# TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON COUNTY OF SALEM SPECIAL MEETING QUINTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING September 18, 2024

Call to order at 4:00pm by Mayor Sperry

Pledge of allegiance

Open Public Meetings Act

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Advanced notice of this meeting was given by way of a notice sent to the South Jersey Times, Elmer Times, was posted on the website and bulletin board located in the lobby of the Quinton Township Municipal Building.

Roll Call Mayor Sperry, Deputy Mayor Hannagan, Committeeman Owens, Clerk Uzdanovics, Solicitor Vigilante

## ORDINANCE TO BE INTRODUCED

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06A**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-06 GRANTING A UTILITY EASEMENT TO ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY AFFECTING BLOCK 23, LOT 1 and BLOCK 14 LOT 2

WHEREAS, the Township of Quinton is the owner of the real property known as Block 23, Lot 1, and Block 14 Lot 2 located at on Main Street and Quinton Alloway Road (hereinafter the "parcel").

WHEREAS, Atlantic City Electric Company presently has electrical poles located in the right of way on the parcel.

WHEREAS, Atlantic City Electric Company is in the process of replacing and relocated poles for the purpose of the New Jersey Economic Development Agency Windport project.

WHEREAS, the Township of Quinton previously adopted Ordinance No. 2024-06 on September 3, 2024, granting a utility easement to Atlantic City Electric Company for the installation, operation, and maintenance of utility infrastructure within certain public lands located within the municipality ('Original Easement"); and

WHEREAS, the Original Easement by and between Owner and ACE, dated September 3, 2024 and recorded at the Salem County Clerk's Office in Book 4706, Pages 611 et seq.

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-06, it has been determined that the relocation of certain utility poles (AR6 and AR7) from the original location as depicted on Exhibit A to the Original Easement within the easement area is necessary for reasons related to the location of other utility lines or easements; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic City Electric Company has requested an amendment to Ordinance No. 2024-06 to authorize the relocation of said utility poles within the existing easement area; and

WHEREAS, the municipality, in coordination with Atlantic City Electric Company, and its municipal engineer, has reviewed the proposed amendments and finds that the relocation of utility poles within the easement area is in the best interest of the public, ensuring continued provision of utility services while accommodating existing utility easements and other public utilities; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the previous ordinance to formalize the approval of the proposed relocation and ensure that the utility easement reflects the updated plans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton, County of Salem, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, or her designee, is hereby authorized to execute and record such utility easement agreement and associated documents as may be necessary to provide the easement described above.

SECTION 3. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remaining portions of the Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent such inconsistency.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as required by law.

Motion

#### RESOLUTIONS TO BE APPROVED

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-93**

AN RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON APPROVING THE RELOCATION OF THE ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY POLES AR6 AND AR7 WITHIN THE EASEMENT GRANTED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

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WHEREAS, Atlantic City Electric Company has requested an amendment to Ordinance No. 2024-06 to authorize the relocation of said utility poles within the existing easement area; and

WHEREAS, the municipality, in coordination with Atlantic City Electric Company, and its municipal engineer, has reviewed the proposed amendments and finds that the relocation of utility poles within the easement area is in the best interest of the public, ensuring continued provision of utility services while accommodating existing utility easements and other public utilities; and

WHEREAS, the previous ordinance will be amended to formalize the approval of the proposed relocation and ensure that the utility easement reflects the updated plans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton, County of Salem, and State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
- 2. The Relocation of Atlantic City Electric Company poles AR6 and AR7 as depicted on the Amended Easement attached hereto as Exhibit A is approved.
- 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

# **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-94**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b permits a public body to go into a closed session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters as follows:

(1) Matters Required by law to be confidential: Any matter which by express provision of the Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

- (2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair the right to receive federal funding.
- (3) Matters involving individual privacy: Any matter, the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as records, data, reports, recommendations or other personal material of any education, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including, but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned.
- (4) Matters pertaining to a collective bargaining agreement: Any matter involving a collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.
- (5) Matters relating to the purchase, lease acquisition of real property or investment of public funds: Any matter involving the lease, purchase or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.
- (6) Matters of public protection: Any tactic and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection.
- (7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege: Any matter of pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in (4) above in which the Township is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise ethical duties as a lawyer.
- (8) Matters relating to the employment relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of , promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all of the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed in public.
- (9) Deliberations after public hearing. Deliberations by the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in a civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit of a responding party; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is necessary to go into a closed session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Quinton that the Committee will go into closed session to discuss the following, in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, after which it will reconvene in the public:

# 7. Attorney Client/Potential Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of the closed session will be made available to the public when the need for privacy no longer exists.

Ed Counsellor asked if the zoning officer could send a letter for a limb that is blocking the sidewalk and flashing cross walk light.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrington asked to join the recreation commission

The committee when over the Safety issues for the Crossing Guard post at Rt 49 and Robinson St.

The committee discussed the Clerical Assistant & Crossing Guard positions to be filled

Solar information from to be sent to the solicitor and Deputy Mayor Hannagan. There being no further business motion to adjourn

## Open to the public

Ed Counsellor said tires are on 6 Sickler and they are bringing them in He also asked to get quotes for dirt on Gravelly Hill Road.

Marty Uzdanovics Municipal Clerk