-Freeman, my country is United States of America. Please tell us, what is your country?

Edison resident and tax payer,
Ping Wang

From: Bruce Diamond [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:23 AM

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To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: CORRECTED Council President Ship-Freeman

please ignore yesterday's letter, ones corrected.

Council President Ship-Freeman

My name is Bruce Diamond and I live at 74 Calvert Ave West in Edison.

Tonight I want to express my support for Council President Ship-Freeman. I never got to know her prior to her being elected to Council, in fact I didn't even vote for her. That being said out of the 4 recently elected Council members, she has been the most pleasant surprise.

As Council President she has brought a no nonsense approach to running the meetings. She has attempted to reduce the noise and grandstanding that some Council members are constantly attempting to inject into the meetings. I believe she has tried to restrict the divisive rhetoric that certain n council members are constantly trying to inject into the discussions and during oral petitions and remarks. Based on the Council Presidents responses to those attempts at divisiveness, I find it hard to understand how she can be accused of being a racist!

Social media seems to have become a political tool and seems to me even with as much good as it can do, it borders on being an enemy of democracy.

Again, I very much appreciate how as Council President she tries to move the meetings along in a civil manner. While I didn't vote for her, I have been very pleasantly surprised by her leadership she's displayed under very difficult circumstances and next time time around she'll certain not get my vote.

Be safe out there and please fix the audio!

Sincerely,

Bruce Diamond
74 Calvert Ave West
Edison, NJ

From: Chen, Hua [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:03 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Re: RESOLUTION R.249-052020 -- Legal action against foreign government due to COVID-19

To Whom It May Concern,

I have a couple questions regarding the resolution R.249-05202. And I request my questions below to be read at the May 13th Council Meeting as public comments for the resolution.

(1) According to a very detailed analysis by Washington Post, this lawsuit is unlikely to yield any financial benefits for Edison taxpayers. Even if we would win this lawsuit, it would be unlikely for us to get any monetary compensation from any foreign government. If so, why are we wasting taxpayers' money to file this lawsuit? Apparently the only one who benefit from this drama are the lawyers as they pocket our tax money regardless the outcome of the lawsuit. https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/04/29/can-us-sue-china-covid-19-damages-not-really-this-could-quickly-backfire/?fbclid=IwAR39vCpoART54HrY8LrOYvshMen8tjU_oaFOI-c93Q7l0SbxdMbnLfMA7QA

(2) If the council insist on proceeding with the lawsuit just for the sake of winning, not for actual benefiting Edison Tax Payers. Was there a public bidding process to ensure the best attorneys are retained with the best prices possible?

Hua Chen

From: R F ENGEL [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject:

To: Edison Township Council
From: Sylvia Engel -- 82 Winthrop Road, Edison NJ 08817

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Date: May 12, 2020

In lieu of speaking at the Council Meeting of May 13

I am writing this letter with a heavy heart and great disappointment in some of our Edison citizens.

In light of this terrible corona virus that we are experiencing on a daily basis -- and today (5/12) the loss of 145 of our citizens (some I personally know) and the 1,599 cases of the virus I cannot believe the hateful words on facebook, twitter etc.

Isn't it time to put the vile and hateful comments aside and help each other, volunteer for a good cause, help a neighbor or shop for a housebound senior.

Putting my political affiliation aside, I was thrilled when Joyce Ship Freeman was elected to serve as Council President.

Of course I would have been even more thrilled if Cathleen Lynch Kilic or Maria Orchid were elected last year but the voters chose Joyce. Joyce is a first in Edison, first female council president and first African American woman elected to the Edison Council.

Some folks in Edison are not even willing to give her a chance to show us what she can and will do for our Township...

..already she is being attacked.

This word 'racist' is the new buzzword and I think it is time to erase and delete this word from our vocabulary, facebook, twitter, Instagram and emails.....and from our hearts.

People post statements on facebook that they would never have the courage to say to someone in person.

I know Joyce and the Ship family for many years. She has the will and the knowledge and the personality to be a council president we will all be proud of.

From: Peter Xiaochuan Huang [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:30 PM

To: Joshi, Samip <Sjoshi@edisonnj.org>; Brescher, Richard <RBrescher@edisonnj.org>; Coyle, Joseph <JCoyle@edisonnj.org>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.org>; Gomez, Alvaro <AGomez@edisonnj.org>; Patil, Ajay <APatil@edisonnj.org>; Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Fw: Question for Edison Council President Ship-Freeman

Dear Edison City Council members,

My name is Peter X. Huang, I'm a 20 year Edison resident and registered voter. My address is 3 Skytop Road, Edison, NJ 08820

This is a question for all the council members :

It has been noticed that recently the anti-Asian bias crime is on the rise. We had an incident an Asian woman was assaulted by a group of teenagers near township. What additional measures the township will implement to protect its residents? On May 7th San Antonio City passed a Covid19 anti hate resolution denouncing terms like 'Chinese Virus' or 'Kung Fu virus'. Will Edison town council do the same for Edison, one of the most diverse town in NJ? If not why?

San Antonio City Council passes 'COVID-19 Anti-Hate Resolution'

From: Fuhong Huang [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:07 AM

To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>; Ship-Freeman, Joyce <JShip-Freeman@edisonnj.org>; Joshi, Samip <Sjoshi@edisonnj.org>; Brescher, Richard <RBrescher@edisonnj.org>; Coyle, Joseph <JCoyle@edisonnj.org>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.org>; Gomez, Alvaro <AGomez@edisonnj.org>; Patil, Ajay <APatil@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Public Comment question for 5/3/2020 Edison Council Meeting

Fuhong Huang
23 Brian Rd, Edison, NJ 08817

I request my question to be read as public comments of the council meeting.

Recently hate crimes, discrimination, and aggression against Asians and Jews are on the rise as the groups are blamed for the disease's outbreak and spread. Edison had an incident of an Asian woman assaulted by a group of teenagers near township. What additional measures the township will

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implement to protect its residents? On May 7th San Antonio City passed a Covid19 anti hate resolution including denouncing terms like 'Chinese Virus' or 'Kung Fu virus'. Will Edison town council do the same for Edison, one of the most diverse town in NJ? If not why? Here is the information for your reference:

<https://www.ksat.com/news/local/2020/05/08/san-antonio-city-council-passes-covid-19-anti-hate-resolution/>

From: Christo TheGreek [mailto:
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Public Comments

Christo Fox RD 732 Exit 9 Middlesex County
I want to denounce the Atmosphere of Racism Created by Councilman Sam Joshi and his radical left wing religious extremist allies... I don't understand how some guy can claim Sam Joshi fights racism when sam Joshi himself has covered up the racist flyers and either lied about the fingerprints on the racist flyers or is covering it up for Mayor Lankey and Shariq Ahmad president of the Edison democratic Organization who pay 5,000\$ for the postage stamps.... How Dare some guy from Manalapan try to tell me my council vice president is a racist while he defends the real racist extremist in sam joshi... Just because Sam Joshi was caught promoting a Neo Nazi Agenda in Lakewood now he has to pretend to be champion of racism.. Sam Joshi should not be allowed to speak for my council president, sam joshi has not yet hit puberty and he wants to lecture Joyce Ship Freeman.... I Endorse Council President Joyce Ship freeman she has been framed and has been under attack ever since she won the election and was made Council President... Sam Joshi must unblock members from the public from his personal facebook page as the courts would also consider that a govt site since he is always posting Govt Information Sam Joshi better unblock all members of the Public.... Sam Joshi was apart of firing of a jewish lawyer and a chinese library director while harrassing David Ye to resign from library board and calling up the BOE to fire Shannon peng as liaison so Sam Joshi is responsible of firing of 1 jewish man 1 chinese woman and tried getting 2 other Chinese people thrown off the board this is a matter of Public Record...
I want to thank council president Joyce for always treating me with respect... if Sam Joshi was Council President he would be censoring members of the public he disagrees with... Edison is lucky to have Joyce who refuses to be Bullied by out of town Lobbies with Political Agendas while Sam Joshi bends to the will of his party bosses and Masters...

It has been over 100 years of the Greek and Armenian Genocide and I would like to Edison town Council to Recognize Yes the Greek Armenian Genocide is a historical event and the country of Turkey is murderers who killed woman and Children.
Constantinople and Cyprus is Greek
Kosovo is Serbia
Crimea is Russia and
Kashmir belongs to India

I time a democratic committeeman Brett Baker Called me a Nazi and told people not to vote for me and I will file a lawsuit on him for a Defamation of Character the only person who defended me was Joyce Shipman Freeman she called out brett baker for his stupid childish post and bringing up the lies and hypocrisy in such a post while other Govt Officials and even Teachers and Members of the BOE where so stupid enough to like lies and propaganda when brett baker even posted a screenshot where I was clearly called a non racist, A Christian by a neo Nazi and this was the so called proof he provided... Joyce Ship Freeman had the Courage to speak the Truth Edison Loves Joyce the Council President and Joyce from the Recreation Dept....
Also last year while the Democrats and Fake republicans held a meeting to decide what to do with me and not allow me in town council which would not be legal and would be breaking the sunshine law I was told the only 2 people to stand up for my rights as a American Citizen was Joyce Ship Freeman and Ajay Patil...

I would like to take a moment to Denounce Brett Baker, and fake republicans like Laurie and John Roche and Lisa Zymewski who was screaming at the Chinese people during the town council and the republican committeewoman Laurie Roche who promoted the beating down of indian teenagers in high school....

Also I would like the Edison town Council to pass a resolution not to kill any animals in Edison as theyre are democrats who want to kill and massacre all the innocent Deer in edison NJ.

I would like to give Joyce a A+ as she never censors members of the Public.. 2 meetings ago I did a 1st amendment Audit to see if I will be censored and violating the public comments portion and to my surprise Joyce read everything as it was written word for word even when I insulted her she should step down as council president but in reality I never meant it... I was being sarcastic and making a joke out of it because members of the Town Council has publicly called her to step down
Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Fuhong Huang [mailto:
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>; Joshi, Samip

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<Sloshi@edisonnj.org>; Brescher, Richard <RBrescher@edisonnj.org>; Coyle, Joseph <JCoyle@edisonnj.org>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.org>; Gomez, Alvaro <AGomez@edisonnj.org>; Patil, Ajay <APatil@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Public Comment question for May 13th Edison Council Meeting

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23 Brian Rd, Edison NJ 08817

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From: M Orchid [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Public comment on Wednesday May 13, 2020

Dear Members of the council,

Thank you for having the opportunity to voice my comments.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Hands of Hope and McFoods drive on Saturday May 9 at Edison High School from 112 to 4pm. Please remember they are still in need of food and donations.

Thank you for updating the official list.

Do we have a official list of the streets that will be closed for upgrading so the residence would know when and where not to travel.

Please remember to check in on your senior neighbors to make sure they are ok.

Any update on the farmers market?

Has the Household hazard day been rescheduled?

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

Regards,

Maria Orchid
83 Jefferson Avenue
Edison NJ 08837

From: donna marable [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Edison City Council

Dear Edison City Council,

I would like to express my pleasure in the new leadership. It is refreshing to have new insight in an established entity. We can all learn something new I appreciate the "newness" embodied by the new Council President Joyce Ship-Freeman.

As a lifelong resident of the township, she has lived through many of the injustices and inequities experienced by the constituents. Her candor, intellect and passion shines bright in places that have been dark for many of us.

I pray you will continue to open your ears, eyes and heart to listen to the cries of the people. Thank you for your strength and don't give up when it seems that people with self-serving agendas rise up against you.

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Grateful,
Dr. Donna Marable

Sent from my iPhone

From: starbox blue [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Public Comment question for May 13th Edison Council Meeting

Bo Xia
10 Lucille CT
Edison NJ 08820

I request my question to be read at the May 13th Council meeting as public comments. This is a question for the Council President Ms. Ship-Freeman. In a article posted by NJ.com, you told NJ.com: "The Asians and everybody, they all around the world and they all go together. What happens in their country happens here too. That's how the blacks feel about it". What did you mean "their country"? Can you please let the Edison residents know what is your country? Is their country the same as YOUR country which is called United States of America?

Thank you.

From: starbox blue [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Public Comment question for May 13th Meeting

Bo Xia
10 Lucille CT
Edison NJ 08820

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<https://www.ksat.com/news/local/2020/05/08/san-antonio-city-council-passes-covid-19-anti-hate-resolution/>

Thank you

From: Chayanne Peng [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:11 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>; Ship-Freeman, Joyce <JShip-Freeman@edisonnj.org>; Joshi, Samip <Sjoshi@edisonnj.org>; Brescher, Richard <RBrescher@edisonnj.org>; Coyle, Joseph <JCoyle@edisonnj.org>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.org>; Gomez, Alvaro <AGomez@edisonnj.org>; Patil, Ajay <APatil@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Public Comment question for May 13th Edison Council Meeting

Chayane Pen - 56 Phillips St

Three questions for council president Joyce :

1 on Facebook you had a post connecting corona to Israel , and a post to call for black stop eating chinese food, then the posts were taken down and you put up an apology, then you claimed the anti-Semitic and about-chinese posted were done by a hacker who hacked your account, my question is, who took the questioned posts down and who posted the apology, before you found out your account was hacked ? Also by the hacker? This must be a very considerate hacker.

2 the firm to take up this lawsuit for Edison against chinese government, is called Lombardi. Is the owner of this firm related to the previous councilman Lombardi?

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3 what are the chances of winning the lawsuit? 1%? 10%? 50%? We all know this kind of case has never won in history, why are we doing it? Just another nepotism corruption, or another try to gain popularity, at the expense of our tax payers money?

From: quan wen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>; Joshi, Samip <Sjoshi@edisonnj.org>; Brescher, Richard <RBrescher@edisonnj.org>; Coyle, Joseph <JCoyle@edisonnj.org>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.org>; Gomez, Alvaro <AGomez@edisonnj.org>; Patil, Ajay <APatil@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Public Comment question for May 13th Edison Council Meeting

Quan Wen
9 Fielding Pl
Edison, NJ 08820

I request my two questions to be read at the May 13th Council meeting as public comments.

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To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
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Sincerely,

Patricia Ewers

From: Norman Blick [mailto:
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Racist Remarks made by council president

She must resign IMMEDIATELY from not only her council presidency but also the council and all publicly appointed or elected positions within Edison Township. Her remarks reek from Antisemitism and Absolute wide range Racism-she is not fit to hold public office.....I am curious to hear other council members comments and the Mayor's-relative to her history of disgusting remarks re: Jews,Asians, and Catholics!!! Edison Township absolutely deserves better leadership-being the most diverse community we stand.

Submitted by Norman Blick, a concerned resident,citizen and tax payer of the great Township of Edison,NJ.

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: 82 Sharon Avenue

Why is there constant grandstanding and gaslighting amongst our Council Members, particularly the individuals who ran on the same ticket during last election?

At a time of a pandemic and people sick and fighting for their lives, why does our Council have to be the epicenter of chaos and embarrassment. From Political Photo-ops, using Township Golf Carts with no mask while not social distancing, Council Members attacking and threatening private citizens on Facebook Groups to personal Facebook page posts that are used against another member as a Political hit job!

Instead of bringing people together, we the people, are yet again, put into a position to choose sides of who is right and who is wrong and it's extremely Disheartening!!

Your lack of willingness to work together for the betterment of Edison is causing distress and a continue stain on our Township!!

To: publicmeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org <publicmeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Sent: Wed, May 13, 2020 5:20 pm
Subject: RABBI DR. BERNHARD ROSENBERG REG. JOYCE AND ANTI-SEMITISM

I STILL believe Joyce, president of the council, was hacked and would like her to say in public that the two items which some in the JEWISH COMMUNITY are upset about were the items specifically that were hacked and that it is being investigated to prove it was hacked. I believe JOYCE AND HER FAMILY HAVE SUFFERED ENOUGH through this ordeal and would like to put the issue at rest. She offered an apology regarding the CHINESE COMMUNITY as I UNDERSTAND IT. I AM TIRED OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR BEING ACCUSED OF SUPPORTING AN ANTI-SEMITE WHEN IT IS COMPLETELY FALSE. EDISON RABBI DR. BERNHARD ROSENBERG

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From: Christo TheGreek [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:39 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:26 PM
To: Public Meeting Submissions <PublicMeetingsubmissions@edisonnj.org>
Subject: Public Comment

Hello,

Tony DePasquale, 2 Pine st Edison.

This e-mail is being sent on May 13, 2020 at 8:25 PM.

I was just curious, is it possible to have a time limit for council member comments. It is not a time for grandstanding. Also, can council members be concise and not accusatory to other members or even the Legal council when making their comments.

It's a very sad representation when council members accuse each other just to make a point. I am suggesting maybe the council should hire a coach to help them work together in a more positive way as is done in the corporate world.

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My friend makes a good amount of money teaching CEO and management people how to work together. Just a thought!

Tony DePasquale

From: Christo TheGreek [mailto:
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Subject:

Christo Edison NJ

The Edison chief cant know if her account was hacked because Joyce ship freeman could have forgotten her cell phone in a public place and a random person coulda posted the posts even on her own device.....

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Hearing no further comments from the public Councilmember Gomez made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilmember Joshi and duly carried.

Having no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Patil the meeting was adjourned at 10:15p.m.

Joyce Ship-Freeman
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk