



**CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE
WORK SESSION
7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024
PHILLIP L. PITTORE JUSTICE CENTER
25 SOUTH UNION STREET
MEETING AGENDA**

- a. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
- b. ROLL CALL
- c. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE
- d. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- e. RESOLUTIONS
 - a. RESOLUTION NUMBER 139-2024: *A Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of an Odra MT4H Mechanical Dual Broom Sweeper through the ESCJ Cooperative, Bid Number ESCNJ 23/24 Trucks, Class 4-8, from Sanitation Equipment Corporation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$286,732.00.*

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville is a member of the ESC Cooperative, and

WHEREAS, the ESC Cooperative solicited for bids for Street Sweepers; and

WHEREAS, Sanitation Equipment Corporation has an Odra MT4H Mechanical Dual Brook Sweeper in the amount of \$286,732, inclusive of freight.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that the purchase of an Odra MT4H Mechanical Dual Broom Sweeper through the ESCJ Cooperative, Bid Number ESCNJ 23/24 Trucks, Class 4-8, from Sanitation Equipment Corporation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$286,732.00 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the equipment purchase is funded through Bond Ordinance Number 16-2024.

- b. RESOLUTION NUMBER 140-2024: *A Resolution to Authorize the Installation of a Fence in the City's Right of Way Fronting on Swan Street*

WHEREAS, there have been times when the City of Lambertville has granted permission for property owners to for a license to permit encroachment upon portions of the City's right of way to gain access to their property, or for purposes of permitting an existing condition that has minimal impact on the right of way and would cause hardship to a property owner if required to be removed; and

WHEREAS, Tracy and Cornelius Flemming seek to construct a fence on the Swan Street side of the property known as Block 1070, Lot 14, located at 95 Brunswick Avenue, for safety purposes; and

WHEREAS, the fence would be a picket fence that runs no more than forty-four (44) feet long (east to west), a six feet wide (north to south) at the western edge of the property, and no more than three (3) feet high from the street side, and otherwise in compliance with all applicable City ordinances and regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that the request filed by Tracy and Cornelius Flemming to install a picket fence along the Swan Street side of their property, on a portion of the City's right of way, measuring no more than no more than forty-four (44) feet long (east to west), a six feet wide (north to south) at the western edge of the property, and no more than three (3) feet

in height, is hereby approved. In furtherance hereof, the Mayor is authorized to execute any agreement with the property owner to memorialize the terms of the license granted herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant, Tracy and Cornelius Flemming, hereby agrees to remove the fence within 90 days of notice from the City of Lambertville;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body recognizes that this is a specific circumstance that will improve the quality of life for the family residing at 95 Brunswick Avenue, and further acknowledges that any future requests will be considered for approval on a case-by-case basis.

- c. RESOLUTION NUMBER 141-2024: *A Resolution to Authorize the Contract with Bristol Environmental for the Paint Stabilization of the Lambertville Free and Public Library, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$138,000.00, Plus Hazardous Waste Disposal Fee of \$5,000.00*

WHEREAS, the City of Lambertville advertised for the solicitation of bids for the exterior lead-based paint abatement projects on May 15, 2024, and again on June 14, 2024, and no bids were received in response to either of these solicitations; and

WHEREAS, after completion of May 15, 2024, bid process, the City Architect reached out to 10 different vendors to solicit for a response; and

WHEREAS, the City was unsuccessful in receiving a response to our request for proposals on May 15, 2024, and again on June 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Local Public Contract Law permits municipalities to negotiate with contractors after two failed bid attempts; and

WHEREAS, the City Architect, Michael Burns, contacted Bristol Environmental, a State of New Jersey approved environmental contractor who submitted a proposal in the amount of \$138,000.00 for the paint stabilization of loose and flaking lead-based paint located on the exterior components, including walls, windows, columns, railings, etc., plus \$5,000.00 for the hazardous waste disposal fee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that the contract with Bristol Environmental for the paint stabilization and hazardous waste removal is hereby approved in an amount not to exceed \$138,000.00 for the paint stabilization plus \$5,000 for the hazardous waste removal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this project is being funded through Bond Ordinance Number 04-2024.

- d. DISCUSSION ITEMS
- a. EV Charging Project
 - b. Proposed Amendments to the short-term rental ordinance
 - c. Historic Preservation Ordinance Update
 - d. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
 - e. Temporary signage and sandwich boards in the CBD

f. Best Practice Inventory

- i. Score
- ii. RESOLUTION NUMBER 142-2024: *A Resolution to Approve the Best Practice Inventory and Authorize the City Clerk and CMFO to submit it to the State of New Jersey.*

WHEREAS, the Finance Team reviewed the questions of the Best Practice Inventory on Tuesday, October 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Governing Body reviewed the Best Practice Inventory, 2024 Survey at the regularly scheduled work session held on Thursday, October 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City's score is 4, and State Aid will not be withheld; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that the City Clerk and the Certified Municipal Finance Officer are hereby authorized to submit the 2024 Best Practice Inventory with a score of 45.

NOTE: At first pass the City's score was 45. This could change after the Finance Meeting Review on Tuesday, October 8.

e. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

- a. ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-2024: *An Ordinance to Amend the Lambertville City Code, 2014, Chapter 2, Article IX, Department of Health, Welfare and Housing, Social Services and Public Assistance*

ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-2024

An Ordinance to Amend the Lambertville City Code, 2014, Chapter 2, Article IX, Department of Health, Welfare and Housing, Social Services and Public Assistance

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey funds a General Assistance Program which is administered at the local level in Lambertville by the Director of Social Services and Public Assistance, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 44:8-107 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Social Services and Public Assistance notified the City of her intent to retire on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 44:8-145.1, Lambertville may by mutual agreement with the County of Hunterdon, transfer to the Hunterdon County Board of Social Services the financial and operational responsibility for the administration of the General Assistance Program under N.J.S.A. 44:8-107 et seq. to Lambertville residents; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a transfer, also pursuant to said statute the municipal welfare agency is to be abolished, and its functions, powers and duties transfer to the County of Hunterdon Board of Social Services no later than the 60th date after the effective date of the transfer; and

WHEREAS, on the recommendation of the State of New Jersey, the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville transfers the General Assistance Program in Lambertville to the County of Hunterdon Board of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, there shall be no cost to the City of Lambertville, and the effective date of the transfer shall be retroactive to October 31, 2024, to ensure there is no disruption in services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, that the following is hereby adopted:

1. The Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney and such other officials and employees as may be appropriate are hereby authorized and directed to transfer Lambertville's General Assistance Program to the County of Hunterdon Board of Social Services in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations, effective October 31, 2024, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. On or before October 31, 2024, Lambertville shall send all open cases a letter informing residents that their General Assistance cases will be administered by the County of Hunterdon Board of Social Services effective October 31, 2024;
 - b. On or Before October 31, 2024, Lambertville shall make appropriate arrangements to transfer the physical files of the open and any pending cases in Lambertville to the County of Hunterdon Board of Social Services.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any agreement as may be required by law with the County of Hunterdon Board of Social Services necessary to effectuate the transfer as described in this Ordinance.
3. The applicable provisions of the Ordinance shall be amended as may be necessary to reflect this transfer of the General Assistance Program to the County of Hunterdon Board of Social Services.
4. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the County of Hunterdon Board of Social Services and the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services.

The Lambertville City Code, 2014, Chapter 2, Administrative Code, Article IX, Department of Health, Welfare and Housing, Section 2-9.4, Social Services and Public Assistance shall be amended to read as follows:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 44-8-145.1, the City of Lambertville, and by mutual agreement with the County of Hunterdon Board of Social Services, the Lambertville City Code, 2014, Chapter 2 Administrative Code, Section 2-9 Department of Health, Welfare and Housing, Article 2-9.4, Social Services and Public Assistance is hereby abolished, and its functions, powers and duties are hereby transferred to the County of Hunterdon Board of Social Services, effective October 31, 2024.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING: October 10, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING: October 24, 2024

f. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. COLUMBUS DAY, October 14, 2024: City offices will be closed.
- b. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HALLOWEEN WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST is going on now. Visit participating businesses to check out the displays and vote for your favorite online on the Chamber's website.
- c. LHS HOUSE TOUR: The annual House Tour will be held on Sunday, October 27th.
- d. CONVENIENCE CENTER HOURS:
Wednesday, October 16, 2024, from 3 pm to 5 pm
Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 9 am to 12 noon

City of Lambertville

Work Session

7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 10, 2024

Phillip L. Pittore Justice Center, 25 South Union Street

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g. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

h. ADJOURNMENT