

**MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**July 2024**

**RESOLUTION POSTING REPORT**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**

**TCR071124-01 of 02 through TCR072524-01 of 01 (4 pages)**

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*[Recorder's Note: Per TCR081414-03 of 15, FIP, LRA and 14-day waiver language have been removed from Tribal Council Resolutions moving forward.]*

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

**1) Tribal Council Regular, Special, Strategic Meeting, E-Mail or Conference Call Votes**

In some instances, a Tribal Council Member may have been in attendance at a meeting, but was not present at the time the vote was taken.

**2) *Two (2)* Executive Resolutions were approved during this Resolution Summary Report period.**

**[Recorder's Note: Attachments referred to within these resolutions are attached to the original Resolution, but are not attached to this Resolution Summary Report.]**

*[Please note the following standard four WHEREAS Clauses are contained within every Resolution]:*

**The Mashantucket Pequot Tribe (the "Tribe") also known as the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation (the "Tribe") is a federally-recognized, Indian Tribe; and**

**The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Council (the "Council") is the duly-authorized Governing Body of the Tribe pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, and is a federally-recognized, Indian Tribal Government; and**

**The Mission Statement of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation pursuant to TCR022499-01 states, "...the ultimate goal is to protect and advance the Sovereign Rights of the Tribal Nation in order to build and preserve a cultural, social and economic foundation that can never be undermined or destroyed."; and**

**The Mission Statement of the Tribal Council, as amended pursuant to TCR011410-03, is to preserve, protect and advance the Mission Statement of the Tribe for the benefit of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation; and**

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**071124TCM**

**Call to Order: 9:02 a.m.**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE:**

**Present: Butler, Cluff, Pearson, Menihan, Scott**

**Present/Tardy: Reels (Excused-9:11 a.m.)**

**Absent: Whipple (Excused)**

**TCR071124-01 of 02-Approval of the MPTN Department of Housing (“DOH”) Open House Rules and Regulations (Ratifies HC060624-01 of 01).** [Vote: 7 NUKS (YES) (Butler, Cluff, Pearson, Reels, Menihan, Whipple, Scott)]. **WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council acknowledges the necessity for organized and considerate management of open houses in Mashantucket to safeguard the privacy, security, and cultural values of our community; and **WHEREAS**, the Housing Committee has recommended in HC060624-01 of 01 (*Exhibit A*) that the Tribal Council approve the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation Department of Housing (MPTN DOH) Open House Rules and Regulations (*Exhibit B*), which sets forth detailed guidelines on attendance, photography restrictions, enforcement, and other necessary regulations. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby ratifies HC060624-01 of 01 (*Exhibit A*), and approves the Housing Committee’s recommendation to approve the MPTN DOH Open House Rules and Regulations (*Exhibit B*), effective upon the approval date of this Tribal Council Resolution. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the implementation of these Rules and Regulations shall be overseen by the MPTN DOH, ensuring that all Tribal Members and their guests are fully informed and compliant with these Rules and Regulations during any open house hosted by the MPTN DOH in Mashantucket. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council directs the MPTN DOH to include the MPTN DOH Open House Rules and Regulations in all future Silent Auction mailings. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council Secretary will share the MPTN DOH Open House Rules and Regulations on Pequot at Home. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, this Resolution affirms our commitment to protecting our tribal lands and the privacy of our community members, while allowing for structured and respectful visibility of open houses in Mashantucket in accordance with the MPTN DOH Open House Rules and Regulations.

**TCR071124-02 of 02-Approves Funding for Indigenous Foodways Summit.** [Vote: 7 NUKS (YES) (Butler, Cluff, Pearson, Reels, Menihan, Whipple, Scott)]. **WHEREAS**, the Tribe, through the MPTN Department of Agriculture (the “Department”), is hosting and co-sponsoring the United South & Eastern Tribes (“USET”) Indigenous Foodways Summit (the “Summit”) from July 30 through August 1, 2024, and **WHEREAS**, the Summit will promote indigenous foodways and cultural knowledge exchange through hands-on learning opportunities, seminars, and other events; and **WHEREAS**, USET will be contributing approximately \$116,000.00 to pay for various expenses relating to the Summit; and **WHEREAS**, as part of the Summit, the Tribe will be hosting traditional indigenous dinners featuring: (i) Sherry Pocknett, a James Beard Award-winning chef and member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, with a cost of \$6,480.00 (plus travel and incidentals), and (ii) Crystal Wahpepah, a member of the Kickapoo Nation of Oklahoma, with a cost of \$14,750.00 (plus travel and incidentals); and **WHEREAS**, the Tribe and USET will be equally splitting the cost of \$11,043 for Joshua’s Limousine to transport Summit guests to various locations for events on and around the Reservation; and **WHEREAS**, because these expenditures are not in the Department’s budget, the Department is requesting Council allocate funds for the foregoing costs plus \$5,350.00 for additional incidental costs the Department expects to incur in connection with the Summit; and **WHEREAS**, a waiver of the 14-day advance submission requirement and the 30-day advance agenda approval mandate pursuant to TCR112101-02 of 03 is needed to address the issue on today’s Tribal Council Agenda. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Council hereby waives the 14-day advance submission requirement and the 30-day advance agenda approval mandate approved in TCR112101-02 of 03 to allow this issue to be addressed in a timely manner. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Council authorizes the Department to spend up to THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$32,102.00) to be used in connection with the Summit as set forth above, provided all expenditures shall be accompanied by itemized receipts and submitted to the Finance Department, and provided further that any incidental/contingency spending must be approved by the Department Director prior to being committed or spent.

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**071624REGMTG (NO RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED)**

**Call to Order: 1:11 p.m.**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE:**

**Present: Butler, Cluff, Pearson, Reels, Menihan**

**Present/Tardy: Scott (Excused-1:13 p.m.)**

**Absent: Whipple (Excused)**

**071824TCM (NO RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED)**

**Call to Order: 9:04 a.m.**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE:**

**Present: Butler, Cluff, Pearson, Reels, Menihan, Whipple**

**Absent: Scott (Excused)**

**072524TCM**

**Call to Order: 9:09 a.m.**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE:**

**Present: Butler, Pearson, Reels, Menihan, Whipple**

**Present/Tardy: Scott (Excused-10:21 a.m.)**

**Absent: Cluff (Excused)**

**TCR072524-01 of 01-Appointment of Christopher Moore, Jr. to the Community Planning Committee for a One (1) Year Term (Amends TCR061324-07 of 10).** *[Vote: 6 NUKS (YES) (Butler, Pearson, Reels, Menihan, Whipple, Scott) 1 ABSENT (Cluff)].* **WHEREAS**, the Mashantucket Pequot Community Planning Committee (the "Committee") is the duly authorized Standing Committee of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe; and **WHEREAS**, there are currently four (4) member vacancies and one (1) alternate vacancy on the Community Planning Committee; and **WHEREAS**, the Committee has been unable to conduct official business due to the lack of a quorum, delaying Committee operations; and **WHEREAS**, Tribal Member Christopher Moore expressed interest in joining the Committee via email on Thursday, May 30, 2024; and **WHEREAS**, the Committee Chairwoman desires to appoint Christopher Moore as a Member of the Community Planning Committee for a term of one (1) year; and **WHEREAS**, per TCR061324-07 of 10, (*Exhibit A*) the Tribal Council appointed Christopher Moore to serve as a Member of the Community Planning Committee for a one (1) year term; and **WHEREAS**, TCR061324-07 of 10 incorrectly referenced the Public Safety Committee, which was a clerical error. **THEREFORE, E IT RESOLVED**, for clarification, the Tribal Council hereby appoints Christopher Moore, Jr. to the Community Planning Committee, effective June 13, 2024.