

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK  
October 28, 2020  
6:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**ABSENT:** Councilman Ballard

\*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**

Presentations

Mayor Menna read a proclamation honoring Dena Russo, Red Bank Primary School Vice Principal, who had received the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association Visionary Leader Award and the National Association of Elementary School Principals Outstanding Assistant Principal Award.

Councilwoman Horgan read a proclamation honoring Carol Boehm, Red Bank Primary School, who had received the NJ Educator of the Year 2020 Teacher Award.

Councilman Zipprich read a proclamation honoring Kristen Maiello, Red Bank Middle School, who had received the NJ Educator of the Year 2020 Teacher Award.

Councilman Yassin read a proclamation honoring Cathy Reardon, Primary School Nurse, who had received the NJ Educator of the Year 2020 Educational Service Professional.

Mayor Menna commended the educators and said the team put together for the Red Bank education system was second to none.

Councilwoman Triggiano said her experience with the Red Bank School System had been fantastic. She reviewed the many individuals she had had positive experiences with.

Councilman Yngstrom said he wanted to echo Councilwoman Triggiano’s comments and said Red Bank had some of the best, if not the best, educators in the State. He said, while they had recognized four of them at this meeting, he said it really was a team effort.

Councilman Zipprich commended the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jared Ramage, for giving the teachers the opportunity to spread their wings and fly.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

Jared Ramage—Superintendent, Red Bank Public Schools—thanked the Council for their support of the school district and its staff and students.

Suzanne Viscomi—25 Cedar Street—said the people honored tonight were just a small snippet of the staff members that make a tremendous impact for students. She added that, even though she had not kids, she was happy to pay the school taxes because she could see the students thrive and become assets to the community. She credited the hard work of the staff and said that, for those that complained about the taxes, the district was fiscally responsible despite being short funded. She thanked the Council for recognizing the school district.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

NAYS: None

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

#### **MINUTES & REPORTS**

##### Workshop Meeting minutes of 9/23/2020

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

NAYS: None.

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

#### **ORDINANCES - Public Hearing/Adoption:**

2020-20 Mayor Menna read, “Ordinance Amending the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough to Revise Section 680-22: “Prohibited Activities” of Chapter 680: “Vehicles and Traffic” to Clarify the Definition of Head-on Parking within the Borough’s Municipal Parking Lots.”

Mayor Menna called for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

Councilman Yassin made the motion, Councilwoman Horgan seconded.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna asked if anyone would like to speak. No one appearing, Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to close the public hearing, 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.

Councilman Yassin offered a motion to approve the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

Councilman Zipprich asked that the title of the Ordinance be amend to read “Head-In Parking” rather than “Head-On Parking.”

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved as amended.

### **ORDINANCES – First Reading:**

None.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

- Resolution 20-243: Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$1,121,515.17.
- Resolution 20-244: Resolution to Award Payment of 2019 LOSAP Benefits to Eligible Members of the Red Bank Volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad
- Resolution 20-245: Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Regular Crossing Guards for the 2020-2021 School Year
- Resolution 20-246: Resolution Appointing Part-Time Parking Enforcement Officers/Special Law Enforcement Officers Class I
- Resolution 20-247: Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Construction Official Frederick Corcione
- Resolution 20-248: Resolution Ratifying and Confirming the Appointment of a Part-Time Acting Construction Official
- Resolution 20-249: Resolution Ratifying and Confirming the Appointment of a Part-Time Acting Plumbing Subcode Official
- Resolution 20-250: Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a (Police Vehicles)
- Resolution 20-251: Resolution to Authorize a Professional Services Contract with the Honorable Frank Buczynski, Jr. (Ret.) of Benchmark Legal Services, LLC for Mediation Legal Services in Connection with the Matter of Red Bank v. Riverview Medical Center, Et Al.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None.

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

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Yngstrom thanked all of the Departments that had assisted with the Halloween Parade. He said it had been a great parade but noted they had not held any of the after parade festivities due to COVID. He also reported on the Veteran’s Day Ceremony scheduled to be held on November 11, 2020

at 11 am. He noted that, if there was inclement weather, the event would most likely be cancelled rather than moving to an indoor event as they had in the past.

Councilman Zipprich congratulated Parks & Recreation Director and the Parks & Recreation staff on the Halloween Parade. He noted Election Day was the next Tuesday and urged all residents to use the drop box outside of Borough Hall to return their ballots. He said time was getting short to put them in the mail and get them to the Board of Elections by Election Day. He also noted the US was three weeks behind Europe on the COVID infection rate. He said he supported the Governor's Order emphasizing the importance for every resident and every visitor to Red Bank to mask up, wash their hands and social distance.

Councilman Yassin said the Halloween Parade had been amazing. He said he felt they had done a very good job of making sure everyone was safe. He thanked the Police and Fire Departments and the Code Enforcement Office for keeping the town safe during the pandemic. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming election and encouraged them to use the drop box. He also offered an update on the Stigma Free Red Bank initiative noting that resources would be available on the Borough website. He said he would also be reaching out to the Mayor and Council to discuss possible Borough activities.

Councilwoman Horgan reported that the Library had loads of programs that would keep both adults and children occupied. She noted they had been holding a photo contest over the last month. She said the theme was costumes and said there were many categories.

Councilwoman Triggiano had no report but said she wanted to echo the comments that the Halloween Parade had been fantastic. She said it made her proud. She noted the town had also held a National Night Out earlier in the month and was the only one in the area to do so. She reminded everyone that Halloween was on the upcoming Saturday and said she had been getting questions about guidelines and safety. She said the CDC had guidelines posted and said residents could also check the Police Department Facebook page for more information.

Councilman Zipprich reported that RiverCenter was reevaluating their holiday activities due to COVID. He said Director Kirkpatrick was working with the Executive Board to find creative and safe ways to attract shoppers to Red Bank. He said he wanted to complement her and the team at RiverCenter for their ongoing efforts to keep Red Bank visible, safe and viable.

## **DISCUSSION & ACTION**

Mayor Menna read a request from RiverCenter for permission to install holiday lights, decorations and tree in the business district in accordance with plans from previous years. Installation to begin on or around October 26, 2020. Decorations to be removed by January 15, 2021. Lights to be removed by March 31, 2021.

Councilman Yassin made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from RiverCenter for free parking on November 27 & 28, 2020 (Black Friday, Small Business Saturday) and from December 14 through December 25, 2020 for holiday shopping.

Councilman Yngstrom made a motion to approve the requests, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (Governmental Issues, 5 Minute Limit)**

Dan Mancuso—95 East Bergen Place—thanked DPW for getting rid of all of the leaves after the storm. He said it had made a big difference with drainage. He also expressed appreciation for the street sweeper.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None.

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

20-252            The Borough Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss Pending Litigation (Riverview Medical Center), Personnel (Land Use Position) and Contract Negotiation (Trinity Episcopal Church).

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS:            None

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

## **RESUME REGULAR BUSINESS**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS:            None

There being five 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, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS:            None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi