

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
MAY 27, 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 Cannon.

*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

Resolution 20-140: Resolution Authorizing Tax Appeal Settlement Regarding Bank of America and Park Street Real Estate Co., LLC, c/o Bank of America (Tenant Taxpayer) Block 104, Lots 14 and 15, 170 Broad Street and 20 Leroy Place (Parking Lot) Red Bank, New Jersey.

Mayor Menna said Resolution No. 20-140 should be tabled because it needed to be amended. He called for a motion to table the resolution.

Councilman Ballard made a motion to table 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 and the resolution was tabled.

PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Menna read a proclamation to proclaim June 5, 2020 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Red Bank.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Mayor Menna asked if anyone from the public had any comments on any agenda items.

Stephen Hecht – 135 Branch Avenue – asked when the tabled resolution would be heard.

Mayor Menna said he recommended that it be relisted for the next meeting.

Frank Luna – JCP&L – said he wanted to let the Council know that JCP&L was at their service and wanted to credit Red Bank with being proactive during the pandemic.

Mayor Menna asked Mr. Luna to suggest that the utility offer discounts.

Mr. Luna said he would pass the suggestion on.

had recently made improvements to the facility.

MINUTES & REPORTS

Regular Meeting minutes of 5/13/2020

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.

Executive Session minutes of 1/22/2020

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

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 minutes of 2/5/2020

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Horgan

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

Executive Session minutes of 2/12/2020

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 and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Executive Session minutes of 2/26/2020

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to approve the minutes, 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.

Executive Session minutes of 3/4/2020

Councilman Ballard 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.

Executive Session minutes of 4/7/2020

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.

Executive Session minutes of 4/22/2020

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

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 minutes of 5/13/2020

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

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:

None.

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

20-135: Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$2,848,135.22.

20-136: A Resolution Amending the 2020 Temporary Appropriations

20-137: A Resolution Authorizing the Authorizing the Tax Collector to Prepare, Deliver and Process Third Quarter Estimated Tax Bills, due August 1, 2020.

20-138: A Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property

20-139: Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement Agreement with the County of Monmouth for Municipal Coronavirus Relief Fund Program

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to approve the resolutions en masse, 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 AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Menna said he wanted to thank the employees and volunteers for their extraordinary cooperation during this emergency. He noted the formation of a Downtown Reopening Committee and said he expected a recommendation to be brought up at this meeting. He again thanked everyone for their cooperation especially the citizens.

Councilman Ballard wished everyone a solemn and somber Memorial Day and spoke about the meaning of the holiday. He announced, on behalf of the Animal Welfare Committee, that the Dog Days event had been cancelled for June and said they were working with the Parks & Recreation Department to tentatively schedule the event for September 12. He also thanked Tamara Von Ouhl for her efforts with the Committee's 501c3 application. He said the Finance Committee had met the previous Saturday and had had a good discussion. He said he was looking forward to meeting with the Administrator, CFO and Mayor to go through the suggestions.

Councilman Yassin said the Downtown Reopening Committee had held their first information session with about 60 business owners. He said they had reviewed Borough operations and had reviewed health and safety guidelines with a representative of the Governor's Office. He said a member of the Senator's Office had joined as well to review Senate bills. He said there would be another information session on the following Monday and said they had received confirmation that a member of the Governor's Office would join the discussion to review the reopening plan and economic recovery plans. He said they would also have a member of the Senate Majority Office along with Borough Officials.

Councilwoman Triggiano said she had no report from the Environmental Commission, Fire or Police. She said she was happy with the progress of the reopening committee and thanked the participants. She

reviewed the goals and discussed the possibility of opening pedestrian plazas to allow for open air dining and more area space for retailers. She said they wanted to be prepared to move as quickly as possible when the businesses were ready to reopen. She stressed that the plan was in the first phase and said they would also be addressing other areas of town and businesses. She said the meeting held earlier in the day resulted in a consensus that Broad Street should be closed from Front to Wallace streets on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Monmouth Street should be closed from Broad Street to Maple Avenue on Sunday. She said they wanted to be ready as quickly as possible and asked that the closures be voted on at this meeting.

Councilwoman Triggiano made a motion to approve the closure of Broad Street from Front Street to Wallace Street and Monmouth Street from Broad Street to Maple Avenue. Councilman Yassin seconded the motion.

Mayor Menna said the vote would be taken at the end of the Council Reports.

Councilman Zipprich thanked members of the Police and Fire departments who helped to coordinate the Memorial Day remembrance. He called for recognition and appreciation for Borough employees who had been on the front line during the pandemic. He read a note received regarding a positive experience with the work of a DPW employee. He also reported that the Complete Count Committee had done a mailing the previous week which, he said, had been made possible by a grant from the Community Affairs and Resource Center. He said the mailing was in both English and Spanish. He added that the Borough's current overall participation was at 60.1 percent. He urged everyone to speak to their neighbors and encourage them to take the census. He noted that RiverCenter had recently updated their website with information about curbside pickup. He also offered an update on COVID 19 statistics. He thanked the Mayor for adding the proclamation regarding gun violence awareness to the agenda.

Councilwoman Horgan said the library staff was doing an excellent job and they were serving as a resource center. She said they were looking into curbside service. She said show offer a follow up report once the details had been refined.

Councilman Yngstrom thanked the Police and Fire departments, along with the Elks, for helping to coordinate the Memorial Day drive by parade. He said the Parks & Recreation Department was continuing to collect food, cleaning supplies and school supplies as part of the essential goods drive. He said items could be left in a bin at Borough Hall. He also reported that there would be a virtual concert on Thursday and said log in information was available on the Parks & Rec Facebook page.

Mayor Menna noted that conclude the Council reports and called upon Councilwoman Triggiano to make the motion on the matter discussed earlier.

Councilwoman Triggiano made a motion to approve the closure of Broad Street from Wallace Street to Front Street and to close Monmouth Street from Broad Street to Maple Avenue to create pedestrian plazas once businesses were allowed to reopen.

Mayor Menna said the approval would be subject to a timeframe to be set by shortly.

Councilman Yassin seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None.

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

Councilman Zipprich said he thought it was a terrific idea and asked if the matter had to go before the Special Events Committee.

Mayor Menna reviewed the individuals that would need to review the plan which he said should include the Police Chief, the Public Works Director, the Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Chief. He added that nothing was carved in stone but said the idea was to roll it out and tweak it as needed.

Administrator Shehady said he had one more matter he wanted to report to the Council. He said they had had a meeting earlier in the day regarding the White Street Improvements. He said it was a necessary improvement that was going to include street work and utility work. He said they would be putting information on the Borough website and also working RiverCenter to forward information to the businesses. He said the bulk of the project would start the following week and would include improvements to the water system. He reviewed details of the project. He said they were trying to minimize closures of White Street so as not to disrupt businesses.

DISCUSSION & ACTION

No Discussion/Action items.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Governmental Issues, 5 Minute Limit)

Victor Kuo—Temple, 91 Broad Street—asked why the Broad Street closure would end at Wallace Street and why it would not be further down like the streetfair plan.

Mayor Menna said the decision was made by consensus of the stakeholders. He said public safety issues had been raised as well as access issues.

Mr. Kuo again asked why it couldn't be done under the same plan at the streetfair.

Mayor Menna again said the decision was a consensus of the stakeholders after lots of deliberation. He again noted there were safety concerns. He also pointed out that this would be a regular closure unlike the streetfair which was only for an afternoon.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20-141 The Borough Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss possible Litigation. No action to be taken.

Councilwoman Horgan 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 motion was declared approved.

RESUME REGULAR BUSINESS

Councilman Zipprich made a motion to resume Regular Business, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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