

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act: A notice of the meeting has been published in the Asbury Park Press, Star Ledger and the Link News, posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Borough Hall, and posted to the Borough website. Public Comment is welcome at any time.

Mayor Talerico opened the Workshop at 7:05pm, noting the Borough's compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr.,
Councilmembers Danielle M. Jones, David Gindi (by phone), Meir Araman, Carl Lawson, Candance Faust
ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia, Borough Clerk Martin
ABSENT: Council President Virginia M. East
The Flag Salute was led by C/Jones

2. CANNABIS MICRO LICENSING CLASS 5 (C/GINDI)

Councilmember Gindi asked Council to consider adding a Micro License to Class 5, and to look at the licensing fee at about \$5,000 per Micro Business. Councilmember Jones commented that when the AD-HOC Committee met, they discussed presenting a group of recommendations to the Governing Body so they can make an ordinance amendment. Councilmember Jones then commented on the Zoning Officer's concern that if the Borough increases the number of dispensary licenses to five for Class 5, the locations will still need to be ancillary streets of Industrial Way. Councilmember Jones further commented that the Council will need to look at the zoning of where they can have Micro Businesses. Mayor Talerico commented on the requests for Micro Businesses, the \$5,000 application fee request, the consideration of locations, and would like the ordinance to be clear that if a business owns multiple licenses, the gross sales of everything will still equal the 2% fee to the Borough. Councilmember Araman shared he is not aware of an issue for the 2% fee. Mayor Talerico explained further. Councilmember Araman asked if the only thing the Ordinance is missing is the Micro License Class 5. Councilmember Jones responded that there are a lot of recommendations for amendments to the ordinance and explained some recommendations. Mayor Talerico summarized Councilmember Jones and Councilmember Gindi's requests. Councilmember Jones explained she had instructed the public members that attended the Cannabis Industry Subcommittee meeting to submit any recommendations they have for the ordinance. Mayor Talerico and Councilmember Jones asked Councilmember Gindi what his thoughts were. Councilmember Gindi explained again he would like to add the Micro Licenses to Class 5 and lower the application fee to \$5,000. Mayor Talerico asked for a consensus of the Council for a packet to be put together for all changes. Councilmembers agreed. Councilmember Araman asked beside the location, what else did the committee members want to add to the ordinance. Councilmember Jones responded.

Mayor Talerico opened the Workshop Meeting to the public.

No comments were made.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

Consensus of the Governing Body was to move Closed Session from the Regular Meeting to this portion of the Workshop Meeting.

3. CLOSED SESSION

A. Resolution 40-2024

- 1) Attorney Client Privilege – Liquor Licenses
- 2) Attorney Client Privilege – Cannabis
- 3) Personnel – Committee Appointments
- 4) Personnel – Borough

Mayor Talerico noted the Council would not act on the items in Closed Session.

Attorney Bayer read the resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION 40-2024

AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., a municipality may exclude the public from a meeting of the Municipal Council where the Council intends to discuss certain matters for which privacy is needed in order to protect the public interest or certain enumerated private interests; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown to discuss in session not open to the public certain matters that are required by law to be confidential, more specifically: 1) Attorney Client Privilege – Liquor Licenses; 2) Attorney Client Privilege – Cannabis; 3) Personnel – Committee Appointments; 4) Personnel – Borough

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the minutes from the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown do hereby authorize the above-referenced executive session to be held closed to the public, on Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

Motion to enter into closed session by C/Jones; seconded C/Lawson

Voice Vote: AYE - C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust
ABSENT - C/East

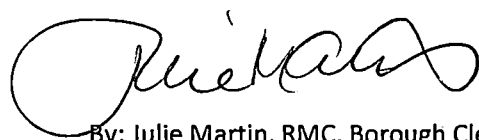
Council entered Closed Session at 7:18pm

Council returned from Closed Session at 7:40pm

4. ADJOURNMENT – 7:41pm

Motion to adjourn by C/Jones; seconded by C/Lawson

Voice Vote: AYE - C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust
ABSENT - C/East



By: Julie Martin, RMC, Borough Clerk

Exhibits are on file in the Borough Clerk's Office, according to the NJ State Records Retention Schedule established by NJSA 47:3-15 et seq and approved by the State Records Committee. Audio is available on the Borough website.

Approval 02/14/2024