
MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 21, 2020

TO: Donna Rendeiro, Executive Director Office of Planning Advocacy

FROM: James M. Oris, PE, PP, CME, CPWM
Ashton Jones, PP, AICP, CFM

SUBJECT: Council Meeting Summary - June 22, 2020
RVE# 1506T085

The Mayor and Council held a public hearing to consider and solicit public comment on the proposed amendment to the State Development and Redevelopment Plan Map in order to complete the final phase of the Manitou Park Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan.

In addition to the Mayor, Council and Township professionals, those from the public in attendance included Mike McNeil, the Toms River Housing Executive Committee Chair for the NAACP New Jersey State Conference; Glen McDonald, the Executive Director for Homes for All; and Donna Rendeiro, the Executive Director of the Office of Planning Advocacy.

A brief presentation was made by Jim Oris, Director of Planning, and Ashton Jones, Senior Planner with Remington and Vernick Engineers.

This presentation was followed by comments from Mayor Amato and Mr. McNeil, who indicated their support for the requested change.

Councilwoman Noonan, who has been an advocate of the project for many years, expressed frustration with traffic in the area (specifically the light at Railroad Ave and Dover Rd) and requested that Berkeley Township and South Toms River discuss collaboration and possible mitigation efforts.

Mr. Oris closed the comment portion of the hearing by providing a quick overview and indicating that this amendment is just one of many steps being taken proactively by the Mayor and Council to address ongoing planning issues as related to biennial reporting requirements (required as a part of the Township's Plan Endorsement).

The meeting concluded with no additional public comment. Due to Covid-19 and the fact that some participants would be uncomfortable in a public setting, the Township provided residents with the opportunity to submit additional comments after the meeting's closure. No additional comments were received.