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Historic Home of Gravel Hill  
Est. 1815

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**CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2:00 PM.  
FLEMINGTON CITY HALL • 156 OLD SUNBURY RD.  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PERSON

Present at City Hall: Mayor Paul Hawkins  
Mayor Pro Tem David Edwards ("MPT")  
Councilman Larry Logan  
Councilman Hasit Patel  
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley  
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk  
LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: Councilwoman Rene' Harwell  
Councilwoman Gail Evans  
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

1. The special called meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2:01 p.m. in the Council Room at Flemington City Hall. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. MPT Edwards presented the Council with the current ordinances regarding alcohol sales with suggested amendments. After short round-table discussion, the consensus of the Council was:

<b>ALCOHOL CLASSIFICATIONS</b>
Class 1 - Hotels
Class 2 - Restaurants
Class 3 - Recreational Facilities/Venues
Class 4 - Clubs, Lounges, Bars (or similar)
Class 5 - Retail & Package Stores
Class 6 - Special Event

- a. Businesses that serve alcohol will close at 1:00 am. with only a single owner allowed to occupy the building after that time to clean.
- b. Exempted from 1:00 am. close time were Classes 1 and 5.
- c. Allow Sunday sales from 12:30 pm. to 11:30 pm. for Classes 1 and 5.
- d. Any business found in violation of the city alcohol ordinances would be brought before the Council for punitive action based on the violation specifics vs. a set, tiered punitive schedule.

In addition to the alcohol ordinance proposed amendments, MPT Edwards inquired if thoroughfare using all-terrain vehicles ("ATV's") was an issue. Councilwoman Smiley responded that for the Tranquil South Home Owners Association ("HOA"), the culprit of this is usually children out playing.

Mr. Jeff Ricketson with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") was in attendance and stated that his office would assist in the verbiage for the proposed alcohol ordinance amendment and present the results of the discussion at the next Council meeting in ordinance format.

3. Councilwoman Smiley brought a copy of a portion of Tranquil South's HOA rules regarding street parking. She stated that Tranquil South residents were largely not utilizing their garages for parking and the result of that was street parking and parking on the sidewalk. LT Gallob was in attendance and stated that he would research procuring "stickers of shame," a light-hearted term for the sticker placed on a vehicle window when it is improperly parked or as a tow notice, as parking on a sidewalk is against state law. LT Gallob was also tasked to inquire with the Magistrate court to determine if they would be open to ordinance violation enforcement cases regarding Flemington ordinance §70-20 - On-street parking - which is prohibited from midnight to 0700.

Another side discussion was the need for possible planned unit development ("PUD") ordinance updates for builders which could possibly include mandatory overflow parking, a community park/playground area, and utilize speed humps or traffic calming techniques.

4. Council briefly viewed the new city website.
5. Executive Session - Not needed
6. *MPT Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.*