

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
May 12, 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

Mayor Menna called for a moment of silence for the tension and violence in the Middle East and called for a de-escalation of that tension.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Administrator McConnell, Borough Clerk Borghi and Attorney Sobel.

ABSENT: Councilman Yassin and Councilman Ballard.

*Meeting held via video/telephone conference due to Governor’s Executive Order.

PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation:

Mayor Menna read a proclamation to proclaim May of 2021 as Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the Borough of Red Bank

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Cindy Burnham—71 Wallace Street—said she saw there was a resolution on the agenda to extend the temporary budget and asked when the new budget would be introduced.

Mayor Menna said the Finance Committee and the CFO were working on the 2021 budget but it was not ready tonight.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

MINUTES & REPORTS

Workshop Meeting minutes of 3/3/2021

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES - Public Hearing/Adoption:

None.

ORDINANCES – First Reading:

2021-10: Mayor Menna read, “Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 680, “Vehicles and Traffic,” Section 680-35, “Schedule I: “No Parking”

Councilman Zipprich questioned the wording of the Ordinance noting that Chapin Avenue ran east and

west but the ordinance stated it would terminate at the southern end of the road.

Interim Administrator McConnell clarified that a correction had been made after the draft ordinance was distributed and said it had been changed to the northern end of the road. He said the road did run east and west primarily but it turned north and south at the end they were referencing.

Councilwoman Horgan asked for confirmation that it was just that specific area and not the entire road because a resident had asked about that.

Administrator McConnell confirmed that it was just toward the end of the road.

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve the introduction of the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Yngstrom.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna announced the Public Hearing would be held on 5/26/2021 at 6:30 pm.

RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda

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

- Resolution 21-124: Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$5,234,719.91.
- Resolution 21-125: Resolution Authorizing Refund of Developer's Escrow Account Balances
- Resolution 21-126: Resolution Authorizing Tax Credits/Refunds Totaling \$1,729.38 due to Over Payment by Mortgage Company
- Resolution 21-127: Resolution Confirming Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."
- Resolution 21-128: Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Advertisement of a Request for Qualifications from Qualified Contractors to Augment the Borough's "Contractor Pool List" for its Housing Rehabilitation Plan under its Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center
- Resolution 21-129: Resolution Appointing Alternate Community Development Representative
- Resolution 21-130: Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Dispatcher Lyndsay Merola
- Resolution 21-131: Resolution Accepting the Retirement and Confirming Benefits for Police Patrolman Patrick Kennedy
- Resolution 21-132: Resolution Ratifying and Confirming the Appointment of a Full-Time Communications Officer (Dispatcher) (Retroactive to May 1, 2021)
- Resolution 21-133: Resolution Ratifying And Confirming The Appointment Of A Full-Time Communications Officer (Dispatcher)
- Resolution 21-134: Resolution Appointing Special Law Enforcement Officers Class I
- Resolution 21-135: Resolution Appointing Special Law Enforcement Officer Class II
- Resolution 21-136: Resolution Appointing Permanent Part-Time Parking Enforcement Officer
- Resolution 21-137: Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Affirmative Tax Appeal with Regard to Certain Property Known on the Tax Map as Block 37, Lot 6.02, Qual. C000A, C000B And C000C with a Street Address of 1 Bridge Avenue
- Resolution 21-138: Resolution Amending the 2021 Temporary Appropriations
- Resolution 21-139: Resolution Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis

Councilman Zipprich made the motion to approve the resolutions en masse, Councilman Yngstrom seconded.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna said he wanted to note that Resolution 21-139 put Red Bank squarely in the camp of placing the focus of racism as a public health crisis. He thanked the entire Council and especially Councilman Zipprich for bring it to his attention.

Councilman Yngstrom said he wanted to wish Patrolman Kennedy the best of luck on his retirement and thank him for his service to the town.

Mayor Menna reviewed Patrolman Kennedy's family history with the Borough.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Triggiano said she wanted to echo the sentiments regarding Patrolman Kennedy. She also reported that the Environmental Commission had held a Green Fair noting it had been a cold day and thanked everyone who had come out to participate and for the donations to Lunch Break. She also reviewed an Environmental Commission project in the area adjacent to Bellhaven Nature Area. She also reported that the Department of Public Works was working on implementing a rain garden at the First Aid Building. She said the garden had been designed by the Environmental Commission members to complete a grant received from Sustainable Jersey.

Councilman Zipprich wished Officer Kennedy the best in his retirement. He also reported that the Historic Preservation Commission would be meeting on 5/19 to hear a number of cases.

Councilwoman Horgan reported that Pride in the Park would be held on June 12 from 1pm to 4pm. She said the Juneteen celebration would be jointly organized by Pilgrim Baptist Church, the T. Thomas Fortune House and Red Bank Parks & Recreation. She reviewed details of the event. She said the Little League Softball and Baseball teams were doing well. She said most towns would not have music or movies in the park the summer but said Red Bank was planning on having at least three to four dates in August. She said the Library was pleased to announce that they were the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the CARES Act Federal Grant program. She said the funds would be used to offset the costs of the Library's Wireless Wonders which would greatly increase the Library's Wi-Fi access. She said the Library had also kicked off their Seed Swap program the previous Saturday. She said the Library was open to the public for computer use and "Browse and Go." She said appointments were not required by encouraged and reviewed current hours of operation. She also reported on the Summer Reading program.

Mayor Menna asked about the Town Wide Yard Sale to be hosted by the Library. He noted that it was scheduled to be held in mid-September. He said some residents had asked him about the fact that other towns were having similar events earlier in the year and asked if a second, non-sponsored yard sale event could be held in June.

Councilwoman Horgan noted the work that went into the September event and the details involved including needing time to register and develop a map.

Councilman Zipprich said he agreed with Councilwoman Horgan.

DISCUSSION & ACTION

Mayor Menna read Special Event Requests recommended for approval (subject to Final Plan Review by Special Events Committee):

- Request from Monmouth FC Soccer to use Count Basie Field on 5/8, 5/29, 6/5 and 6/18.
- Request from Red Bank Charter School to hold 8th Grade Graduation Ceremonies in Riverside Gardens Park at 5pm on Wednesday, 6/16/2021 with a rain date of 6/17/2021.
- Request from Tiger House to hold International Overdose Awareness Day at Count Basie Field from 5pm to 7pm on Tuesday, 8/31/2021.
- Request from the Red Bank Public Library to hold the Townwide Yard Sale on Saturday, 9/18/2021 with all funds collected going to the library.

Mural Approval

- Request from Kyle Devesty to install a mural at 78 Bridge Avenue (Boondocks) with written consent of the property owner. Application has been reviewed and recommended for approval.

Councilwoman Triggiano made a motion to approve the requests, Councilman Zipprich seconded.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Governmental Issues, 5 Minute Limit)

Cindy Burnham—71 Wallace Street—asked if it was true that Red Bank was looking to dissolve the Animal Control Department, which was a shared service neighboring towns, and to contract with the ASPCA.

Mayor Menna said they were looking into it.

Ms. Burnham asked why that was.

Mayor Menna said they were looking into the financial aspects of the service.

Ms. Burnham said she had heard that the ASPCA had been a low bidder or were giving a year for free. She said she did not think that was good for Red Bank. She said the Borough also had a dog feces problem particularly in regard to large developments. She reviewed her perception of the issues. She said the Animal Control Officer had gone above and beyond and were passionate. She said he had personally enforced making sure people cleaned up after their dogs. She questioned the service that would be received from the ASPCA.

Mayor Menna thanked her for her comments. He said during his years on the Council, he did not recall a report where the Animal Control Officer had written summonses for dog feces in public areas. He said he believed those summonses had been written by someone who had observed it or by a Police Officer.

Ms. Burnham claimed she had personally seen him issue tickets.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi