

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
JANUARY 22, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Menna called for a moment of silence for Public Works employee Rich Simms.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Yassin, Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, 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 December 11, 2019.

PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

No one appearing, Councilman Zipprich made a motion to close 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

Workshop Meeting Minutes of 1/8/2020

Councilwoman Horgan 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 and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Regular Meeting Minutes of 1/8/2020

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve the minutes, 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.

ORDINANCES - Public Hearing/Adoption:

None.

ORDINANCES – First Reading:

2020-01 Mayor Menna read, “Ordinance Approving a One-Year Lease Agreement for an Approximate 5,000 Square-Foot, Fenced-In Portion of Real Property Located at 208

South Pearl Street, Red Bank, New Jersey for the Public Purpose of a Police Impound Yard

Councilwoman Triggiano offered a motion to approve the introduction of the ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None.

There being six ayes and one nays, the motion was declared approved.

Mayor Menna announced the Public Hearing would be held 2/12/2020 at 6:30 pm.

RESOLUTIONS

20-38 Mayor Menna read, "Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$4,428,564.88.

Councilman Ballard offered a motion to approve the resolution, 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.

Mayor Menna called for a motion to approve the following resolutions by Consent Agenda:

- Resolution 20-39: A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee Posted by Fortune Square, LLC for 94 Drs. James Parker Boulevard, a/k/a Block 75.01, Lot 86, and Requiring the Posting of a Maintenance Guarantee.
- Resolution 20-40: Resolution Authorizing Resolution of the Borough of Red Bank to Refund Developer's Escrow Account Balances.
- Resolution 20-41: A Resolution Ratifying and Confirming the Appointment of a Full-Time Administrative Assistant.
- Resolution 20-42: A Resolution Ratifying and Confirming the Appointment of a Temporary Part-Time Clerk
- Resolution 20-43: Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 Related to the Contract with Precise Construction, Inc. for the Pearl Street Improvements Project.
- Resolution 20-44: Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Fairview Insurance Agency Associates, Inc. for Health Insurance Brokerage Services
- Resolution 20-45: Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Fairview Insurance Agency Associates, Inc. for Property & Casualty Insurance Brokerage and Risk Management Services
- Resolution 20-46: A Resolution to Authorize a Professional Services Contract with Martin Allen, Esq., Individually, and DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. for Special Counsel for Tax Appeals.
- Resolution 20-47: Resolution Appointing Lawrence W. Luttrell, Esq. as Alternate Public Defender for the Borough of Red Bank
- Resolution 20-48: A Resolution Commemorating the Centennial of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment

Councilman Ballard said he had a comment on Resolution No 20-45 regarding Risk Management Services. He said he would like to receive reports from the broker regarding updates on cases similar to reports received from other attorneys regarding ongoing cases.

Mayor Menna explained that the matters handled by the Risk Management broker were mostly standard trip and fall cases.

Attorney Cannon agreed and said the broker also handles matters such as employee training, etc. He said the case information was included on his loss report that was provided to the Council. He said the broker had offered to provide more information and said he would be happy to set something up where he could address the Council.

Councilman Ballard asked about the cases other than trip and falls.

Councilman Yngstrom said those were handled by the Joint Insurance Fund. He said the JIF would assign an attorney and they report back to the Council.

A discussion followed on the duties of each entity. Councilman Ballard requested an update from the JIF.

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to approve the resolutions en masse, 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.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Menna thanked all of the members of the Council that had been able to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr. services. He also reported that he had held his first Mayor's Office Meeting at 5:30 before the Council meeting. He said he had met with a few individuals. He said he had taken notes and would be following up. He said he had announced on Monday that he would be taking the lead in forming a Mayor's Alliance Against Hate and Bigotry in the county.

Councilman Ballard had no report.

Councilman Zipprich reported that February would be Black History Month. He said the T. Thomas Fortune Foundation would be hosting an event on 2/13 to celebrate Count Basie and reviewed his accomplishments.

Councilwoman Horgan had no report.

Councilwoman Triggiano had reported that the recently enacted ban on single use plastics would go into effect in September. She said the Environmental Commission had developed educational materials that were available in English and in Spanish. She said they had been posted on the Borough website. She said the Environmental Commission was teaming up with the Library to present information on composting and climate change. She said the group would also hold their annual Earth Day event on 4/25 at the Red Bank Middle School. She said the location offered more space and an indoor option in case of rain. She congratulated the Environmental Commission for working with the Grant Writing and Administrator to secure a grant that would provide for the installation of solar panels at Count Basie Park.

Mayor Menna said he wanted to congratulate the Chinese Government for their efforts in banning all plastic straws and reviewed alternatives to plastic straws.

Councilwoman Triggiano noted that the Borough's ordinance called for the straws to be given on request only and noted that certain people with disabilities needed them. She agreed that there were alternatives and said the price points had gone down. She said the Environmental Commission had offered to do education regarding alternatives.

Mayor Menna asked Councilman Zipprich to ask RiverCenter to remind businesses that straws should be on request only.

Councilman Yngstrom reviewed upcoming Parks & Recreation activities including a Sweetheart Dance and a ski trip. He also reported that Baseball and Softball signups were going on through the following Friday, 1/31. He said the Red Bank Business Alliance would be holding a New Flavour event on Monday, 1/27.

Councilman Yassin had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Governmental Issues, 5 Minute Limit)

Cindy Burnham—71 Wallace Street—said she had gone to the Mayor's Meeting before the Council meeting and said she had been glad to have the time to work one on one. She handed out copies to the Mayor and Council of a sign she said was in Marine Park. She said it was faded and should be replaced.

Marjorie Cavalier—1 Bridge Avenue—said she was a history teacher and had studied monuments and historic sights. She called for more walking tours and signage designating historic places.

Mayor Menna thanked her for her comments.

No one else appearing, Councilman Yngstrom made a motion to close the Public Comment, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

DISCUSSION & ACTION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20-49 Mayor Menna read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss Contract Negotiation (Endeavour Provisions) and Litigation (Crystian vs. Red Bank). No action to be taken.

Councilman Ballard offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

RESUME REGULAR BUSINESS

Councilwoman Horgan made a motion to resume Regular Business, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Governmental Issues, 5 Minute Limit)

No one appearing, Councilman Zipprich made a motion to close the Public Comment, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Yngstrom, Ballard, 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 Councilman Yassin.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi