

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
AUGUST 15, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, and Horgan.

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

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 June 13, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

18-214 Mayor Menna read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss Potential Litigation; no action to be taken.

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Councilman Ballard.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

Councilman Yngstrom offered a motion to adjourn from executive session and to resume the meeting, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

Presentation by Red Bank Regional Superintendent

Dr. Louis Moore, Superintendent of Red Bank Regional School District, review the upcoming referendum slated for a vote on December 11, 2018. He explained that there were two questions on the referendum that would seek approval for funding for two projects. He said the first would be for building improvement needs and a new roof. He said the second question was regarding funding for a turf field, concession stand and restrooms. He introduced Board member Frank Neary who explained that the additional classrooms would enable them to bring in more tuition students and reviewed the benefits of those types of students.

Councilmembers asked questions about the specifics of the proposed projects and the tuition program.

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to resume the regular order of business, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

WORKSHOP

NJ Compassionate Use Marijuana Act

Mayor Menna reviewed the resolution on the agenda regarding this matter. He noted that the resolution would not create any zones or parameters but would leave up to the Council to determine in what areas that could be designated.

Workshop Meetings

Mayor Menna reminded the Council of the Workshop meeting scheduled for August 29. He clarified that it would be open to the public but would be for workshop items only. He asked that any Councilmembers who wanted to add discussion items to forward them to the Administrator.

Councilman Zipprich asked the Administrator to confirm that the purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items such as resolutions/ordinances, etc.

Administrator Shehady confirmed that was correct and that there would also be presentation of month reports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 27, 2018

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Yngstrom

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ordinances on First Reading and Resolutions Only

Mayor Menna opened the public comment portion of the meeting and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Sean DiSomma—142 South Street—asked about the bond that was being voted on and asked if it was for Tower Hill and Chestnut Street regarding wells.

Mayor Menna asked if he was referring to Ordinance 2018-21.

Mr. DiSomma said he was.

Administrator Shehady said the purposed of the Ordinance was to reallocate soft costs such as professional services. He said the project was being scaled back to fit within the budget with feedback from the Environmental Commission and the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Mr. DiSomma asked if it was a new bond.

Mr. Shehady again noted it was a reallocation of funds from a bond done in 2014.

Mr. DiSomma apologized and said he was actually referring to Resolution 18-195.

Mr. Shehady explained that those resolutions were not bonding but were refinancing. He said this was regarding loans that had been taken out in the past and that they were going from short term to long term. He said, after a certain amount of time, they had to make that switch over.

Mr. DiSomma asked if any of those bonds had been recalled.

Mr. Shehady said they had not.

Mr. DiSomma asked what the interest rate was that they had been paying and what they would be paying.

Mr. Shehady said he did not have that information.

Mr. DiSomma asked if anyone had that information.

Mayor Menna said the CFO did but she was not present.

Rowan (Aliyah Sauer)—Red Bank—read a prepared statement in favor of the Alternative Treatment Centers (ATC) and criticized the application process for permits for the centers due to the fact that the work “qualified” was not defined.

Councilman Yngstrom clarified that the Borough of Red Bank would not be accepting the applications for the ATCs but that would be done by the State and they had sole discretion. He said the resolution they were considering would support State expansion.

Mayor Menna agreed and said the comments would be better directed to the State Regulatory because the Borough had no jurisdiction over it.

Jeffrey Oakes—60 Pemberton Avenue, Oceanport—also spoke in favor of the resolution. He reviewed the medical benefits of marijuana including his own personal experience. He applauded the Council for taking action.

Ben Forest—16 Locust Avenue—said he was proud that the Council was acting on the resolution.

Cindy Burnham—71 Wallace Street—asked about Ordinance 2018-21. She said she was curious if it was the original bond put out for Bellhaven in 2014 for \$600,000.

Administrator Shehady confirmed that it was.

Ms. Burnham asked how much had been spent.

Mr. Shehady reiterated his earlier answer that it was reallocating soft costs and hard costs and would not spend any more money or incur any more debt.

Sanjay Chaudhari—Randolph, NJ—spoke of his history with cannabis and thanked the Council for considering the resolution. He criticized the use of the term “marijuana” and said the scientific name of “cannabis” was preferred. He said he was hoping apply for one of the permits and offered suggestions for improvement in the industry.

William Poku—90 Bank Street—asked about Resolution 18-197 regarding a Cedar Crossing foreclosure.

Mayor Menna reviewed the resolution that he said would preserve the Affordable Housing status of the reference property.

Mr. Poku said the NAACP would like to be notified when these types of situations arise.

No one else appearing, Councilman Ballard offered a motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Ballard reported that the Finance Committee had not met due to various issues but he hoped to meet in the next week or so and would have a report at the next meeting. He said he was the liaison to the Red Bank Housing Authority and said he had attending a meeting in June. He said they were working on improving Affordable Housing. He said it was a necessary goal and that he was proud to be a part of it. He also reported on a shared services forum scheduled for September 15 at the Middle School from 8:30 am to 12 noon. He said it would be facilitated by Government Strategy Group. He said there was no cost to the Borough and the event would include stakeholders from across the County. He said they were looking for ways to improve efficiency and reduce cost.

Councilman Zipprich thanked the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) staff, the Department Heads and the Administrator for their efforts at Borough Hall. He said the East Bergen Road Project was underway and asked everyone to obey the detours. He thank everyone in advance for their patience and thanked the DPU staff and Engineer Neumann for their efforts on the project. He also thanked RiverCenter Director James Scavone for the successful Indie Street Film Festival. He noted RiverCenter would be relocating their offices to a street level location on Broad Street and reviewed their most recent Strategic Planning Session.

Councilwoman Horgan reported that there had been a second film festival held at the Two River Theater the previous weekend. She also reported that a Dog Days event had been held on 8/6 in Marine Park and said supplies had been collected for animal advocate groups.

Councilman Yngstrom reported that there were two performances left for the Jazz in the Park series and also reviewed upcoming movies. He said there would be a Red Bank Rocks event on 8/24 at 6pm in Riverside Gardens Park and reported on an upcoming Camp Out event.

Councilman Whelan congratulated the Police and Fire departments for the recent successful National Night Out event.

Councilman Taylor said a Code Committee meeting had been scheduled for the previous week but said it had been cancelled due to issues with the Municipal Building. He said the Environmental Commission/Green Team was continuing to work toward Silver status. He also noted there was a resolution on the agenda tonight to recognize “green” businesses and said he encouraged more to participate in the program.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Menna read a communication from Red Bank Animal Welfare Advisory Committee regarding Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) informational program scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7pm.

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to acknowledge receipt of the communication, seconded by Councilman Yngstrom.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read the following requests which had been recommended for approval by the Special Events Committee. (All approvals subject to final plan review by Special Events Committee.)

- Request from Jersey Shore Ghost Tours to hold walking tours on Fridays and Saturdays from August 17 through November 9, 2018.
- Request from Navesink Hook and Ladder Company to close Mechanic Street on Sunday August 26, 2018 from Globe Court to Broad Street from 1pm to 6pm for celebration in recognition of 50 year member.
- Request from the Baraka Johnson family to hold their annual Neighborhood Block Party on Sunday September 2, 2018 from 10am to 10pm and to close Leighton Avenue from Locust Avenue to Herbert Street from 9:30am to 10pm with a rain date of September 3, 2018.
- Request from Monmouth County Clean Energy to hold a march on Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 10am to Noon from Riverside Gardens Park to Maple Avenue to Monmouth Street to Broad Street ending in Marine Park for estimated 50-100 participants.
- Request from residents of Elm Place to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 22, 2018 and to close Elm Place in it’s entirely from 2pm to 11pm.
- Request from Red Bank Classic 5K Run to reserve date only for June 15, 2019 with detailed plan to be submitted and reviewed by Special Events Committee for further recommendation.
- Request from Boondocks Fishery to use six parking spaces in Marine Park for their “Strut Your Mutt” dog event on Sunday, September 9, 2018 from noon to 4pm.

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to approve the requests, seconded by Councilman Yngstrom.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2018-22 Mayor Menna read “An Ordinance Amending Borough Code Chapter 118: “Police Department” to Include New Article V: “Police Chaplain” and Setting the Qualifications, Duties, Rank and Salary, Term of Office, and Appointment Requirements Therefor.”

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to approve the introduction of the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing and Final Adoption

2018-21 Mayor Menna read, “Bond Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance Number 2014-8 Finally Adopted on April 9, 2014, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey and further Amended by Bond Ordinance Number 2014-11 Finally Adopted on May 14, 2014, to Increase the Total Section 2:20 Costs by \$150,000 from \$450,000 to \$600,000.”

Mayor Menna opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak.

No one appearing, Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Whelan.

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

Councilman Ballard offered a motion to approve the adoption of the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

RESOLUTIONS

18-195 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of Not Exceeding \$1,825,000 Water Utility Bonds, Series 2018, of the Borough of Red Bank, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, and Providing for their Sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and the State of New Jersey Pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2019 New Jersey Water Bank. "

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-196 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Loan Agreements to be Executed by the Borough of Red Bank in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey and each of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and the State of New Jersey, Acting by and through the Department of Environmental Protection, and further Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Escrow Agreement, all Pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2019 New Jersey Water Bank."

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Ballard.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-197 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Authorizing the Borough's Redevelopment Attorney to Enter into a Consent Order Preserving the Affordable Housing Restrictions Recorded on 24 Cedar Crossing, Unit 16) Block 75.07, Lot 1-CO16), Red Bank, NJ Notwithstanding Pending Foreclosure Proceedings."

Councilman Ballard offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Yngstrom.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-198 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Fixing Compensation of Certain Offices, Positions and Employees of the Borough of Red Bank.

Councilman Ballard offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-199 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Regular Crossing Guard(s) for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-200 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Appointing Special Law Enforcement Officers Class II.

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Yngstrom.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-201 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Ratifying the Appointment of Part-Time Parking Enforcement Officers.

Councilman Yngstrom offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Whelan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-202 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Ratifying the Appointment of John Drucker as Acting Construction Official from November 29, 2017 to March 13, 2018 and Confirming Salary.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-203 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Supporting the Expansion of the New Jersey Compassionate Use Marijuana Act.

Councilman Yngstrom offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-204 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a New Jersey Department of Transportation—Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA-SETASIDE) Grant Application for the Shrewsbury Avenue Streetscape Project.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-205 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Authorizing the Reduction of the Performance Guarantee Posted by Fortune Square, LLC for 94 Drs. James Parker Boulevard, Block 75.01, Lot 86.

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-206 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantee Posted by Union Street Village, LLC for Block 9.01, Lot 24.

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-207 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantee Posted by Lolich Red Bank, LLC and Mark Development, Inc. for Walgreens, 395 Broad Street, Block 120, Lot 53.09.

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-208 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a – Police Vehicles. (A Resolution to repeal and replace resolution No. 18-189)

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-209 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Requesting Approval of Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation According to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – Clean Communities Fund, in the amount of \$21,388.61

Councilman Taylor offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Yngstrom.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-210 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Requesting Approval of Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation According to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – U.S. Older American Title III B Funding, an additional Award of \$2,923.00

Councilman Taylor offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-211 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Recognizing Participants in the Municipal Green Business Recognition Program

Councilman Taylor offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-212 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Honoring Frederick D. Wikoff III on his 50th Anniversary in the Red Bank Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-213 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Authorizing Place-to-Place Expansion of Premises Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1340-33-026 (Chubbys Waterside Café, Inc. t/a 26 West on the Navesink).

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Yngstrom.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

PROCLAMATIONS

None

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

18-215 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$4,625,046.69."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Ballard said he wanted to stress that, in regard to the ordinance and resolution on this agenda, there was no additional bonding.

Councilman Whelan praised the service of Fire Department member Fred Wikoff on his 50 years of service

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE

William Poku—90 Bank Street—said the NAACP had been involved in Affordable Housing issues in other communities. Reviewed past and recent efforts by the organization and offered paperwork with background information. He read a statement regarding housing issues in town and said he was attending this meeting to request a formal response to a 2016 press release sent by the NAACP.

Mayor Menna said they would get an answer from the Attorney because it was in litigation.

Ben Forest—16 Locust Avenue—said he had been distressed to hear about the problems at the Municipal Building mentioned in Councilman Zipprich's report earlier. He said he would be interested in hearing more about it and would also like to hear any final report on the matter.

Mayor Menna said there would be a final report but it was premature to discuss at this time. He reviewed actions that had been taken over the past week and said a claim had been filed with the insurance company. He said a final report would be forthcoming and commended everyone on their efforts.

Sean DiSomma—142 South Street—asked if any Council members recalled when they had received the first draft of the management report earlier this year.

Mayor Menna said he did not recall the date.

Mr. DiSomma asked if it was significantly before it was released to the public such as three to six months.

Mayor Menna said he did not think it was months.

Mr. DiSomma said the report was dated May of 2018 and asked for a status update on several items in the report. The first item he asked about was the proposed Charter Study.

Mayor Menna said no Council member had brought that forward so, as far as he was concerned, there was no Charter Study.

Mr. DiSomma asked if the Council would talk about it.

Mayor Menna noted any Council member could bring up any matter.

Mr. DiSomma asked specific Council members if they were just ignoring the report. He asked why they were ignoring the number one item in the report.

Mayor Menna disagreed that it was the number one item.

Mr. DiSomma said it was mentioned first.

Mayor Menna said that did not mean it was the number one item. He said it was one of a myriad of recommendations.

Mr. DiSomma asked who had been assigned responsibility for development issues.

Mayor Menna said the entire Council was reviewing the recommendations and said it was part of ongoing discussions.

Mr. DiSomma asked who was reviewing civilianizing certain parts of the Police Department.

Mayor Menna said they could not discuss that in the open forum because it dealt with personnel.

Mr. DiSomma asked about the recommendation to consolidate Payroll, Personnel and IT into one Department.

Mayor Menna said that was also a personnel issue.

Mr. DiSomma asked about the recommendation to consolidate Parks & Recreation and the Senior Center.

Mayor Menna again answer that that was a personnel matter. He added that there would be a full round table discussion in the future.

Mr. DiSomma said it had been three months and said he thought the report reflected poorly on the Borough. He criticized the Council for not taking action.

Councilwoman Horgan said that was not true and said the Council had been discussing those items.

Mr. DiSomma criticized the Council for not discussing the Charter Study which he again said he felt was the number one recommendation.

Councilwoman Horgan disagreed that it was the number one issue.

Mayor Menna said the report and recommendations would be implemented in substantial degrees and would be done when they were ready to release each particular recommendation. He said they had been discussing it and also said the Administrator had been working on policy issues and offering direction. He said they were very grateful for it.

Mr. DiSomma asked about a debt plan or capital planning report.

Mayor Menna said they were working on it.

Councilwoman Horgan asked Administrator Shehady to bring them up to date on various aspects of the report.

Administrator Shehady said a number of issues in the report had been addressed but said he had not prepared a list. He said he had spoken with redbankgreen.com earlier and welcomed that for the benefit of the public. He said the report did not prioritize things but did address levels of severity to some items. He said, in regard to the Charter Study Commission, one item tied into it was the adoption of the Business Administrator ordinance which the Council had done. He said that was one way to address some of the issues tied into the Charter Study Commission noting that that was not the only way to achieve that goal.

Mr. DiSomma asked if it was still likely that there would be Charter Study Commission.

Administrator Shehady said that was a legislative decision and, in response to that recommendation, the Council had adopted the Business Administrator Ordinance redefining the line of communication and the jurisdiction of the Administrator.

Mr. DiSomma asked the Council why it had taken more than three months to decide if they were going to put together a Charter Study Commission.

Mr. Shehady said, at this point, it was past the time to place that on the ballot for 2018.

Mr. DiSomma asked if they were looking at 2019.

Mr. Shehady said he could not speak to that.

Mr. DiSomma directed the question to the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Menna asked him to let Administrator Shehady finish his answer.

In regard to Redevelopment, Mr. Shehady said he was currently the point person and said he had been working with Redevelopment Counsel as well as the Mayor and Council on projects as they came along. He said one of the items to be discussed at the Workshop Meeting was the creation of another Department or Agency to address redevelopment on a more focused/aggressive basis. He also said he agreed with the Mayor that the civilianizing of the Police Department, the HR/IT/Payroll proposal, etc. were personnel matters that had been discussed as recently as that afternoon. He said the debt plan had been done and Councilman Ballard had been involved. He said it was in place but needed to be revisited. He added that two resolutions on tonight's agenda came as a result of that.

Mr. DiSomma asked if that plan would be released to the public.

Administrator Shehady said it was a working document that had not been drafted for public release but if the Council directed him to do so, he would explore it.

Mr. DiSomma asked how much debt the Borough had.

Mr. Shehady said he did not have that information in front of him.

Mr. DiSomma directed the question to Councilman Ballard.

Councilman Ballard said he also did not know off the top of his head.

Mr. DiSomma criticized him for not having the number and said it was his job.

Mayor Menna disagreed and said that it was the CFOs job and she was not present.

Mr. DiSomma asked about the recommendation to sell the Water Utility.

Mayor Menna said they had not had substantive discussions on that but they would be discussing it.

Administrator Shehady said that was a discussion for a Workshop meeting. He said it was his job to look at all of the issues in the report and phase them in gradually over the months ahead. He said it was a complicated issue.

Mr. DiSomma noted the amount of money that it could bring in.

Mayor Menna said the implementation of some of the other recommendations could be a boon to the residents and business also.

Mr. DiSomma again noted the potential amount of money the sale could bring in. He asked when the public could expect a follow up status report.

Mayor Menna said the Administrator explained that they were working on the mentioned issues and others. He said part of the reason they had adopted the Workshop strategy was to discuss public policy issues and engage the public on where they were at.

Mr. DiSomma again asked when they could expect a significant update on the progress.

Mayor Menna said they were rolling out various policies.

Allison Gregory—109 Bank Street—said she wanted to bring to the Council’s attention some issues with a property in her neighborhood. She showed the Council members a picture on her phone of the subject property and discuss dangers that it presented. She said the matter had been brought to their attention in the past and asked why it was not being addressed.

Mayor Menna said the matter had been addressed and said the matter was in Court.

Ms. Gregory disagreed that it had been addressed.

Mayor again stated that it was in litigation and said they were in court over it.

No one else appearing, Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to close the audience portion and to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Whelan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

18-216 Mayor Menna read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss Potential Litigation; no action to be taken.

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Councilman Whelan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

Councilman Yngstrom offered a motion to adjourn from executive session, seconded by Councilman Whelan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi