

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
November 24, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Yassin, Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Shehady, Borough Clerk Borghi and Attorney Evans.

*Meeting held via video/telephone conference due to Governor's Executive Order.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Mayor Menna requested the minutes reflect that, in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 (Open Public Meetings Act), notice of this meeting has been provided by notifying the Asbury Park Press, the Two River Times and the Star Ledger and by placing a notice on the bulletin board and filing same with the Borough Clerk on December 11, 2019.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

No one appearing Councilman Ballard offered a motion to close the public comment, seconded by Councilman Yassin.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

MINUTES & REPORTS

Regular Meeting minutes of 10/14/2020

Councilman Yassin offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None.

There being six ayes, no nays and one abstention, the motion was declared approved.

Regular Meeting minutes of 10/28/2020

Councilman Yassin offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Triggiano.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None.

There being six ayes, no nays and one abstention, the motion was declared approved.

Executive Session minutes of 5/27/2020, 6/17/2020, 7/1/2020, 7/22/2020, 8/5/2020, 9/9/2020, 9/23/2020, 10/7/2020* and 10/28/2020**.

Councilwoman Triggiano offered a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None.

There being six ayes, no nays and one abstention, the motion was declared approved.

* Councilman Yassin abstained from approval of 10/7/2020 Executive Session meeting minutes.

** Councilman Ballard abstained from approval of 10/28/2020 Executive Session meeting minutes.

ORDINANCES - Public Hearing/Adoption:

None.

ORDINANCES – First Reading:

None.

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Menna called for a motion to approve the following resolution en masse:

- Resolution 20-260: Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$3,298,726.89.
- Resolution 20-261: Resolution Authorizing Resolution of the Borough of Red Bank to Refund Developer’s Escrow Account Balances
- Resolution 20-263: Resolution Adopting the Monmouth County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Resolution 20-264: A Resolution to Establish a Fair and Open Process for Awarding of Certain Contracts for the 2021 Calendar Year
- Resolution 20-265: Resolution Authorizing Amendment of the Borough’s Professional Services Contract with Gene J. Anthony, Esq. to Authorize Not to Exceed Amount of \$15,000 for Rent Leveling Board Attorney Services
- Resolution 20-266: Resolution Authorizing Amendment of the Borough’s Professional Services Contract with the Weiner Law Group, LLP to Authorize Not to Exceed amount of \$100,000 for Labor Counsel Attorney Services
- Resolution 20-267: Resolution Authorizing Amendment of the Borough’s Professional Services Contract with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. to Authorize Not to Exceed Amount of \$60,000 for Municipal Bond Counsel Attorney Services
- Resolution 20-268: Resolution Authorizing Amendment of the Borough’s Professional Services Contract with CME Associates to Authorize Not to Exceed Amount of \$60,000 For Municipal Engineer Services
- Resolution 20-269: Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Regular Crossing Guards for the 2020-2021 School Year
- Resolution 20-270: Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 Related to the Contract with Lima Charlie Construction for the White Street Improvements Project.
- Resolution 20-271: Resolution Ratifying and Confirming the Appointment of an Administrative Assistant
- Resolution 20-272: Resolution Ratifying and Confirming the Appointment of a Public Works Worker

Councilman Yassin offered a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Ballard*, Yngstrom, Zipprich* and Horgan.

NAYS: None.

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Councilmen Ballard and Zipprich said they were voting nay on Resolution 20-266.

There being four ayes and two nays, that resolution was declared approved.

BY VOICE VOTE:

20-262 Mayor Menna read, “Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of Not Exceeding \$5,885,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020, Consisting of \$2,664,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2020 and \$3,221,000 Parking Utility Bonds, Series 2020, of the Borough of Red Bank, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Determining the Form and Other Details of Such Bonds, and Providing for the Sale of Such Bonds to the Monmouth County Improvement Authority Pursuant to the Authority’s 2020 Pooled Governmental Loan Program.”

Councilman Ballard offered a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None.

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Menna wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and congratulated each person who had been up for election and had recently been certified by the Monmouth County Board of Elections. He thanked everyone who had been involved to make the downtown pedestrian plaza a success.

Councilman Yassin also congratulated those who had been elected. He said he was looking forward to offering the program next year and said they would try to improve it. He added that he thought the general concept was phenomenal. He again thanked the Departments that had been involved with making it happen.

Councilwoman Horgan reported that she had spoken with resident Wayne Wooley, who was a journalism teacher at the Communications High School in Wall. She said, for one of the units of his class, he had asked his students to attend a Council meeting. She said she believed the students and the teacher were present at the electronic meeting. She welcomed them to the meeting. She said Mr. Wooley had said he felt it would be interesting for the students to hear the perspective of an elected official and had asked her to join a class. She said it had been a very interesting give and take. She reviewed items from that discussion. She noted that the high school students would be getting college credits for the class. She asked if Mr. Wooley was on the line.

Mr. Wooley said the students would be writing a report on the meeting and the Council for having them.

Councilwoman Horgan said she was very excited about the class and said they wanted to ensure a free press, one of the foundations of the democracy. She said had told the students that they would be responsible for a press that was factual, honest and open.

Councilman Ballard wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. He said he wanted to give a shout out to the Red Bank Housing Authority and their commissioners. He said they would be applying for 40 additional Section 8 vouchers that would be specifically earmarked for families in need who had a disabled person in the house. He said they would look within Red Bank and, once they had served all that they could serve, they would start looking outside of Red Bank. He said he also wanted to remind the Council that seven of the eight commissioners that sit on the Board were appointed by the Governing Body. He reviewed the membership and added that there were more great things that he could not wait to share. He said, once the additional vouchers were approved, he would report back to the Council.

Councilman Zipprich also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and urged everyone to stay safe and stay healthy. He noted the number of new COVID cases in the Borough and stressed the importance of diligence. He reviewed a list of safe activities and events offered by RiverCenter over the holiday season including the annual holiday tree lighting. He said the district was urging people to shop local and shop small.

Councilwoman Triggiano also praised the downtown plaza and parklets programs she said was a small silver lining during COVID. She said she looked forward to all of the ways they were going to make it better. He congratulated Jack Welsh as an incoming member of the Fire Department. She also urged everyone to stay safe adding that this was not the year for large gatherings. She said in addition to the many other events coming up, the Fortune House would be holding Black Saturday on November 28 from noon to 4pm. She urged everyone to attend and support local artisans. She said purchases would support the Fortune House.

Councilman Yngstrom also wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. He also urged everyone to be safe in their gatherings. He reported that the Parks & Recreation Department would be holding a clothing drive and said they would also be conducting a Holiday Home Decorating contest. He said the Department would also be offering calls from Santa and gave information on that program.

Mayor Menna said, in light of the remarks of Councilman Yassin and Councilwoman Triggiano regarding the plaza and dining experience in the Broadwalk, which he said he felt the program had been an extraordinary success, he noted the area had made news throughout the world regarding an unfortunate incident that had transpired with the Governor. He said he had received several calls from news outlets and that he had made clear that the opinions stated by two people were not in any sense the opinions or beliefs of the residents and visitors of Red Bank. He said he had also spoken with the Governor who he said had been gracious and understanding.

DISCUSSION & ACTION

Mayor Menna read requests from Jack Welsh and Kate Triggiano to join the Westside Hose Company of the Red Bank Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilwoman Horgan made a motion to approve the requests, seconded by Councilman Yassin.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None.

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Governmental Issues, 5 Minute Limit)

Stephen Hecht—135 Branch Avenue—said he wanted to mention to the Council and to the public that the Library had won an award. He noted there had been 129 submissions for Capital Improvement awards with 38 libraries being awarded monies. He said the Library has received its full request of \$150,000 to be used for improvements to the library. He thanked the volunteers and the outstanding staff.

Councilwoman Horgan thanked him for reporting the information and said she had been remiss in not doing so. She also thanked him for acknowledging the staff and Board members.

No one else appearing, Councilwoman Triggiano made a motion to close the Public Comment period, Councilman Yassin seconded.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None.

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20-273 The Borough Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss Contract Negotiations (Solid Waste).

Councilwoman Triggiano offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Yassin.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Triggiano.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Borghi