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### **Mayor and Council Initiating Remote Community Meetings by Video Conference**

SUMMIT, NJ, July 7, 2021 – Beginning in September 2021, Summit Mayor Nora Radest and members of Common Council will host quarterly community meetings by video conference to allow the public to participate remotely in conversations with members of the governing body on municipal matters that are important to them. Each meeting will last approximately one hour and include the mayor and three councilmembers. The link to the meeting will be posted on the city website a few days prior to the meeting.

The plan to begin the remote conferences was announced by Council President Marjorie Fox at the July 6 meeting of Summit Common Council.

“Creating connections within our community and establishing channels to increase participation in the democratic process is essential to creating a community that belongs to everyone,” explains Mayor Radest. “I look forward to participating with council in these ongoing remote conversations.”

Participation in public meetings by video conference began during the COVID-19 health pandemic. Council returned to in-person meetings on June 1, 2021.

Mayor Radest continues: “Officials are looking into how we may initiate a hybrid meeting format and what the cost to taxpayers would be to implement that technology in the Council Chamber.”

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