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matter for the City of Camden Planning Board was
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ERIN CREAN
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CASE HEARD: PAGE

1) Review and Recommendation re: 5

A Resolution Referring Proposed "An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing An Ordinance Entitled, Chapter 725: Stormwater Control and Management - Article III (Stormwater Control) to the City of Camden Planning Board for Review and Comment.

1 CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Good evening. By the
2 Director of the Planning Board Chairman, Jose
3 DeJesus, Jr. the City of the Camden, there will be a
4 regular meeting held tonight that was suppose to be
5 Thursday, February 11th, 2021. But because of an
6 insufficient quorum, we're having this Special
7 Meeting for today. Therefore, this regularly
8 Scheduled Meeting will be conducted As a virtual
9 meeting via remote conference platform, ZOOM.
10 Reading of the Opening Statement.

11 MS. MILLER: Adequate notice of this
12 meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open
13 Public Meeting Act. The Camden City Planning Board
14 adopted a Resolution approving the schedule of
15 regular meetings to be held during the year of 2021
16 by, one, posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board
17 reserved for such purpose in the Office of City
18 Clerk, City Hall, first floor, Camden, New Jersey;
19 two, transmitting a copy thereof to the Courier Post
20 and to the Philadelphia Inquirer. These newspapers
21 have been designated by this Board to receive same,
22 and filing a copy thereof with the City Clerk, City
23 of Camden, New Jersey. The subject meeting was
24 publicized on February 12, 2021.

25 CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Roll call.

1 MS. MILLER: Mayor Moran. Fred Martin.

2 VICE-CHAIRMAN MARTIN: Present.

3 MS. MILLER: Jose DeJesus.

4 CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Present.

5 MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Reyes-Morton.

6 MR. BURNS: She's still on mute, I think.

7 MS. MILLER: Director Walker. Erin

8 Crean.

9 MS. CREAN: Present.

10 MS. MILLER: Steven Lee.

11 MR. LEE: Here.

12 MR. BURNS: We have a quorum. Ms. Morton
13 is here. She's just on mute.

14 MS. MILLER: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Approval of Special
16 and Regular Planning Board meeting held January the
17 14th? I need a motion to approve minutes.

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN MARTIN: So moved.

19 MS. MILLER: We don't have the minutes --

20 VICE-CHAIRMAN MARTIN: We don't have the
21 minutes.

22 MS. MILLER: The minutes are not listed
23 on this meeting agenda. The meeting agenda should
24 say February 12, 2021. The meeting is February 22,
25 2021.

1 Ordinance is an attachment to our Zoning Code of the
2 City of Camden. It has been such since 2010. There
3 is a DEP order on the part of the City to make
4 certain amendments and language to the Stormwater
5 Ordinance of which you have a copy of tonight. So,
6 we need to make these amendments by the March
7 deadline of which this meeting will help us achieve
8 that end.

9 CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Okay.

10 VICE-CHAIRMAN MARTIN: I spoke earlier to
11 Mr. Burns. And this is -- the last time this was
12 done in 2010, I was still around and was responsible
13 for the Stormwater Plan. The City's rules and
14 regulations have not been updated to comply with
15 changes to the NJDEP. I would recommend the Planning
16 Board recommend to City Council to update the
17 Ordinance to comply with the DEP requirements
18 posthaste.

19 CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Do we have to vote on
20 this or how is this done?

21 MR. BURNS: We can open it to the
22 public. As Fred indicated, this Ordinance is being
23 adopted -- these changes are being adopted across the
24 Board by every municipality in the State of New
25 Jersey. So, there is a deadline in which to do it.

1 They kind of sent it out late. There's a review
2 done. And what the Council has done is, reviewed it
3 and are making certain recommendations. And they're
4 really designed to help and generate more Green
5 energy or I should say, more Green discharge of --

6 CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: We get it.

7 MR. BURNS: -- stormwater.

8 So, it's a good thing. It's going to
9 impact a lot of nonresidential major developments
10 significantly but in a good way. So, what we would
11 need to do, Mr. Chair, is just open it up to public
12 comment. And if there is no public comment, I can
13 recommend a motion which the Board then can take
14 action on.

15 CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: All right. So, before
16 we start opening it up to the public, is there
17 anybody on the Board that wants to ask any
18 questions that relate to the subject to, Dr.
19 Williams? Anybody? Erin?

20 MS. CREAN: No.

21 CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Hearing none then I
22 open it up to the public. Is there anyone here
23 attending this meeting that would want to make a
24 comment? Do we have anybody, Ed?

25 DR. WILLIAMS: No, sir.

1 CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Mr. Burns, it's up to
2 you now.

3 MR. BURNS: Okay. So, what we need is, a
4 Resolution recommending adoption by the City Council,
5 changes to the Stormwater Control and Management
6 Ordinance with a finding that those changes are
7 consistent with the City Master Plan.

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN MARTIN: In compliance
9 with the DEP requirements.

10 MR. BURNS: As well, yes.

11 VICE-CHAIRMAN MARTIN: You should put
12 that in the Resolution by the Planning Board.

13 MR. BURNS: Okay.

14 VICE-CHAIRMAN MARTIN: And I will so
15 move.

16 MS. CREAN: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Roll call.

18 MS. MILLER: Fred Martin.

19 VICE-CHAIRMAN MARTIN: Yes.

20 MS. MILLER: Jose DeJesus.

21 CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Yes.

22 MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Reyes-Morton.

23 COUNCILWOMAN REYES-MORTON: Yes.

24 MS. MILLER: Erin Crean.

25 MS. CREAN: Yes.

1 MS. MILLER: Steven Lee.

2 MR. LEE: Yes.

3 MS. MILLER: Motion carried to approve.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. BURNS: The next thing is, Mr. Chair,
6 we do have the Resolution drafted so we can adopt it
7 tonight given the deadline -- the timeline that we're
8 under so that the Council can act on March 3rd to
9 adopt this Ordinance.

10 VICE-CHAIRMAN MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, I
11 move to adopt this Ordinance pursuant to the advice
12 of Counsel.

13 MS. CREAN: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Roll call.

15 MS. MILLER: Fred Martin.

16 VICE-CHAIRMAN MARTIN: Yes.

17 MS. MILLER: Jose DeJesus.

18 CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Yes.

19 MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Reyes-Morton.

20 COUNCILWOMAN REYES-MORTON: Yes.

21 MS. MILLER: Erin Crean.

22 MS. CREAN: Yes.

23 MS. MILLER: Steven Lee.

24 MR. LEE: Yes.

25 MS. MILLER: Motion carried to approve.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. BURNS: We're good. So, the
3 Resolution has been adopted and it will be forwarded
4 to Mayor and Council in time for that March 3rd
5 meeting.

6 CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: Very good. Do we have
7 anything else pending?

8 MR. BURNS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.

9 DR. WILLIAMS: That's all for the meeting
10 tonight.

11 CHAIRMAN DeJESUS: All right. Then God
12 Bless. Have a good evening.

13 MS. MILLER: We need to adjourn.

14 VICE-CHAIRMAN MARITN: Motion to
15 adjourn.

16 MS. CREAN: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Roll call.

18 MS. MILLER: Fred Martin.

19 VICE-CHAIRMAN MARTIN: Yes.

20 MS. MILLER: Jose DeJesus.

21 CHAIRMAN DEJESUS: Yes.

22 MS. MILLER: Councilwoman Reyes-Morton.

23 COUNCILWOMAN REYES-MORTON: Yes.

24 MS. MILLER: Erin Crean.

25 MS. CREAN: Yes.

1 MS. MILLER: Steven Lee.

2 MR. LEE: Yes.

3 MS. MILLER: Thank you.

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5 (*Meeting concluded at 6:20 p.m.*)

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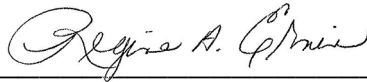
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