

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
DECEMBER 22, 2005
7:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President Menna and Council Members Bifani, Murphy and Curley.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Borough Clerk Vivona, Chief Financial Officer Whalen,
Engineer Kosenski and Attorney Hall.

ABSENT: Mayor McKenna and Council Members Beck and Lee.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Council President 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 Courier, 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 January 3, 2005.

WORKSHOP

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Murphy reported that there are continuing discussions with Borough Officials and the New Jersey Department of Transportation about improvements to Front Street and Maple Avenue and we would be having another meeting in the New Year.

Councilman Curley reported that the Finance Committee discussed Resolution No. 05-225 authorizing transfer of funds.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Council President Menna read requests for membership to the Independent Engine Company of the Red Bank Fire Department from Bruce MacDonald and Steven P. DePonti.

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the requests, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

There being four ayes and no nays, the requests were declared approved.

Council President Menna read a request from the Red Bank Borough Public Schools Board of Education to hang two banners celebrating the Red Bank Primary School's nomination as an NCLB Blue Ribbon School on Broad Street and Shrewsbury Avenue from December 27, 2005 to January 15, 2006.

Mr. Curley offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA AND ORDINANCES ON THE AGENDA ON FIRST READING

ORDINANCES – First Reading

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption

2005-50 Council President Menna read “REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$950,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2006, BY THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN BONDS HERETOFORE ISSUED BY THE BOROUGH TO THE MONMOUTH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH REFUNDING BONDS TO SUCH PURPOSE.”

Council President Menna opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Councilman Curley said that the Chief Financial Officer advised the Finance Committee that the ordinance would lower the interest rate on the bonds.

Council President Menna asked if anyone else would like to speak, no one appearing he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Bifani offered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

There being four ayes and no nays, the public hearing was declared closed.

Mr. Bifani offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on final reading, seconded by Mr. Curley.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

There being four ayes and no nays, the ordinance was declared adopted on final reading.

RESOLUTIONS

05-224 Council President Menna read “A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION.”

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

05-225 Council President Menna read “A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE BOROUGH HOUSING PLAN ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN AND PETITIONING THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SUBSTANTIVE CERTIFICATION.”

Mr. Curley offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

05-226 Council President Menna read “A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 05-214 ENTITLED “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING KAPLAN, GAUNT, DESANTIS, L.L.C. TO PREPARE BID SPECIFICATIONS AND TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR CERTAIN REPAIRS TO THE RED BANK PUBLIC LIBRARY REQUIRED BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.”

Mr. Curley offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

05-227 Council President Menna read “A RESOLUTION CREATING A LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM.”

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

05-228 Council President Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETAINER OF ROBERT GAGLIANO TO PROVIDE EXPERT CONSULTING SERVICES.”

Mr. Bifani offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

05-229 Council President Menna read “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BOROUGH’S REQUEST TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CERTAIN REPAIRS TO WEST STREET.”

Mr. Bifani offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

05-230 Council President Menna read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH NEW JERSEY REGARDING 2006 ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY.”

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

05-231 Council President Menna read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY APPOINTING PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL.”

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

05-232 Council President Menna read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AND ACCEPTANCE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE REGARDING THE TWO RIVER THEATRE COMPANY, INC., BRIDGE AVENUE, BLOCK 36, LOT 8; BLOCK 37, LOTS 3.02, 3.03, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 AND 10.01; AND BLOCK 35, LOTS 4, 5, 6 AND 7.”

Mr. Curley offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

PROCLAMATIONS

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

05-233 Council President Menna read “A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$187,164.36.”

Mr. Curley offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIENCE

Trisha Rumola – 20 Broad Street – extended her best wishes for the holidays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Murphy offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Curley to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Vivona