

MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
May 5, 2021
6:30 P.M.

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 16, 2020.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Shehady, Borough Clerk Borghi, Attorney Cannon, Engineer Neumann and Department Heads.

ENGINEERING

Engineer Neumann offered an update on various projects include East Bergen Place improvements and the 2020 Road Program. She said she expected they would be advertising for bids on the Broad Street improvements project in the next two weeks. She continued her report with updates on additional projects include the White Street Parking Lot improvements, the Marine Park Parking Lot, the Eastside Parking Lots and Eastside Park. She said she had not heard back from Green Acres or the DEP regarding Riverside Gardens. She also reported that there were approximately 120 meters left in the meter replacement project but said that had been put on hold due to COVID restrictions regarding entering people's homes.

Councilman Zipprich complimented Engineer Neumann on getting East Bergen Place paved. He also asked if she anticipated any resistance from the remaining homes due for water meter replacement.

Engineer Neumann again said it had been slowed due to COVID restrictions and said she did not anticipate any issues moving forward.

Councilman Zipprich asked if there was an additional information regarding the SCADA project or if it was complete.

Ms. Neumann said she would have to defer to DPW Director Keen on that.

Administrator Shehady said he would like Engineer Neumann to remain in the meeting while he offered an update on Senior Center renovations. He noted that, at the last Council meeting, a resolution had been adopted directing the Administrator to take the necessary steps to effectuate the recommendations of the Redevelopment Agency. He said an architectural firm would be needed to do the design, etc. and reviewed the three options before them which were 1) to contract with DMR to continue their work and prepare the conceptual plans, 2) solicit quotations from architectural firms or 3) publish an RFP for the work.

Mayor Menna suggested they should solicit proposals rather than add another 60 days going through an RFP process.

Councilman Ballard asked if they were skipping public input on the five proposals.

Mayor Menna said they were not but were seeking proposals regarding what the firms would charge for architectural services.

Councilman Ballard asked if they were moving forward with option #2.

Administrator Shehady said that was correct and that was what had been voted on at the last Council meeting. He said they had voted on the recommendation of the Redevelopment Agency which was for option #2. He said they now had to hire an architectural firm to take the concept to an actual plan. He said the architect would then hold community engagement for community and stakeholder input. He reviewed the process that would follow.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the public input meeting would take place in person.

Administrator Shehady said they hadn't even hire the architect yet and said the Council could decide that once they hired the professional.

Councilman Ballard said he thought they had not received a recommendation from the Redevelopment Agency to adopt one of the option.

Administrator Shehady said they had and said it had been adopted at the last Council meeting.

Councilman Yassin also noted they had voted on it at the last Council meeting.

Councilman Ballard said he thought they were just trying to get ahead of the actual recommendation on the 25th.

Administrator Shehady explained that the Redevelopment Agency had taken official action and voted on a recommendation. He said they would be memorializing that recommendation by resolution.

Councilman Ballard asked if they had already voted to adopted option #2. He said he was confused because he thought they had been voting to give the Administrator the authority to set up the parameters for option was eventually chosen.

Administrator Shehady said the parameters to move forward was what was being discussed at this meeting. He reviewed the process going forward.

Councilman Ballard again asked if option #1 was off the table.

Administrator Shehady said he had explained his understanding of the resolution and asked the Borough Attorney to confirm.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the Redevelopment Agency would be memorializing their recommendation at their next meeting.

Administrator Shehady said that was the intent expressed at their last meeting. He again asked the attorney to confirm the intent of the Council resolution adopted at the previous meeting.

Attorney Cannon said the Council had approved option #2 which had been stated in the resolution.

Councilman Ballard again said he was confused and said he thought there was a process in place where the public would get to weigh in before the Council voted on which option they were going to accept. He said the four page resolution had been given to them an hour and a half before the meeting and noted the public had not been able to look through it and ask questions.

Administrator Shehady said he wanted to address comments about the length of the resolution and said all except for about a paragraph was just a recital of the history.

Councilman Ballard asked if the one paragraph he was referring to had locked them into option #2.

Councilwoman Triggiano said it had and noted that he had voted in favor of it.

Councilman Ballard said he had been told it was urgent to get it done and added that it was confusing to a lot of people.

Councilwoman Triggiano said it was their job as public officials to communicate with residents and make sure they were informed. She said she had been stating since January, along with other on Council, that they preferred a proper process and said that process had gone through. She said the Redevelopment Agency subcommittee, comprised of residents, had reviewed the options and recommended option #2. She said the resolution was drafted to state the Council was in agreement with that suggestion and to move forward on that work. She said they had unanimously voted in favor of that resolution. She said this meeting was not about that resolution that had been voted on unanimously but about moving forward on getting bid specs, bonding, etc. She said the public input would be when the architect hosted a public input session which was further down the road. She said there had already been much public input which brought them to that decision. She said she believed it helped the people on the subcommittee form their decision.

Councilman Ballard asked her if she thought, after two years, bring a resolution an hour and a half before the meeting was fair to the public.

Councilman Yngstrom said there had been many public input sessions with both the Council and the Redevelopment Agency. He said they had voice their concerns and the decision was to keep it at the existing location. He said there would be another public input session with the architect.

Councilman Ballard again asked if it was fair.

Councilman Yngstrom said it was.

Councilman Ballard continued to criticize the fact that the resolution had been brought forward an hour and a half before the Council meeting. He again asked if it was fair.

Mayor Menna said the question had been asked and answered.

Councilman Zipprich said he believed Councilman Ballard had been directing the question to Councilwoman Triggiano.

Councilwoman Horgan said she wanted to note that the Redevelopment Agency had met the night before and they wanted to move the process forward rather than wait for another meeting. She said sometimes, in order to move things forward, they had to move quickly. She said she did not feel there was any deception involved or intended. She said she agreed with other Council member that they had received a lot of public input and said the Senior Center was staying where it had been for many years. She said there would be no Community Center component. She said there were just a few changes and upgrades being made to make it more efficient. She said they had heard the public and that was why it had become a priority.

Councilman Yassin referred back to the question at hand and said he agreed that the RFP process would take too long. He asked if the Mayor thought the solicitation of proposals would take too long.

Mayor Menna said he thought the Administrator could do that in one to two days.

A discussion followed on the scope of the project and the bonding timeline.

Administrator Shehady explained the bonding process and said it might be possible to have something ready by the second Council meeting in May.

A discussion followed on the timeline.

Administrator Shehady asked for confirmation that the Council wished to move forward with the solicitation of proposals from architects.

The consensus was that they did.

Administrator Shehady asked Engineer Neumann to work with Interim Administrator McConnell to solicit the proposals.

BUILDING

Mayor Menna asked if there were any questions regarding Construction Official Neibert's report. There were none.

RECREATION

Mayor Menna asked if there were any questions regarding Recreation. There were none.

SENIOR CENTER

Mayor Menna asked if there were any questions on the report submitted by Director Reynolds. There were none.

Councilman Ballard said he had questions about the renovations at the Senior Center. He said comments had been made that the staff had asked for certain changes. He said option #2 was \$1.6 million.

Councilwoman Triggiano said it was \$1.5 million and option #1 was \$1.4 million.

Councilman Ballard asked Director Reynolds what type of renovations/upgrades she had asked for.

Director Reynolds said things they had asked for included a window ledge and cosmetic changes.

Administrator Shehady said he wanted to clarify that what the architects had proposed a concept based on a need for space and square footage. He said Director Reynolds would have an opportunity for more refined input once an architect had been hired. He reviewed the purpose of the concept which was based on operational needs.

Councilman Ballard reviewed the items that Director Reynolds said she had requested. He asked her to confirm that other elements in the concept had not come from her.

Director Reynolds said she was waiting to meet with the architect to go over what she and her staff would like.

Councilman Ballard asked what the timeframe was when she had been giving her input.

Director Reynolds said that had been shortly after the incident had happened and estimated it was in February of 2019.

Councilman Zipprich asked if there was any concern about the ADA compliance in the restrooms or if the matter had been discussed.

Director Reynolds said that had been discussed.

Mayor Menna asked if there had been a substantial amount of discussion with staff and said it would be helpful to have a greater and more effective utilization of new and revised Center especially in regard to a view of the river.

Director Reynolds said she did not recall that but said the person she had spoken with DPW Director Keen. She said they had reviewed possible improvements.

Administrator Shehady said the subject was turning into "design by committee." He said what had been submitted was a concept. He said the matter should be discussed by the appropriate Council Committee and said it was too soon to discuss the plan when they hadn't even hired an architect.

OEM/FIRE MARSHAL/CODE

Mayor Menna asked if there were any questions or discussion on the Fire Marshal's report. There was none.

FINANCE

CFO O'Reilly said he expected budget would be introduced at the second meeting in May. He said he expected the Finance Committee would be meeting soon to review the budget. He said the Borough was under State review this year which he said happened every three years. He said he had received notice from the State that they were backlogged in their reviews which could delay adoption. He said there would be another temporary budget resolution to carry the Borough through June. He reported that he was still waiting for guidance from the state on the ARP stimulus funding approved in March. He reviewed details of the funding and the possible delivery date and noted half could be received this year and half next year. He said they had until December of 2024 to spend the funds. He reviewed ways it could be used.

Councilman Zipprich asked for confirmation that the spending was governed by the State and that half of the funding would be received in 2021 and the other half in 2022.

CFO O'Reilly said that was correct. A discussion followed on how the funds could be used. CFO O'Reilly said he needed more direction from the State. He reviewed ways he thought the funds could be used but said it was a policy decision by the Governing Body.

Councilman Ballard asked if the budget document had been uploaded to the Google drive yet.

Administrator Shehady said it was not ready yet and noted the Finance Committee hadn't even seen it.

Councilman Zipprich asked when it would be available.

CFO O'Reilly said it would be after the Finance Committee reviewed.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Director Keen said the Department had been getting calls regarding small baby animals and urged the public not to touch them because there was the potential to transfer their scent to them and the mother may not retrieve them.

Councilwoman Horgan asked if there were also concerns about rabies.

Director Keen said the risk of rabies was fairly small compared to other diseases that may be transmitted. He said the Department was running well. He said they were currently doing park maintenance and working on issues at 90 Monmouth Street. He said the MPay app was currently being used at higher levels which was an indication that the Department was starting to rebound. He said they had had a number of pot holes develop over the last few months and also had heavy construction around town causing road issues. He said there were a number of roads due for repairs as Engineer Neumann had reported. He said they were working on street striping but said the painting had been spotty due to weather. He said the Water Department was in the process of converting back from NJ American Water. He said they would be back to Red Bank water at the beginning of the following week.

Councilman Ballard asked about the backboards and rims at Count Basie basketball courts.

Director Keen said there were in the process of getting quotes for the equipment. He said the existing equipment needed to be demolished and new ones installed. He said they should consider making the same change at East Side Park.

Councilwoman Triggiano noted that those details had been included in his report.

Councilwoman Horgan said she had brought the issue to the attention of the incoming Parks & Recreation Director and he said he would be reaching out to Director Keen to discuss.

Councilman Zipprich asked about the status of the High Street lift station.

Director Keen reviewed weather related issues with the equipment.

POLICE

Chief McConnell said they would be looking to backfill some positions and prepare for the summer. He said there would be resolutions on the next agenda for summer specials. He said they had increased the number from 3 to 5 to help cover the Broadwalk area. He said the previous year they had covered the area with Specials along with regular Patrolmen but said they were returning to normal call volume and activity so they would need additional Special Class I's. He said the rest of the positions would be to backfill vacancies. He said he was working with DPW Director Keen on a parking ordinance for Chapin Avenue and noted that had been discussed at the last Workshop meeting.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the additional Specials would affect the budget.

Chief McConnell said it would affect it slightly but said they were talking about positions that were paid \$12 per hour as opposed to a Patrolman that had been patrolling the area last year at a much higher rate. He said last year they had covered part of that cost with CARES Act funding. He acknowledged that it was an increase but also noted there was an increased workload and said this was the most cost effective way of dealing with it.

Councilman Ballard asked if there would be an increase in patrols at Count Basie.

Chief McConnell said the previous year they had not had anybody specifically assigned to that area but had been moving people between the Broadwalk and the various parks. He said, this year, they would have enough people on staff to staff those locations.

Councilman Ballard asked if RiverCenter was offering financial support for the officers assigned to the Broadwalk.

Chief McConnell said they were not directly but also noted that businesses using the area were paying a fee to help offset costs.

Councilman Ballard asked Administrator Shehady if there had been an increase in the permit fee.

Administrator Shehady said the permits had been free last year. He said the Council had waived all fees for the Broadwalk and sidewalk cafes. He said the sidewalk café fees had been reinstituted for 2021 based on the ordinance. He said rates had also been set for the Broadwalk and Streeteries. He said the Broadwalk fees were slightly higher than other areas for exactly the reasons the Chief explained.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the Borough had created the Streeteries last year without a fee and that now there would be a fee in 2021.

Administrator Shehady that was correct and added that the Council had waived the fees for all outdoor expansions due to the pandemic.

LAND USE

Mayor Menna asked if there were and questions on the Director's report.

Councilman Zipprich asked how many dwelling units had been approved with year.

Director Ebanks asked which project he was referring to.

Councilman Zipprich said he was asking about cumulative projects.

Director Ebanks asked if he was referring to projects approved by the Planning Board or the Zoning Board.

Councilman Zipprich said both.

Director Ebanks said she would have to check and that she did not know off the top of her head. She said she knew it was a low number because a lot of the major applications had been carried several times. She said she would get back to him with the information.

Councilman Ballard asked about the status of the rehab program.

Director Ebanks gave an update on the program. She said two contractors had gone out to review a project and one had declined to bid while the other had submitted a bid that was very high. She said Rev. Porter would be speaking to the applicant to get a priority list so they could go back and try to get it to a reasonable number. A discussion on the specifics of the project.

Councilman Ballard asked if they were going to rebid for more contractors.

Director Ebanks said she would be requesting a resolution to reissue the RFP.

CLERK

Mayor Menna noted there were a number of proclamations that would be listed for an upcoming meeting. He also said the RiverCenter budget public hearing would be on the next agenda and asked if there were any questions on it.

Clerk Borghi said she wanted to point out that the first six proclamations were being done to recognize teachers and they would be read at the second meeting in May.

Mayor Menna said many towns list proclamations on the agenda and then publish them on the website and make copies available through the website. He asked if there was a need to read through all of them.

Councilman Zipprich said, when it came to recognizing local residents, he felt it was important to have that recognition.

Councilwoman Horgan said she agreed especially if a member of the public would be attending. She said it should be determined on a case by case basis.

Clerk Borghi said she wanted to point out one item that had been in her report which was the fact that one of the firehouses that had served as a polling location for District 1 was no longer willing to let the Borough use their building. She said she had received approval from the County to move the poll location to Borough Hall. She said cards would be mailed to registered voters in the district to notify them of the change.

Mayor Menna said it was disappointing to hear that. He said he had always felt having a polling location in fire houses and first aid stations may have been a little disturbing but thought it was an extraordinary public relations move especially in an age where a lot of people did not have a lot of information concerning the volunteer system. He said, unfortunately, it was not Borough property and said they would respect the wishes of the owners. He again it was a sadly missed opportunity.

Councilman Zipprich said he thought the Mayor a good point and agreed that it was disappointing. He asked the Clerk to confirm that District 8 and District 1 would be combined in Borough Hall.

Clerk Borghi said that was correct and noted that there was plenty of room in the Courtroom to accommodate both.

ADMINISTRATION

Boat Club Court - Administrator Shehady said there had been resolutions done both this year and last year for the closure of Broadwalk. He said similar action need to be taken to approve the closure of Boat Club Court. He asked Attorney Cannon to offer his opinion.

Attorney Cannon said it was legal to do and said they also needed to consider public safety issues.

Administrator Shehady reviewed the proposed closure which he said could not be in affect 24/7 due to those safety concerns.

Chief McConnell said he wanted to clarify that the Borough had not received an application from the business owner. He said, absent that application, he would not recommend taking any action at this time. He said, once they file the application and pay the applicable fees, he would review it with the Fire Marshal's Office, Traffic Safety and the Clerk's Office to make sure everything was in line.

Clerk Borghi said she had reached out to the business owner at least three times.

Charter Study Commission – Mayor Menna noted Council members had received a memorandum from the Borough Attorney regarding a possible change in the form of government. He reviewed the history of the current form of government. He said many towns had looked at their form of government to see if it was still relevant and operational. He said many citizens have asked the Council to look at upgrading the form of government. He asked the Council to review the Attorney’s memorandum to discuss the methods for a change of the form of government.

Councilwoman Triggiano said the memorandum was short and asked if it could be shared for the public to see. A discussion followed on the best way to share. The document was shared and it was stated that it would be posted to the website. Attorney Cannon reviewed the contents of the memorandum regarding the methods for changing the form of government. He gave a more detailed review of the Charter Study Commission process.

Councilman Zipprich asked for confirmation that the question regarding forming a Charter Study Commission would go on the ballot simultaneously with the candidates running for the positions as Commissioners.

Attorney Cannon said that was correct.

Councilman Zipprich asked about what would happen with the election of Commissioners if the question failed.

Attorney Cannon said the positions would be nullified by the failure of the question.

Councilman Zipprich asked who could run for the seats.

Attorney Cannon said any registered voter in the municipality could run. He said it would be a non-partisan election.

Councilman Zipprich asked if a member of the School Board or Government Body could run for Commissioner.

Attorney Cannon said he had not researched that particular question but said he could find the answer.

Councilwoman Triggiano said there would be no limit on the number of people that could run.

Attorney Cannon said that was correct. He reviewed the procedure to file a petition to run for Commissioner.

Councilman Ballard asked Attorney Cannon to confirm that the Charter Study Commission had nothing to do with non-partisan elections.

Attorney Cannon said non-partisan elections could be a potential result of a Charter Study Commission.

Councilman Ballard asked if they could do non-partisan elections under the current form of government. He said the Commission would not effectuate a non-partisan.

Attorney Cannon reviewed the work of the Charter Study Commission including the possible outcomes of their decision.

Councilman Ballard again asked if Red Bank could go to a non-partisan election under their current form of government without going to a Charter Study Commission.

The Attorney and several Councilmembers confirmed that they could not.

Attorney Cannon reviewed a process that had been used by a neighboring municipality.

A discussion followed on the positive aspects of the process and the possible costs associated with it.

Mayor Menna said it was his sense that the majority of the Council wanted to move forward with an ordinance.

A straw poll of the Council was unanimous to move forward with the ordinance.

Mayor Menna noted this was the last meeting with Administrator Shehady. He thanked him for his years of service and said it had not been long enough. He said Mr. Shehady had left a positive mark on the landscape of Red Bank and said he had boldly and unapologetically faced the issues that in many instances had been sugar coated for many years. He said Mr. Shehady may have done so in a way the some people did not like but, in everything that he had done, he had extended 1000 percent of his energy and commitment for the municipality. He said Mr. Shehady had revolutionized the way they looked at municipal government. He said his legacy was one of hard work and determination and said he was sorry to see him go. He again thanked him for his service.

Councilwoman Horgan said the comments were well said and said every word was true. She said she also hated to see him go and said he was always prepared with a breadth of knowledge that astounded her. She said he had really pushed the Borough forward. She said it was the Borough’s loss and wished him well. She thanked him for all he had done.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Forest—16 Locust Avenue—said he felt they had had a great conversation regarding the Charter Study Commission. He said he had been personally torn between partisan or non-partisan and was currently leaning toward non-partisan. He thanked the Governing Body and particularly the Mayor for leading on the topic. He also thanked the Administrator for his service and said he had been good to work with.

Stephen Hecht—135 Branch Avenue—said he wanted to share his excitement and offered kudos to the Mayor and Council for taking the bold step of authorizing a Charter Study Commission. He said it was incumbent upon

the citizens to educate themselves on the various options. He said the change would be much more than changes to the Council meeting noting that it would change what the ballot looked like. He reviewed the items to be considered. He reviewed his experience with Administrator Shehady and said he had been helpful and supportive.

Patricia Kouten—46 Spring Street—said she was concerned about the Broadwalk street closure without consideration to changing the traffic lights.

Chief McConnell said he had reviewed the issues with changing the traffic lights and said there would be pedestrian safety issues if they were to change the lights and a tremendous liability. He said reconfiguring the light was an extensive process. He said he agreed that some changes would be nice but it wasn't a reality. He said the decision had been made to let them function as designed. He said there had been no changes made so there was still the same amount of "green" time. He said the only difference was that when the light was green for Broad Street there were no cars coming however there was still an amount of pedestrians and arguably more.

Councilman Yngstrom asked about the left turn signal.

Chief McConnell said the left turn signal should not be coming on because it operated by motion detector and there shouldn't be anyone in that lane. He said it may accidentally pick up the motion of a pedestrian but said it should only be for a few seconds that it would be active. He acknowledged that there was increased traffic coming from those using alternate routes to get to Front Street.

Councilman Yassin asked if they would be able to disable the left turn sensor.

Mayor Menna noted that the Borough couldn't do anything without checking with the County because it was their road.

Chief McConnell said he could ask the County but said they did not just change a light. He said they would have an engineering study done of the intersection which would probably take three months.

Councilman Yngstrom said, if the Borough was planning on doing this every year, maybe they should discuss it with the County.

Chief McConnell said they could work on it but he didn't see an immediate change being possible. He again said, the most important thing was pedestrian safety and, to afford that, they had to have some "red" time for Front Street.

Mayor Menna called for a five minute recess.

Mayor Menna resumed the meeting at 8:51pm and asked for a roll call.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Angela Mirandi – 8 West Lake Road – said she wanted to follow up on the Broad Street issue. She asked if it would be possible to get one of the Special Officers to assist with directing traffic at least during rush hour.

Mayor Menna said that was a good comment and said they would discuss it with the Chief.

Ms. Mirandi said there had been too much information to absorb regarding the Charter Study Commission and asked if information would be posted on the website. She asked specific questions about the process. She also asked if the fees were being tracked regarding the Broadwalk as well as the expenses to ensure that, if they weren't making money, that they were at least breaking even.

Mayor Menna said that was a good question and said the CFO would have information on the licensing fees and the lost parking revenue as well additional expenses so they would ask him to provide a report.

Ms. Mirandi also commented that, at previous meetings, the public had been told that conceptual designs were be prepared by the architect for various municipal buildings. She said she had been concerned at the time that no one had reached out to the seniors to see what they would like and at this meeting it had been reported that the Director hadn't been fully engaged. She said she found that disturbing.

Councilwoman Triggiano questioned the statement that the Director had not been engaged.

Nicole Taetsch—153 Hudson Avenue—thanked Administrator Shehady for his service. She thanked the Mayor and Council members for their comments on the Charter Study Commission. She said it was a great step for the town and a great example of democracy.

Nancy Blackwood—34 Chestnut Street—said she had been very pleased with this evening's Council meeting. She said it had been acrimonious for the past few months and said it had been nice to see healthy discussions. She said, regarding the Charter Study, that she thought they needed to take a look at how they were managing government and come to a solution. She said she appreciated the efforts of Administrator Shehady and appreciated everything he had done.

Administrator Shehady commended Ms. Blackwood for the amount of effort and love she put into the town.

Dan Riordan—20 Irving Place—thanked the Council for moving ahead with the Charter Study Commission. He encouraged them to move quickly on the process.

Tiffany Harris—1 Cedar Crossing—said she wanted to speak on the Senior Center. She reviewed comments made by Director Reynolds. She said she served as a head of the “Fix It Now” crew and said they had been asking for option #1. She acknowledged that she had previously stated she was fine with option #1 or option #2 but said the group was really in favor of option #1.

Cindy Burnham—71 Wallace Street—said she agreed that there were traffic issues regarding the Broadwalk. She said she there was an issue with large delivery trucks trying to come through the area and then turning onto Wallace Street. She suggest they cone-off the turn lane at Front and Broad streets so the turn signal would not go on.

Chief McConnell said the left turn lane had been blocked off since the road was closed.

Ms. Burnham asked if there was anything that could be done with the truck issue.

Chief McConnell said they had notified the traffic apps but said it would take time and noted it had only been a week.

Debbie Marks—19 Morford Place—said she was speaking on behalf of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee regarding the issue of fireworks. She reviewed the ways fireworks affected animals. She said people were also often injured by fireworks and noted environmental issues. She noted the Attorney had previously said he was going to look into it and asked how that was progressing.

Mayor Menna said he and Councilman Ballard had been planning to meet to discuss that matter and draft a local ordinance. He said they would work with the Attorney to draft something for Council review.

Ms. Marks said that was good news.

Councilman Ballard said remembered that Attorney Cannon was going to get some samples of local ordinances for Council discussion.

Mayor Menna said that was correct.

Ms. Marks asked if Mayor Menna felt they could get that in place for this season.

Mayor Menna said he did not see any reason why they couldn’t if the Council was in favor.

Ms. Marks also thanked Administrator Shehady and wished him the best.

Angela Mirandi—8 West Lake Road—said she wanted to follow up on her earlier comment about Director Reynolds and said her statement had been based on comments Director Reynolds had made.

Attorney Cannon said he also wanted to make a comment and have his information as Gregory Cannon—31 Lake Blvd, Aberdeen—congratulated Administrator Shehady on his new venture and said it had been a pleasure to work with him. He said he worked for many towns and he usually had to call the town to give timelines but in Red Bank, he would get calls well in advance. He said he had no doubt that the taxpayers got their monies worth. He commended Mr. Shehady’s efficiency and said it was a pleasure to work with him.

Angelica Aguirre—43 Chapin Avenue—said the Police Chief had mentioned her street name when he was giving his report but she said she didn’t catch the details.

Chief McConnell said they would be drafting a parking ordinance regarding “no parking” restrictions on the west side of Chapin Avenue near the nursing home for emergency access purposes.

No one else 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.

Councilman Ballard asked Attorney Cannon about the status of a memo regarding the pros and cons of listing the Senior Center property on the Recreational Open Space Inventory (ROSI).

Attorney Cannon said it was half way done and the Council would receive it next.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

21-123 The Borough Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss Contract Negotiation. No action to be taken.

Councilman Yassin offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, 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.

RESUME REGULAR BUSINESS

Councilman Yassin offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, 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.

Councilman Yassin offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Borghi