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## News Release

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### **Summary of May 16 Council Meeting Actions by Council President Greg Vartan**

SUMMIT, NJ, May 17, 2023 – At the meeting on Tuesday, May 16, Mayor Nora Radest reported that the annual Memorial Day parade will begin at 10AM on Monday, May 29, culminating on the Village Green with a ceremony and spoke about registration deadlines for the June 6 Primary Election. City Administrator Michael Rogers reported that summer hours begin for City Hall offices on Friday, May 26. City Hall offices will be open Monday through Thursday from 8AM to 4:30PM and on Friday from 8AM to 1PM until Labor Day. Administrator Rogers also reported on several upcoming events hosted by the Department of Community Programs, including the AAPI event this Saturday, May 20, Summit Has Pride on June 2, and the Juneteenth celebration on June 17.

During his report, Council President Vartan thanked Councilmember Susan Hairston for running the meeting on May 2 while he was travelling. He also highlighted the City of Summit's recent Arbor Day ceremony that celebrated Summit's 28th year as a Tree City, USA. He also reported that the paving of Summit Avenue is tentatively scheduled to begin the week after Memorial Day. This work will be completed by Union County, and when a start date is confirmed, it will be communicated by the city Communications Office.

Council held hearings on the municipal, parking, sewer, and special improvement district budgets. Hearings featured several productive comments and questions from members of council and the community and budgets were adopted unanimously. Several parking-related ordinances were introduced. These would provide for resident commuter parking in the Post Office lot, increase non-resident commuter parking fees, establish a reservation platform, change parking times on Morris Avenue between Elm Street and Maple Street and remove restriction for pre-paid employee parking there, and increase street meter fees as well. Hearings for all of those ordinances will be held at the next council meeting on Wednesday, June 7.

Council considered and adopted a number of other resolutions. These included personnel-related resolutions declaring a vacancy and extending sick leave with pay for employees in the Department of Public Works, a bid was awarded for the city's annual micro-surfacing program, additional locations were authorized for the Hometown Heroes banners, and a special event parking fee was established for the LPGA Golf Tournament being held in Springfield in June.

There were several public comments, including one complaint about the upcoming Summit Has Pride event. Council President Vartan states: "I am thrilled that Summit will host our fourth celebration of pride this year. Summit is stronger because we celebrate our diversity and proudly proclaim that we are a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive community. I look forward to joining in the festivities on June 2 and hope to see you there."

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