The meeting was called to order by Council President Marjorie Fox at 7:30 PM. The City Clerk then read the following notice:

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the City Clerk in the preparation of the Council Annual Meeting Notice of Closed Session and Regular Meetings, dated January 2, 2020 which set forth the date, time, and place of this meeting and by properly posting such notice and forwarding the notice to those designated newspapers and the persons requesting meeting notices. Please be further advised that the FIRE EXITS are to my RIGHT your left, and at the BACK OF THE ROOM.

Please be further advised that the City has an Assistive Listening System for the hearing impaired. We have three (3) assistive hearing devices. If anyone needs them, please raise your hand and the device will be brought to you. Please return them to the City Clerk or leave them with the Police Dispatcher.”

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers Bowman, Hairston, Little, Naidu, O’Sullivan, Vartan and Council President Fox.

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance were Mayor Radest and staff members Michael Rogers, City Administrator; Paul Cascais, Eric Evers, Tammie Baldwin, Rosemary Licatese, Robert Weck and Matthew Giacobbe.

Minutes of this meeting are recorded on CD #2020-03.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

William Rapp, Past Commander - American Legion, Lindsey Street Post 322

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular and Closed Session Meetings of January 21, 2020 - Upon motion of Councilmember Naidu, duly seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved.
REPORTS

Items/issues noted hereunder, if any, reflect those recommending and/or needing action by City department(s) or at a future council meeting.

- Mayor, City Administrator and Council President

PRESENTATIONS

Summit Arts Committee Report – The Promenade Fountain, A Jewel in the Rough – Past Co-Chairs Vivian Furman-Rubin, 10 Fernwood Road, & Estelle Fournier, 115 Maple Street, gave a slideshow presentation, which is attached hereto, and then responded to comments and questions.

Councilmember Naidu:

1. Public art is an experience for the community.
2. Expressed support for a permanent installation of art at the Promenade.
3. Agreed that Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) should contribute to the cost of the artwork.
4. Arts Committee should explore the availability of grant money and private/public partnership.
5. The City should invest in the aesthetics of the town, not just brick and mortar.

In answer to a question from Councilmember Little, Ms. Fournier advised that the Arts Committee made a presentation to SDI regarding the Promenade art proposal and is awaiting input from SDI.

In answer to a question from Mayor Radest, Ms. Furman Rubin advised that if the Arts Committee is unable to get a commitment from all three stakeholders, the Arts Committee may not be able to move forward with the proposal.

Council President Fox expressed her support of the proposal and commented that a permanent art installation at the Promenade would create a special attraction for the downtown.

Four Chaplains Day - Henry Bassman, 18 Hartley Road and Commander of the American Legion, Lindsey Street Post 322, gave a slideshow presentation which is attached hereto.

After the presentation, Past Commander William Rapp, 31 Dale Drive, spoke of the War Veterans monument at the Village Green and medallions/medals of honor and further commented as follows:

1. Refurbishment of the monument necessary and funding is needed because the monument is badly deteriorated.
2. Recalled comments made by former Council President in 2019 in support of the City providing funding for the refurbishment.

Councilmember Naidu agreed with Mr. Rapp's recollection and reiterated similar comments that the City must honor those who served and that he supports a proposal to refurbish the structure.
Mr. Rapp advised that the City would receive the proposal before Memorial Day.

Councilmember Hairston advised of her support of such a proposal and shared fond memories of her father’s membership in the American Legion, Lindsey Street Post. She spoke of the parades she witnessed as a child in Summit and that the Post was originally an African American membership.

Commander Bassman stated that the American Legion Lindsey Street Post is all inclusive and is for all Vets.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

RESOLUTIONS
(Resolutions, which were not identified on the agenda as same, do not appear in the minutes in the actual order in which they were addressed at the meeting, but under the proper committee heading after those that were on the agenda. Those with the name of another committee in italics after it indicate the other committee might have had some input.)

The respective Committee Chairman, Committee member, or Councilmember, as indicated for the Committee, introduced the following resolution(s) and on motion, duly seconded and on roll call, unanimously adopted or adopted by the vote shown, if any:

FINANCE
39194 1. Authorize Transfer of Appropriations - Operating Budget

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Vartan
SECONDER: Bowman
AYES: O'Sullivan, Bowman, Fox, Hairston, Little, Naidu, Vartan

39195 2. Amend Temporary Municipal Operating Budget
39196 3. Authorize 2020 Financial Services in Excess of $17,500.00 - Municipal Auditor - Wielkotz & Company, LLC Not to Exceed $66,000.00
39197 4. Authorize 2020 Legal Services in Excess of $17,500.00 - Bond Counsel - Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP - Not to Exceed $60,000.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES
39198 1. Authorize City Engineer To Execute 2020 NJDEP, NJDOT, State of New Jersey & Union County Permit Applications on Behalf of The City
39199 2. Authorize Submission of Tree City USA Recertification Application & Annual Accomplishment Report
39200 3. Authorize Professional Services Agreement in Excess of $17,500.00 - 2020 City Forester Services - Not to Exceed $55,000.00 and Reduce Professional Liability Insurance Requirement
LAW & LABOR

39201 1. Authorize Amendment to Joint Meeting Compensation Contract re Contribution to Summit Area Public Foundation (SAPF)


CONSENT AGENDA

Staff reports are attached, as appropriate, when resolution is not self-explanatory. Matters authorizing action, licenses, or granting permission have met all department qualifications.

Before a vote was taken for the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Little wished to emphasize the importance of reducing and reusing recyclables due to the market climate drastically changing, referred to Resolution #39205, below.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Naidu
SECONDER: Vartan
AYES: O'Sullivan, Bowman, Fox, Hairston, Little, Naidu, Vartan

CAPITAL PROJECTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

39203 1. Authorize Bid Advertisement - Summit Safe Streets to Transit Project

39204 2. Authorize Bid Advertisement - 2020 Sanitary Sewer Clean & TV

39205 3. Authorize Bid Advertisement - Curbside Collection and Marketing of Recycling Materials

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARKING SERVICES

39206 1. Authorize Conference Attendance - International Parking and Mobility Conference and Exposition (IPMI)

39207 2. Authorize Conference Attendance - New Jersey Recreation & Park Association (NJRPA)

FINANCE

39208 1. Authorize Payments - 2020 Joint Meeting Quarterly Assessments - $2,076,864.00

39209 2. Authorize Payments - 2020 Shared Dispatch Center Quarterly Assessments

39210 3. Authorize Payments - Union County Purpose Tax and Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Taxes - 2020 First and Second Quarters

39211 4. Authorize Refund Overpayment of 2019 Taxes

39212 5. Authorize Refund Overpayment of 2019 Taxes

39213 6. Authorize Refunds - Department of Community Programs
FINANCE

39214  7. Authorize Parking Refunds - Summit SmartCard, Prepaid Parking, and Overnight Parking Permits

39215  8. Authorizing Payment of Bills - $777,283.44

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS/NEW BUSINESS

Items/issues noted hereunder, if any, reflect those recommending and/or needing action by City department(s) or at a future council meeting which are not already being addressed by a committee.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING - Upon motion of Councilmember Hairston, duly seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalia M. Licatese, City Clerk

MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

1. Summit Public Arts Committee Presentation - The Promenade Fountain, A Jewel in the Rough - Past Co-Chairs Vivian Furman-Rubin and Estelle Fournier

2. The Four Chaplains Day Presentation - Henry Bassman, Commander - American Legion, Lindsey Street Post
The Promenade Fountain
A Jewel in the Rough
Estelle Fournier and Vivian Furman-Rubin
Summit Public Art

Promenade Fountain

- Significant signature piece located in urban park in central downtown business district
- Heavily trafficked gathering space for multi-use activities
Fountain: Art Installation Goals

Enhance overall Promenade “presence” and visual vibrancy!
- Part of Promenade transformation
- Fountain becomes beautiful, impactful focal point
- Looks great in all seasons
- Retain overall structure and integrity of original fountain

Key Benefits for Community

- Enhances Summit’s downtown and builds community pride
- Positive impact for local businesses
  - Draw for residents, shoppers and visitors
  - Summit’s downtown is a destination: a “total experience”
- Expands Summit’s art scene; Summit is a cultural hub

Fountain - Current Negatives

- The consensus: current structure would benefit from enhancement
- Lacks color, especially in winter
- Current structure discolored over time
- Missing medallions
- Not in keeping with Summit’s image: vibrant and beautiful small city

The Fountain, What Would it Be?

- Beautiful, with broad-based appeal (e.g., “Silver Sentinel” tree)
- Permanent art installation
- Ceramic mosaic tile - resistant to stains and water. Traditionally used for fountains, pools, public baths throughout history
- Installation incorporated into current structure - wall facing the Promenade
Examples

MTA Art - 66th Street-Lincoln Center Station - Artist Nancy Shapiro.

Train Station, Larchmont, N.Y. - Artist Joy Taylor (left)
Public Fountain in Austin, Texas - Artist Deborah Goletz (right)

City of Walnut Creek, California - Artist Jason Middlebrook
Implementation

SPA to lead in art selection and art management
- Total Timeframe: Start to Finish approximately 2-3 years

Early Stage Activities:
- Launch Task Force to manage project
  Includes City, SPA, SDI, and other potential stakeholders
- Formal assessment assuring fountain structurally and mechanically sound

FUNDING

- Estimated Cost: $75K – 100K
- Requires Partnership between City of Summit, SPA, and, optimally, Summit Downtown Community (SDI)
- Cost sharing assumptions:
  - Maximum cost 105K (including lighting)
  - City contribution at least 35K
  - SDI contribution at least 35K
  - SPA's contribution not to exceed 35K

SPA's Assumptions

- SPA lead in art selection and art management
- City and, optimally, SDI (or other stakeholders if applicable) are committed to funding their share of the art installation as specified on prior page
- Each partner responsible for raising its agreed upon share of the art installation
- Early Stage Activities: start in near future; optimally 2020

In Summary...

The Time is Right!
The Four Chaplains Day Presentation
Henry Bassman, Commander - American Legion,
Lindsey Street Post
February 4, 2020 Council Meeting

The Four Chaplains

George L. Fox
Methodist Minister

Alexander D. Goode
Rabbi

Clark V. Poling
Reformed Church in America Minister

John F. Washington
Catholic Priest

C.S.S. brave

The Four Chaplains