



City of Lambertville
REGULARLY SCHEDULED SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020, 7:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING USING ZOOM
AGENDA

Please use this link to obtain information for meeting participation:

<http://lambertvillenj.org/virtualmeetings>

I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act with the Annual Notice advertised in Trenton Times, provided to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times, the posting of the meeting agenda on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, on the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org, on the exterior door of the Elevator Entrance at City Hall, and to department heads and the listserv.

This meeting is being recorded using the Zoom Meeting profile. The video will be uploaded to YouTube, and a link to the meeting will be made available on the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org/virtualmeetings approximately two business days following the meeting.

Recording will begin upon the meeting's call to order and will conclude upon adoption of the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting recording may be formatted to enhance to quality of the video and audio but will not be edited for content. The meeting minutes will continue to serve as the official record of the City of Lambertville and the meeting recording is being provided to the members of the public as a convenience.

Instructions on how to participate in the meeting were emailed through the City's listserv, provided on a call-in message at City Hall, posted on the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org and will be read into the record at the beginning of the meeting and again during Public Participation.

II. ROLL CALL

Councilman Sanders, Councilwoman Taylor, Councilwoman Urbish, Council President Asaro, Mayor Fahl

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. MOMENT OF SILENCE

V. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE USING ZOOM AND CALLING IN

The public participation portion of the meeting will be taken under Agenda Item Number 14.

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VI. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENT REGARDING COUNCIL SESSIONS

Based on the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus, the State of New Jersey and the City of Lambertville have taken necessary action to ensure the continued regular operation of government.

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, formal action by the Governing Body must be taken in public, at a meeting that is adequately noticed to invite public participation and maximum transparency. **Such requirements are not set aside during times of emergency, and therefore the City and its Governing Body MUST proceed with conducting these necessary meetings, in accordance with State law, and in a manner that ensures optimum transparency.**

Despite recent amendments to OPMA providing for electronic notice of any meeting, the City will continue to provide the standard statutory notice for its meetings by posting such notice in City Hall and publishing notice with The Trenton Times and Hunterdon County Democrat.

We would like to note the following, as the City has formulated a specific plan as to how to proceed with Governing Body meetings for the foreseeable future:

The OPMA, as amended, authorizes governing bodies to conduct public meetings through use of streaming services and other online meeting platforms. The City will utilize Zoom video conferencing, which also provides a dial-in feature if residents would prefer to participate by phone rather than video, as well as teleconferencing for those who wish to connect by phone only.

The City will continue to rely on the procedures currently in place for public comments directed to City officials during all meetings. **There will be no change to the City's public comment policy for virtual meetings.**

The City, at all times, will act within the requirements of the OPMA for meetings conducted during this public health emergency so that the City government can continue to provide services to the community, and the public can continue to participate and provide comments, without interruption.

VII. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- a. Community Advisory Team Presentation – Paul Kuhl & Sarah Gold
- b. Potential Shared Services Agreement

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- c. Budget Plan

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES

- a. BUSINESS UPDATE – Councilwoman Urbish
- b. CENSUS – Councilman Sanders
Cut and paste this link in your browser:
<https://2020census.gov/?msckid=d5669b5e0b1d1fd97e13c5343c771c39>

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. CONVENIENCE CENTER HOURS: The Public Works Department will be open for residents to drop off leaves and brush as follows:
- b. September Hours:
 - i. Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 9 am to noon;
 - ii. Wednesday, September 16, 2020 from 3 to 5 pm
- c. October Hours:
 - i. Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 9 am to noon;
 - ii. Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9 to noon;
 - iii. Wednesday, October 21, 2020 from 3 to 5 pm;
 - iv. Wednesday, October 28, 2020 from 3 to 5 pm

For additional information, please visit the city's website at:
<https://lambertvillenj.org/newsfeed-pages/389-the-city-of-lambertville-convenience-center>

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC CONCERN

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XI. CLOSED SESSION: *A Resolution to go into Closed Session to discuss Anticipated Litigation Involving the City, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:4-12(b)(7)*

XII. RESOLUTION

“A Resolution to go into Closed Session to discuss Anticipated Litigation Involving the City, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:4-12(b)(7)”

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lambertville is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that a closed session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by N.J.S.A 10:4-12(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lambertville that a closed session shall be held on September 1, 2020, via Zoom, to discuss the following matters: *Personnel Issues Related to the Business Administrator Contract and also Shared Services Contract with the Borough of Flemington.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Lambertville Mayor and City Council.

ADOPTED:

Mayor Fahl and City Council convened in closed session at _____ p.m. with a motion made by ____ and seconded by _____. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Fahl and City Council re-convened in regular session at _____ p.m. with a motion made by ____ and seconded by _____. An affirmative voice/roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

C: Department Heads, City Attorney, City Engineer, Posting on the bulletin board at City Hall, the exterior glass doors by the elevator room at City Hall, on the exterior glass door of the Justice Center, the website (www.lambertvillenj.org) and notice was sent to the Democrat, the Trenton Times, various individuals on the list serve, Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce listserv, and the Bucks County Herald.