

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023, AT 7:00 PM, VIA ZOOM, PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

The following notice of the meeting was sent:

Special Meeting in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., that a Special Meeting of the City of Burlington Common Council will be held electronically only on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 7:00pm to take action on the following:

**ORDINANCE(S) - INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2023 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING, AND REVISING CHAPTER 76 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ENTITLED, "OPEN CONTAINERS"

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. 143-2023 Authorizing a contract with Main Street Burlington in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the performance of Professional Services in conjunction with the Year 3 Neighborhood Preservation Program Grant.

Resolution No. 144-2023 Rescinding Resolution No. 222-2022, supporting the application of Jersey Gem Farms, LLC to operate a Class 1 cultivation and Class 2 manufacturing facility at 302 Commerce Square Boulevard.

Members of the public are invited to view and participate in the meeting by the following:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2993296844?pwd=UURxMXhYMysxYXIUNUJZTHZwemxqQT09>

Meeting ID: 299 329 6844

Password: 863459

Phone Dial In:

1-646-558-8656

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Password: 863459

The full Agenda can be accessed from the City's website at [www.burlingtonnj.us](http://www.burlingtonnj.us)

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

Governing Body Members present: Dave Babula, Dawn Bergner-Thompson, George Chachis, Roosevelt Smith, Suzanne Woodard

Absent: Xavier Roque, Denise Hollingsworth

Also present: Mayor Barry Conaway, Administrator Johanna Conyer, Daniel DiGangi, Finance Consultant, Municipal Attorney Chris Norman, Director of Housing Bill Harris, Director of Public Affairs John Alexander, Director of Public Works Bill Curry, Police Chief John Fine.

## **SALUTE TO FLAG**

## **EXPLANATION OF ORDINANCE(S) ON FIRST READING**

Johanna Conyer, Administrator 07-2023

## **EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION(S)**

Johanna Conyer, Administrator 143-2023 & 144-2023

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Phil Agustyn, 307 High Street – thank the Public Works Department for keeping the red, white & blue lights up in town; spoke in support of the open contain ordinance after speaking with a Councilperson.

## **ORDINANCE(S) - INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2023 OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING, AND REVISING CHAPTER 76 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ENTITLED, “OPEN CONTAINERS”

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Smith, the foregoing ordinance was adopted on First Reading by the following roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Smith, Ms. Woodard,. (4); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: Mr. Babula. (1); ABSENT: Mr. Roque, Ms. Hollingsworth. (2).

## **RESOLUTION(S)**

Resolution No. 143-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 143-2023 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MAIN STREET BURLINGTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE YEAR 3 NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM GRANT AWARDED TO THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has applied and received approval for a Year 3 Neighborhood Preservation Program Grant from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJCA) in the amount of \$125,000 for various community revitalization programs in the New London NPP district; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Burlington (“MSB”) is a non-profit local organization currently working collaboratively with the City of Burlington for the betterment of the New London NPP district the adjoining High Street commercial corridor and has implemented the activities listed in the Year 1 and Year 2 New London NPP budgets; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Burlington (“MSB”) has indicated that it has agreed to provide the services as set forth in the attached scop of services for the New London District Year 3 Implementation Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto in the amount of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Year 3 Neighborhood Preservation Program Grant to fund the cost of such services to the City by MSB; and

WHEREAS, the term for the contract with MSB is for a period of approximately six months, commencing June 14, 2023 through December 31, 2023, which is the end date for completing Year 3 New London NPP grant activities in compliance with NJDCA regulations; and

WHEREAS, entering into a contract with MSB to perform the required services as described herein will facilitate the continued revitalization and preservation of the New London NPP district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Burlington is hereby authorized to execute a contract between the City and MSB and any other documents in furtherance of this Resolution.

Upon the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Smith, Ms. Woodard, (5); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Mr. Roque, Ms. Hollingsworth. (2).

Resolution No. 144-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 144-2023 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, RESCINDING RESOLUTION 222-2022

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2022, Common Council of the City of Burlington adopted and memorialized Resolution 222-2022 supporting the application of Jersey Gem Farms, LLC to operate a Class 1 cultivation and Class 2 manufacturing facility in the IP Zoning District of the City of Burlington at 302 Commerce Square Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the City received a letter from 302 CSB, LLC, the owner of 302 Commerce Square Boulevard dated May 2, 2023 advising they never entered into a lease agreement for the premises located at 302 Commerce Square Boulevard with Jersey Gems Farm, LLC and they have no further relationship with Jersey Gems Farm, LLC; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the prior Resolution 222-2022 is no longer applicable and should be rescinded.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that Resolution 222-2022 is hereby rescinded.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Smith, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Smith, Ms. Woodard, (5); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Mr. Roque, Ms. Hollingsworth. (2).

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Babula spoke of the Open Container Ordinance; asked if the JIF, ABC and Green Acres have been contacted for approval.

Mr. Norman said everything is in order; will look into the Green Acres question.

Ms. Conyer said the JIF has been contacted, we have the proper coverage.

Councilman Babula asked if the local businesses are aware that people can bring their own alcohol.

Ms. Conyer said yes, they are aware and are in support.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, this SPECIAL meeting of June 27, 2023, was adjourned.

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk