

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
AUGUST 24, 2004
5:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor McKenna and Council Members Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy and Curley.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Borough Clerk Vivona, Chief Financial Officer Loversidge, Engineer Kosenski and Attorney O'Connor.

ABSENT: Council Member Menna.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Mayor McKenna 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 4, 2004.

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Curley offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Mr. Hintelmann.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

04-244 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROBERT D. MAURO ON HIS INSTALLATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Mr. Mauro thanked the Mayor and Council for the resolution and said that it was an honor to be here.

Mayor McKenna read a proclamation proclaiming Friday, August 27, 2004 “Bruce Loversidge Day” in the Borough of Red Bank in honor of his retirement and presented the proclamation and key to the Borough to Mr. Loversidge.

Mr. Loversidge thanked the Members of the Governing Body for the proclamation and said he had many wonderful years working for the Borough and said he would miss everyone.

The Members of the Governing said Mr. Loversidge has been an exemplary employee for over 30 years and said they would all miss him very much and extended best wishes on his retirement.

2004-32 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY AMENDING CHAPTER VII “TRAFFIC” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES.”

Mayor McKenna said that since we introduced the ordinance we have received numerous phone calls from the residents of South Street and Brown Place stating that they do not want the ordinance for time limited parking, with the exception of residents with parking stickers, implemented on their streets. He

said that once the school year started we felt the students would start parking on their streets but if the residents feel that at this time the ordinance is not necessary we would not adopt it and said we could always revisit the situation.

Mayor McKenna opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Donald Devine – 93 South Street – said that he is not in favor of adopting the ordinance and does not think there is a parking problem on his street and he has lived there for 45 years.

Mayor McKenna said that we were only trying to protect the residents so they would be able to park in front of their homes.

Mr. Devine said that anyone has the right to park on a public street.

Valerie Sepulveda – 64 McLaren Street – said that there has only been a problem with Red Bank Catholic Students parking on the streets in her area of town in the last year. She suggested that we call Red Bank Catholic and ask them to have only seniors' drive to school. She also asked what residents would do if they were having a party.

Mayor McKenna said that she could just call the Police Department and let them know.

Mrs. Sepulveda asked if we would ticket individuals when they came to town for the various special events and if there was a charge for the permit.

Mr. Sickels said that it is only enforced Monday through Friday and there is not a fee for the permit for residents.

Melody Stroud – 293 Spring Street – said she is not happy to have to get a permit and asked how it works in other parts of town.

Councilman Hintelmann said that the program was implemented on his street, Elm Place, and it has worked very well.

Councilwoman Beck said the Red Bank Catholic Students do not have a place to go and we just keep on shifting them around. She said that our Parking Utility Manager needs to put together a comprehensive plan because it is causing tension in the neighborhoods.

Mr. Sickels said that we have been responding to complaints from residents on the streets where the students are parking and taking up all of the parking spaces and once we do that they move to another area.

Mayor McKenna said the Borough has taken steps to accommodate the Red Bank Catholic students at Count Basie Field but they do not like to walk that far. He said that he has spoken to Red Bank Catholic and they might have picked up another 50 spaces for their students to park.

Councilman Curley said that the Council voted to move the Red Bank Catholic students out of the parking lots to provide parking for employees so we should assume some responsibility for the situation.

Derek Harris – 161 South Street – said that he agrees with Mr. Devine. He said that the problem stems from one source and that is the students from Red Bank Catholic. He said Red Bank Catholic should allow only seniors to drive to school and that we need to arrive at a better solution and he would be willing to volunteer his diplomatic services to meet with them.

Mr. Sickels said that we have been meeting with them for over five years and that speaking to Mr. Harris might be helpful.

Alberto Larotunda – 242 Spring Street – said there is a global parking problem in the Borough and there is a parking problem on Spring Street because of the apartment complexes because they find it easier to park on the street than to use their own parking lots.

Tom Burkieke – 20 Brown Place – asked how you handle visitors or people working on your house.

Mayor McKenna said that it is easily dealt with. He said all you have to do is call our Police Department and let them know. He said we have a great Police Department.

Mr. Burkieke said that the visibility on the corner of Brown Place and Branch Avenue is very bad and parking should not be allowed there.

Mayor McKenna said that we look at that intersection.

Mr. Burkieke said that the meters in the downtown area do not give you enough time to do your business.

Mayor McKenna said that we would have Mr. Burnip look into this situation and make adjustments.

Mr. Burkieke asked if there are any discussions about a parking garage.

Mayor McKenna said that it is not actively being discussed. He said that we have been discussing changing the times on the meters to make it easier for people that want to spend more than two hours here and shortening the hours of enforcement.

Mr. Burkieke asked if we were going to give residents discount cards for the parking meters.

Mayor McKenna said that we are going to meet with a company about this.

Councilman Curley said that he had received a ticket last week and it was an unpleasant experience. He said that we have to post the times of enforcement.

Mayor McKenna said the signs are going up soon.

Jerry Poland – 22 Beechwood Drive, Shrewsbury, here for daughter that lives at 142 South Street, asked if the ordinance would be enforced Monday through Saturday.

Mr. Sickels said it was intended to be enforced Monday through Friday.

The Members of the Governing Body discussed the fact that the ordinance said that it was going to be enforced from Monday through Saturday but really only going to be enforced according to the Members of the Governing Body from Monday through Friday and the residents said that this was misleading.

Mayor McKenna said this is a difficult problem and it is hard for Red Bank Catholic to monitor who drives to school but we are still trying to resolve it.

Councilman Curley said that we should reopen some of the spaces in the eastside lots for the students.

Linda Roeleder – 167 South Street – lives at the south end of the street and does not have a parking problem, is against issuing permits.

Robert Cook – 270 Spring Street – said that they do not have a problem parking on the street, even with the apartments there. He also said that Red Bank Catholic should limit which students drive to school or take mass transportation.

Mayor McKenna said that in discussions with Red Bank Catholic so many households have both parents working and there is not mass transportation in most areas.

Melody Stroud – 293 Spring Street – said that numerous times she has parked at meters that do not work.

Councilman Curley said that he had the same problem.

Mayor McKenna said to call Mr. Burnip and let him know.

Mayor McKenna asked if anyone else would like to speak, no one appearing he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Curley offered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Hintelmann.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: None

NAYS: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

There being no ayes and five nays, the ordinance was declared defeated on final reading.

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Hintelmann offered a motion to resume the regular order of business, seconded by Mr. Curley.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

WORKSHOP

Maple Avenue Sanitary Sewer

Mr. Kosenski said that he had received bids on Friday to repair the sewer on Maple Avenue and Irving Place. He said that he is recommending that we award the bid to B & B Construction in the amount of \$566,020. He said the sewer in this section is in almost complete failure. He said the construction would start on October 1 and be completed on October 25, 2004. He said there would have to be a detour and the contractor would work extended hours from 7 A.M. to 11 P.M., 6 days a week. He said this project would usually take 75 to 80 days but would be completed in 21 days. He also said that the company would be televising the line between Waverly Place and Bodman Place to see if there are any other problems and that to televise the line would usually be at least \$70,000 but because they would be there working it would be approximately \$38,000.

Councilman Curley said that the Finance Committee discussed running the camera line and thinks this should be done.

Mr. Sickels said that additional testing of the line could help us identify future problems and we could apply for infrastructure grants.

Councilwoman Beck said she spoke to Mr. Kosenski earlier today and said that we need to identify areas where capital improvements are needed for a budget perspective and have to come up with a long term plan for capital improvements.

Mr. Loversidge said the impact on this year's budget would be minimal because it is an emergency repair and we would implement long term financing. He said it would have an impact on the water-sewer utility but he would not know exactly how much until the bond ordinance is prepared.

The Members of the Governing Body discussed the fact that every year in our road programs we televise all of the utilities before we pave the roads so we do not have to destroy them in the event there is a problem.

Mr. Kosenski said that the Public Works Department has been keeping the manhole flowing at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Irving Place until we were able to receive bids and get a lower price. He said we would televise the line from this intersection all the way to Bodman Place to see if there are any other problems. Mr. Kosenski said that after the project is finished the State would repave the road.

Globe Court Pocket Park

Councilman Curley said that he had recently written a letter to Tim Hogan at Riverview Hospital regarding the disrepair of the park at the Globe Court Garage and Mr. Hogan responded that they would be spending \$15,000 to improve the area.

Mayor McKenna said that he has been working with Mr. Hogan about this issue for some time.

White Street Parking Garage

Councilwoman Beck said that there was an article in the Hub regarding the proposal for construction of a parking garage in the downtown area. She said that she had received several calls from residents about this matter and knew nothing about it. She said that it should have been discussed with the Governing Body before it was reported to the newspaper.

Mayor McKenna said it was premature to come to the Council because the business community was not in favor of the plan. He said if the business community was not in favor of the plan nothing would happen and if he called all of the members of the Governing Body when someone came to him with an idea it would be a waste of everyone's times. He said that if there was ever any intention of proceeding with any of the plans that are written about in the newspapers they would have to be voted on by the Governing Body.

Councilman Curley said that the business community does not control the Borough the Governing Body does.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 22, 2004

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Beck.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Hintelmann

There being four ayes, no nays and one abstention, the minutes were declared approved.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilwoman Beck reported that the Shade Tree Commission met on August 21, 2004 and agreed to hire Aspen Tree Service to help prune the trees and advise the Commission. She said the cost would be \$2,200 and the Commission has received a grant for \$2,000. She said the company was highly recommended by Bill Brooks and Mike Olympi.

Mayor McKenna said we could put this resolution on the next agenda.

Councilman Hintelmann read a statement from Chief Fitzgerald that stated that narcotic arrests are one of the top priorities in the Borough of Red Bank and not graffiti. He said that he had spoken to Mrs. Sepulveda about the incident with her son and one of the Police Officers saying graffiti was one of the top priorities in town and Mrs. Sepulveda would not tell Chief Fitzgerald who said that.

Councilman Bifani reported that he along with Councilwoman Beck and Councilman Murphy has been working on adopting a pay to play ordinance. He said there has been a draft copy submitted to members of the Governing Body for their review and comments. He also reported that there was a public meeting held on August 23, 2004 for the public to review the proposals submitted by various artist for the mural on the side of the Elks' building facing Riverside Gardens Park. He said the money to pay for this mural is coming from a grant from the Eisner Foundation. He also said he is very excited about Resolution 04-255 that is a resolution to expand the Neighborhood Preservation Program so we could accommodate more homes. He said we started the program with \$50,000 and now have received over \$1.1 million. He said the program has been very successful.

Mr. Murphy said that the Parks and Recreation Department has put out a new fall newsletter and that there are a lot of new programs and there will be opportunities to sign up for the programs at the Middle School.

Councilman Curley said that we would be appointing Leon Bruno on a temporary basis until Mr. Whalen receives his Tax Collector's Certificate. He also reported that the poster contest is moving along and they would be displayed in the stores downtown. He said the application could be picked up at the Red Bank Library.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mr. Sickels said the request would have to be amended to one year because the park might be under construction after next year.

Mayor McKenna read a request from the Jersey Shore Jazz & Blues Foundation to obtain a 1-year agreement for use of Marine Park for the Red Bank Jazz & Blues Festival for June 4,5,6 2005, pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Beck.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Mayor McKenna read a request from Riverview Medical Center to hang a banner on Shrewsbury Avenue from August 25, 2004 to September 19, 2004 to advertise their second annual “Hooked on Health” Community Health Fair.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Mayor McKenna read a request from the Junior League of Monmouth County for raffle license.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Mayor McKenna read a request from the Red Bank Parks & Recreation Department to conduct the 57th Annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 24, 2004 at 2:00 p.m., pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Hintelmann.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2004-34 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2004-25 REGARDING THE MUNICIPAL HOTEL AND MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the ordinance was declared adopted on first reading.

Public hearing and final adoption scheduled for September 14, 2004.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing and Final Adoption

2004-28 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY VACATING A CERTAIN MUNICIPAL RIGHT-OF-WAY RUNNING OFF BOAT CLUB COURT AND PARALLEL WITH FRONT STREET LOCATED IN TAX BLOCK 9.01.”

Mr. O’Connor said that this is a public right-of-way that runs 200 feet parallel to Front Street. He said that a property owner in the area received approval by the Planning Board to make improvements to this right-of-way because it serves no purpose to the Borough. The ordinance vacates the public right-of-way and the property would revert back to the original owners.

Mayor McKenna opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Nick Procia – 268 Prospect Avenue – Little Silver – said that he owns property at 12 West Front Street and asked once it is vacated how he would get to the back of his store.

Mr. O'Connor said that whatever rights he had before remain in place. He said the developer has agreed to bring the right-of-way up to municipal standards.

Mr. Procia asked if the developer is responsible for maintenance.

Mr. O'Connor said all of the property owners would have to come to some kind of agreement.

Mayor McKenna said that this is not Borough property and we do not want to keep it because it is a liability to the Borough.

Mr. O'Connor said if the property owners are having problems coming up with an agreement to call him because we have just resolved a similar situation in another part of town.

Greg Norman, representing Monmouth Development, has concerns about what the vacation will mean. He wants to know what are the rights and who will pay. He said there should be agreements and rules.

Mr. O'Connor said that the property owners are going to have to get together to have a meeting on how the right-of-way is going to be maintained. He said there are 14 property owners involved in this right-of-way and they will have to reach some kind of agreement. He said he would be happy to sit in on the meeting and give them some advice. He said at this time he is recommending the Governing Body table the ordinance until the 14 property owners come to some kind of agreement about the maintenance of the right-of-way.

Mayor McKenna asked if anyone else would like to speak, no one appearing he closed the public hearing.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Ms. Beck offered a motion to table the ordinance on final reading, seconded by Mr. Curley.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the ordinance was declared tabled on final reading.

2004-29 Mayor McKenna read "A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2004 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$750,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$712,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF."

Mayor McKenna opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Alberto Larotunda – Spring Street – asked what types of improvements are proposed for Spring Street.

Councilman Bifani said that we are waiting for adoption of the ordinance and then would have a public meeting with the residents on the streets which we are proposing traffic calming.

Mr. Larotunda asked how we predetermine how much we are going to spend.

Councilwoman Beck said that money has been set aside for traffic calming and we will have a public meeting on the streets where we are proposing traffic calming.

Mayor McKenna asked if anyone else would like to speak, no one appearing he closed the public hearing.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

2004-30 Mayor McKenna read “A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE WATER/SEWER UTILITY, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE “BOROUGH”); APPROPRIATING \$170,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$161,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.”

Mayor McKenna opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak, no one appearing he closed the public hearing.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

There being five 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. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

2004-31 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III “POLICE REGULATIONS” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK REGARDING SECTION 3-10 “DRUG FREE SCHOOL ZONES”.”

Mayor McKenna opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak, no one appearing he closed the public hearing.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on final reading, seconded by Mr. Hintelmann.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

2004-33 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A RECONVEYANCE OF BLOCK 71, LOT 31 (LEIGHTON AVENUE) AND BLOCK 81, LOT 13 (BANK STREET) FROM THE MONMOUTH COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE, INC.”

Mayor McKenna opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak, no one appearing he closed the public hearing.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on final reading, seconded by Mr. Hintelmann.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

RESOLUTIONS

04-225 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION BOUNDARIES.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

04-226 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF SIDEWALK CAFÉS.”

Mr. Hintelmann offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Beck.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

04-227 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REAL ESTATE TAXES CONCERNING BLOCK 11.01, LOT 5."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

04-228 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF BIDS REGARDING THE COUNT BASIE FOOTBALL FIELD SOD AND IRRIGATION SYSTEM INSTALLATION."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

04-229 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY APPOINTING TAX COLLECTOR."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

04-230 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY APPOINTING TERENCE M. WHALEN ASSISTANT TAX COLLECTOR."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

04-231 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

04-232 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AWARDED CONTRACT REGARDING THE MAPLE AVENUE SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

PROCLAMATIONS

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

04-233 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$1,536,450.07."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIENCE

Bob Clark – 51 Irving Place – said he is the designated spokesperson for the residents of Arthur and Irving Place. He said he was here in late June and since then the neighborhood has had numerous meetings. He said they have educated themselves on traffic calming and discussed different methods. He read a prepared statement that said that they want the speed limit reduced to 15 miles an hour, add signage on 4' by 4" wooden posts, more street signs posted and the weight limit enforced. He said they would like a no left turn from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Broad Street just South of Irving Place from Monday through Friday and install a no left turn on the west side of Maple Avenue just north of Irving Place from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He said that much of the traffic is at the peak hours when commuters are going to work. He said another problem is at Arthur Place when people are trying to cut through to avoid the light at Maple Avenue and East Bergen Place. They also said that left turn lanes should be created at the intersection of Maple Avenue and East Bergen Place and a signal put in to allow the traffic to flow better. He said that it is very important to have the Police Department enforce these regulations and give out tickets so the public knows we are serious about our regulations. He thanked the Members of the Governing Body for their time and submitted a petition with 45 signatures from residents from Irving Place, Arthur Place and Broad Street.

Jack Pivnick – 30 Irving Place – said there is too much development in Red Bank and said we are close to capacity.

John Gosden – 43 Harrison Avenue – said that he lives on Harrison Avenue and people speed down his street and he lives across the street from the park. He said they also need better signage on their street and police enforcement. He said he would also like to get together with his neighbors and talk about these problems.

Mayor McKenna said that our Police Department has been very active and issuing a lot of tickets for speeding.

Mr. Gosden said that they need more speed limit signs on their street.

Councilman Hintelmann said that he would talk to Chief Fitzgerald about this matter.

Mr. Gosden also asked about discount smart cards for residents to use at the parking meters downtown.

Mayor McKenna said that the Borough Attorney is looking into the legality of this matter.

Mr. Godsen said that he hopes the Parking Manager is taking the concerns of the residents into consideration and asked if the money collected from the meters would offset taxes. He also asked how much we could expect to collect.

Mayor McKenna said that it would provide tax relief to the residents of the Borough and it is too early to tell how much we would be collecting.

Laura Garret – 23 Irving Place – asked if all of the traffic is going to be detoured down Irving Place while the work is being done on the sewer line on Maple Avenue and Irving Place.

Mr. Kosenski said the detour is implemented by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and is not planned to go down Irving Place.

Gwendolyn Smith – 29 Chapin Avenue and 99 River Street – said the lot across the street from her house at 99 River Street has people drinking and gambling there 24 hours a day. She said Chief Fitzgerald has been very helpful but they move and then come back again. She said it is a detriment to the area.

Mayor McKenna said that we could put up a temporary fence and will send Public Works over to clean up the property and put a lien on the property. He said he would also speak to Chief Fitzgerald again.

Judy Hathaway – 44 Ambassador Drive – would like to see all of the Council Meetings held at 7:30 p.m. so they are accessible to the public.

Mayor McKenna said that we have been discussing this but we cannot make any commitments for next year's Governing Body. He said we use to have the first meeting of the month at 5:30 p.m. and the second meeting of the month at 7:30 p.m. and had a much larger attendance at the 5:30 p.m. meetings. He said the Governing Body in January would have to make this decision.

Ms. Hathaway asked why they can't be changed for the rest of the year because business people cannot get here.

Councilman Curley said that he is continuing to get a petition signed by residents that want the meetings changed to a later time.

Mayor McKenna said that over the last 18 years we have tried every possible time and 5:30 p.m. seems to have the most participation. He said that next year we could discuss adding some different times.

Councilwoman Beck said that she understands that the Mayor feels we have more attendance at 5:30 p.m. but she feels that this time is too early and not accessible for most people that have to commute.

Mayor McKenna said we would continue to discuss this.

Trisha Rumola – 20 Broad Street – said that RiverCenter would like to give something to Mr. Loversidge for his retirement and said that it has been a pleasure for RiverCenter to work with him for 14 years. She also said that RiverCenter does have a say about what happens in the community because they also pay a lot of taxes.

Kim McArthur – 14 Highland Avenue – said the fire alarm is very loud and asked if it is absolutely necessary.

Mr. Sickels said that the fire alarm is required by State standards because we have over 600 fire alarms a year. He said that all members have pagers but if they are working and cannot hear them or they fail for some reason they can hear the horn. He said the Fire Department has modified the system over the years and has shortened the codes and only blows the horn between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. in the event that it is a confirmed fire.

Councilwoman Beck asked if it cannot be sounded between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. why can't it be that way the rest of the day.

Mr. Sickels said that during the day the firemen might not hear their pagers because of their jobs. He said that we usually have 1200 calls a year and because of fire insurance regulations there must be a dual alarm system.

Mayor McKenna said our volunteer Fire Department works very hard and donates a lot of their time and they feel they need both methods.

Ms. McArthur asked if there have been any lawsuits.

Mr. Sickels said not that he knows of.

Councilwoman Beck said that she has heard complaints from residents about the horn but the firemen are very passionate about this.

Councilman Curley asked if this is an antiquated system.

Mr. Sickels said that they did reassign lower numbers to reduce the number of blasts but this system is very efficient.

Alberto Larotundo – Spring Street – said changing the times of the Council Meetings has been brought up numerous times and suggested that we have a public survey.

The Members of the Governing discussed changing the times of the Council Meetings and said they would speak to various residents about this matter.

Judy Pittiti – 226 Broad Street – asked that something needs to be done about the traffic on Irving Place.

Jane Clark – 51 Irving Place – has lived there for 33 years and asked that the Police Department enforce the speed limit and the weight limit laws on her street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

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