MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN, COUNTY OF HUDSON, MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN SAID TOWNSHIP ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH 2026

CONVENED: 7:00 PM

Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilpersons , Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Absent: None

Mayor Turner: The notice requirements provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in the Annual Notice which was adopted by the Township Council on **December 22ND 2025.** Said Resolution was transmitted by the Township Clerk and a notice is posted in the Council Chambers of this Municipal Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

DISCUSSIONS FROM OFFICIALS:

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Faye Boatright ***9 Bellevue Terrace***

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None to be heard

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Sosa introduced the following resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that **ERIKA ZUCCONI**, of 45 Hudson Place, Weehawken, be, and he is hereby, reappointed to serve as a Weehawken-designated commissioner of **THE NORTH HUDSON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY** [NHSA] for a five (5) year term to begin immediately upon adoption of this Resolution, and expiring on June 30th 2028, or as may otherwise be provided by the governing documents of the NHSA or by law.

On motion by Councilman Sosa, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilman Curtis introduced the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the Township of Weehawken ("Weehawken") is the owner of the real property located at 4500-4504 Park Avenue, Weehawken (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, WDYC, LLC d/b/a JZT Dance & Yoga the Township of Weehawken (the "Township") occupies a portion of the Property as a tenant on a month-to-month basis; and

WHEREAS, WDYC, LLC d/b/a JZT Dance & Yoga has occupied the Premises since 2015, and was party to a long-term lease agreement at the time the Township took ownership of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the Property is not needed for a public purpose and therefore seeks to enter into a lease agreement with WDYC, LLC d/b/a JZT Dance & Yoga for those portions of the Property consisting of the ground floor commercial spaces located within the Property with the address at 4500 Park Avenue ("Corner Store Front Unit A" with "Adjoining Space"), ("Center Basement") and ("Six Parking Spaces") collectively referred to as "the Premises"; and

WHEREAS, the WDYC, LLC and the Township have reached an agreement with respect to the WDYC, LLC's leasing of the Premises as a tenant; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to authorize the actions necessary to confirm that agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken, that the Township hereby confirms its agreement with WDYC, LLC for the payment of rent to the Township for the Premises, from and after September 1, 2024 to present, and for a lease term of ten (10) years commencing on the April 1, 2026, with an option to renew thereafter unless either party notifies the other of termination on at least ninety (90) days' notice prior to the then expiring term, at the rental rate of Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($3,000.00) per month, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a Lease or Rental Agreement, a draft of which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk, along with any and all other documents and/or agreements necessary to implement the intent and purposes hereof, all in final form satisfactory to the Mayor in consultation with the Law Department.

On motion by Councilman Curtis seconded by Councilwoman Lavagnino, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret read the following resolution;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the acquisition of **AMMUNITION and Related Supplies** for **THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY** of the Township of Weehawken; and

WHEREAS, many of these items can be acquired from **ATLANTIC TACTICAL, INC.** through the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Purchasing Contract ("**Middlesex Cooperative Purchasing Contract**"), to which the Township is a party, under **State**

Contracts # NJSTART 17-FLEET-00787 and **17-FLEET-00732** without the necessity of public bidding, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12), and the balance of the items are below the bidding/quote thresholds; and

WHEREAS, the maximum cost of this acquisition is **$15,182.78**, as shown on the attached Quotation QTE75-000004363-2 from ATLANTIC TACTICAL, INC., dated February 12, 2026. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township has certified as to the availability of certain listed equipment totaling $14,257.43 through the Middlesex Cooperative Purchasing State Contracts identified above, and the balance in the amount of $925.35 is below the bid/quote threshold, and that sufficient funds are available for this acquisition in account # [Current Fund], as evidenced by the attached Certificate(s) of Availability of Funds and of State / Co-op Purchasing Contract Items; and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, more particularly, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.9, require that an acquisition under State Contract as an exception to the public bidding laws be authorized by a resolution of the Township Council,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that the Township Manager and CFO are hereby authorized and directed to prepare, approve and forward Purchase Order(s) to **ATLANTIC TACTICAL, INC.** for the acquisition of AMMUNITION and Related Supplies for THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY as more particularly shown in the specified Quotation and as described above, in the total amount of $15,182.78.

On motion by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret, seconded by Councilwoman Lavagnino, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilman Sosa read the following resolution;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the acquisition of **UNIFORM APPAREL, PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ACCESSORIES** for **THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY** of the Township of Weehawken; and

WHEREAS, these items can be acquired from **SOME'S WORLD-WIDE UNIFORMS, INC.** through **The Bergen County Co-operative Pricing System**, to which the Township belongs, Co-op Contract #BERGEN BID BC CO-OP #24-43 ("Bergen Cooperative Purchasing Contract") without the necessity of public bidding, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12); and

WHEREAS, the maximum cost of this acquisition is **$69,493.90**, as shown on the attached Quotation Q114253 from Some's World-Wide Uniforms, Inc., dated February 21, 2026. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township has certified as to the availability of such equipment totaling $69,493.90 through the Bergen Cooperative Purchasing Contract identified above, and that sufficient funds are available for this acquisition in account #__[Capital Fund]__, as evidenced by the attached Certificate(s) of Availability of Funds and of State / Co-op Pricing or Purchasing Contract ["State Contract"] Items; and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, more particularly, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.9, require that an acquisition under State Contract as an exception to the public bidding laws be authorized by a resolution of the Township Council,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that the Township Manager and CFO are hereby authorized and directed to prepare, approve and forward Purchase Order(s) to Some's World-Wide Uniforms, Inc. for the acquisition of UNIFORM APPAREL, PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ACCESSORIES and Related Supplies for THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY as more particularly shown in the specified Quotation and as described above, in the total amount of $69,493.90.

On motion by Councilman Sosa, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilwoman Lavagnino read the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has requested that the Township Council approve **Change Order #2** [attached hereto] for the project known as **Fulton Street, Columbia Terrace and Hudson Place Improvements**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is satisfied, based upon the review, report and recommendations of the Project Engineer, that the work encompassed by the said Change Order was not reasonably foreseeable at the time this contract was awarded; that the work is necessary and desirable and cannot be made the subject of separate bids without unreasonably compromising the construction project; that the price for the Change Order work is fair and reasonable; and that the said Change Order otherwise complies with the Local Public Contracts Law and Regulations, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township has determined that sufficient funds are available to fund such Change Order, in account # 1998006194 as evidenced by the attached Certificate of Availability of Funds or, if said funds have not been budgeted, or if this project is to extend beyond the said fiscal year, the Council intends to make appropriate provision in the 20265-2026 and other fiscal year budgets to fund this project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the of the Township of Weehawken, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the following Change Order, with reference to the project known as FULTON STREET, COLUMBIA TERRACE AND HUDSON PLACE IMPROVEMENTS (Contractor – D.L.S. Contracting, Inc.; and Engineer - Boswell Engineering), is hereby approved:

Change Order #2 for $17,052.05

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Township Manager be, and they are each hereby authorized, and either may execute and deliver an appropriate amendatory contract or change order work authorization(s) for the work to be performed thereunder, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk, and which is incorporated herein by this reference, subject to the approval of the Township Law Director as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the prior contract sum of $1,245,441.10 (original contract amount $1,219,726.70 as amended by Change Order #1), is hereby amended to the new contract sum of $1,262,493.15 as a result of this change order, subject to any necessary approval by the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Transportation.

DATED: March 11, 2026

On motion by Councilwoman Lavagnino, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret read the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the Township has been experiencing emergency needs for extraordinary Snow Clearing and Removal Services due to extreme Winter weather in the 2025-26 Winter Season; and

WHEREAS, these are emergent matters since the nature of the conditions affects the public health, safety and welfare of the Township residents, property owners and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the contracts in question under this Resolution is $532,697.50 and the request for acquisition of such emergency services has been made to the Finance Department by the Township Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township has certified that sufficient funds are available for the payment thereof in account # 740022680, as evidenced by the attached Certificate of Availability of Funds, or if said funds have not been budgeted, the Council intends to make appropriate provision in the 2025-2026 and other fiscal year budgets to provide for these payments; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Emergency purchases and contracts" without competitive bids and the contract(s) themselves, if any, must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has stated that these events and this situation meet the statute and regulations governing the award of said contracts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken that the invoice(s) of **J&G Cruz Trucking LLC, Filco Industries, Inc., Plescia Building, Maintenance & Repair, Inc.** and of **Montana Construction Corporation, Inc.** for **EMERGENCY SNOW CLEARING and REMOVAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES** be and are hereby approved, and the Township Manager is hereby authorized, upon fulfillment of any and all conditions, to arrange for payment of the invoice(s) from the said contractor(s) for the goods and services supplied for the following amounts:

J&G Cruz Trucking LLC	-	$ 232,925.00
Filco Industries, Inc.	-	$ 48,347.50
Plescia Building, Maintenance & Repair, Inc.	-	$ 165,600.00
Montana Construction Corporation, Inc.	-	$ 85,825.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the payment of such invoice is conditioned upon each of the respective contractors delivering to the Township Clerk all original, completed documents in proper form and content as may be necessary for its compliance with any and all applicable Public Contact laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to affirmative action, prevailing wage, Business Registration and Public Works Contractors Registration.

DATED: March 11, 2026

On motion by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret, seconded by Councilman Sosa, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

Councilman Sosa read the following resolution;

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN SUPPORTING THE IMMIGRANT TRUST DIRECTIVE TO PROTECT NEW JERSEY'S IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, New Jersey is one of the most diverse states within a nation of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, nearly one (1) in every four (4) New Jerseyans is an immigrant; and

WHEREAS, over 10% of New Jersey's U.S. citizen children live with at least one undocumented family member; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Weehawken's diverse immigrant communities are an integral part of the thriving local economy and the vibrant cultural scene characteristic of the Township of Weehawken, (the "Township "); and

WHEREAS, since 2019, the Immigrant Trust Directive ("ITD") has enabled our immigrant communities to live without fear of interactions with law enforcement, to come forth if they are the victim of a crime, and not be subject to separation from their families; and

WHEREAS, public officials agree that the ITD has kept our communities safer and reflects the value of New Jersey's immigrant communities, be they documented, undocumented, TPS holders, Dreamers, or otherwise; and

WHEREAS, the 10th Amendment to the United States Constitution clearly states the federal government cannot compel state and local governments to enact or administer functions of the federal government, which include immigration enforcement; and further, that State and local governments are free to refuse requests to do so, and to prohibit employees from assisting in federal enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Weehawken seeks to establish limitations on the use of Town property, buildings, parking lots, parking ramps, vacant lots, and garages by federal, state or local government entities and/or agencies; and

WHEREAS, no federal, state, or local government entity or personnel is authorized to use any Township-owned or Township-controlled property including any building, parking lot, parking ramp, vacant lot, or garage as a staging area, processing location, operations base, or any other similar use for civil immigration enforcement operations within the Township of Weehawken; and

WHEREAS, "staging area" means an area that is used to assemble, mobilize, and/or deploy vehicles, equipment, or materials, and related personnel for the purpose of carrying out civil immigration enforcement operation; and

WHEREAS, no federal, state, or local government entity and/or personnel shall be authorized to enter, remain in, or conduct any civil immigration enforcement activity on any Township -owned or Township-controlled property, unless same is required by law or pursuant to a valid judicial warrant; and

WHEREAS, Township of Weehawken employees, contractors, and/or agents shall not voluntarily assist, facilitate, or cooperate with federal, state, or local government entities or personnel with any civil immigration enforcement activities conducted on Township-owned, leased, or operated buildings, facilities, or property, including granting access to non-public areas or providing space or resources, except where such assistance is required by law; and

WHEREAS, Township of Weehawken employees, contractors and/or agents shall be prohibited from sharing any information received during the course of their employment with federal, state, or local government entities or personnel in connection with any civil immigration enforcement activities regardless of location, as such information is confidential pursuant to their employment with the Township of Weehawken; and

WHEREAS, the Township acknowledges and supports the Immigrant Trust Directive No. 2018-6 which limits the participation and cooperation by the Township of Weehawken Police Department with federal agencies in connection with civil immigration enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, officers with the Township of Weehawken Police Department are directed to continue to uphold and enforce the laws of the State of New Jersey as well as the State and Federal Constitutions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Weehawken authorize support for the Immigrant Trust Directive No. 2018-6 to protect the immigrant communities within the Township of Weehawken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Township Clerk are authorized to take such other steps as are necessary to effectuate the purposes as set forth in this Resolution.

Date: March 11th 2026

On motion by Councilman Sosa, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri-Ehret, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On motion by Councilman Sosa , seconded by Councilman Curtis , all bills found to be correct and properly audited with all proper exemptions and recusals be paid provided funds are sufficient and appropriated.

Ayes: Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Nays: None

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SITTING AS LOCAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Sosa, Silvestri-Ehret, Lavagnino, Curtis, Turner
Absent: None

Present:
Lisa Barratta- Counsel for Licensee
Tracy Denton- Counsel for buyer

Councilman Sosa read the following resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by the ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION of the Township of Weehawken, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey ["ABC Board"], that:

License #	**0911-36-031-10**
Issued to	John Westergom, Court Appointed Receiver for Harbor Boulevard Restaurant LLC
Trading as	Sheraton Lincoln Harbor Hotel & Jack Austin's Eat & Drink
For Licensed Premises located at	500 Harbor Boulevard, in the Township of Weehawken
Be and it is hereby transferred to	**Weehawken Holdings LLC**
Trading as	**Sheraton Lincoln Harbor Hotel & Beneci's D'Italia Cucina**
For Premises located at	500 Harbor Boulevard, in the Township of Weehawken; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ABC Board finds as follows:

1. that the application is substantially complete in all respects; and
2. the New Jersey Department of the Treasury has issued the necessary Sales Tax Clearance Certificate with respect to the license listed below; and

3. based upon the sworn statements of the applicant and police investigations conducted to date, the applicant and the premises are qualified for licensure in accordance with N.J.S. Title 33 and other applicable laws and regulations; and

4. that there was found no objection to the disclosed source of funds used for the acquisition of the licensed business, including all financing obtained in connection therewith; and

5. that the police investigations and return of FBI fingerprint check(s) of the applicant have been returned without disqualifying objection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this transfer is effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution, and the license expires according to law on June 30, 2026, and is further subject to revocation, suspension or modification in accordance with law upon the return of any outstanding or additional police investigation, based upon discovery of any information which would disqualify the licensee or for any other lawful reason.

Motion to reconvene as Township Council- So moved

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

At this time Mayor Turner asked the public if anyone wished to address the Council;

Faye Boatright	***9 Bellevue Terrace- Low credit rating, transparency, no starbucks Municipal elections, potholes,***

There being no further business to come before the Township Council, motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn. So moved.

Mayor Turner announced the next Regular Meeting will be held on March 25th 2026

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 PM