

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
JUNE 25, 2002
5:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor McKenna and Council Members Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky.

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

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Menna offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Ms. Beck.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

Presentation to Red Bank Patriots Girls Softball Team

Mayor McKenna said that he would like to congratulate the Red Bank's Patriots girl softball team for coming in second in the league in the twelve and under age division. He presented each girl and the coaches with certificates of achievement and congratulated them on their success.

2001 AUDIT REPORT

Dave Kaplan, the Borough Auditor, presented the 2001 Audit Report. He said after reviewing all the financial records from 2001 that everything was in order and the quality of the records were very good. He said he does a lot of audits in other municipalities and that we should be very proud of our finance team. He said he discussed the entire audit with the finance committee and noted that Red Bank had the highest collection of taxes in a very long time and that was 97.19%. He also stated that Water and Sewer Utility and Parking Utility had good years. He said there are only two audit recommendations and knows that these items are being taken care of.

Mayor McKenna thanked Councilman Polonsky, Mr. Sickels, Mr. Loverside, and Mr. Kaplan, and said he is very happy to get a good report on the audit.

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Polonsky offered a motion to resume the regular order of business, seconded by Mr. Menna.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

WORKSHOP

World Trade Center Memorial

Mr. Sickels said he had placed information in the packets regarding a permanent memorial at Riverside Gardens Park. He said there is an impromptu memorial there now and this memorial has seen the test of time and weather. He said he thinks it would be appropriate to place a bronze plaque in the flowerbed in a location that would not obstruct the view of the river. He asked the governing body for their thoughts regarding the memorial and removing the temporary memorial.

Councilman Bifani said he would like to see a permanent plaque placed in Riverside Garden Park.

Councilman Menna said that since only two residents were lost in the attack that it might be appropriate to put their names on the plaque.

Councilwoman Thompson said she would like to see the plaque placed near the two trees that were planted in memory of these individuals.

The governing body discussed various ideas regarding the permanent memorial and agreed that the impromptu memorial should be removed from the park.

Mayor McKenna said that he has received numerous suggestions regarding the disposed items from the memorial and said that we should inform the families that we would be removing this memorial at a certain time in case they wanted to pick up any items that they left there. He suggested that Councilman Polonsky contact the Red Bank Public Library to see if they might want any of the items that were left at the impromptu memorial.

Councilman Polonsky said that perhaps some of the items might be taken over to the library and put in the Red Bank room.

Mayor McKenna said that he just wanted to make it clear that we would give a public announcement before any items are removed or donated so the families will have time to retrieve any items that they wanted.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Bifani reported that the Streetscape for Shrewsbury Avenue would start soon and also that he has scheduled a prisoner clean up at the Red Bank primary school. He also commented on the mural that was painted on the building at the corner of Shrewsbury Avenue and Drs. James Parker Boulevard and said it is very nice and was the first mural that was state funded.

The governing body agreed the mural looked great.

Councilwoman Beck asked Councilman Bifani if there were any water and sewer repairs being done to Shrewsbury Avenue.

Councilman Bifani said that this is a county road and there have been no complaints in that area.

Councilman Polonsky reported that the library board had a meeting with Ned Gaunt about bringing the library into ADA compliance. He said that there is no handicapped access to a number of areas in the library and that an elevator would have to be installed along with numerous other projects to make the library completely ADA accessible.

Mayor McKenna reported that he has been appointed to the State Planning Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor McKenna read a request from the Red Bank International Film Festival to hold second annual film festival, have a sidewalk parade and have a “Movie Style Spotlights” in front of the theater on August 21, 2002, approved by the Special Event Committee.

Mr. Polonsky offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Menna.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2002-16 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2002-15 FIXING COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICES, POSITIONS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2002”.

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

Councilwoman Beck asked why we do not have one employee to handle the electrical inspections.

Mr. Sickels said that electrical inspectors are in short supply and we will see how this works out.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

Public Hearing and final adoption scheduled for July 9, 2002.

2002-17 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS REGARDING PERMITTED SIGNS”.

Mr. Menna offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Polonsky.

Councilman Menna said that after our dealings with the Muck Monster who challenged us in court that we needed to make some changes in our ordinances regarding personal freedom.

Councilwoman Thompson said that one of the big problems in Red Bank is with political signs being left after the election is over. She asked why we are allowing fifteen days for the removal of signs.

Councilman Menna said we must give people a reasonable amount of time to remove the sign before we issue a summons.

Councilwomen Beck said that political signs are not always related to elections and gave the example of a resident putting up a sign regarding the parking garage.

Councilwomen Thompson said that once the subject is debated and done with the sign should be removed.

Councilman Menna said that he was offended by the size of a recent sign that was put up by a resident and the amount of time it was kept up. He said we must set up some reasonable parameters.

Councilman Polonsky said that he thought it was ruled upon in court that signs could only be left up for fifteen days and there were also regulations regarding the size.

Mr. O'Connor said that this correct. He said that generally the signs could be 14 square feet and the length of time the signs could be left up was directed to the elections.

Councilman Menna suggested that we move forward with the ordinance and if there were any problems that we could amend it.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

Public Hearing and final adoption scheduled for July 9, 2002.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption

2002-15 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICES, POSITIONS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK FOR THE YEAR 2002”.

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

Mr. Menna offered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Polonsky.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

RESOLUTIONS

02-147 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES 2002/2003”.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

02-148 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO APPLICATION OF PRC GROUP REGARDING THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM EXTENSION”.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

02-149 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF SIDEWALK CAFÉ FOR PORTICO RISTORANTE AND PIZZERIA”.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

02-150 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH FIRE AND FIRST AID COMPANIES FOR STORAGE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT”.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

PROCLAMATIONS

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

02-151 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$667,806.94”.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIENCE

Drew Horgan-146 Branch Avenue- said that he is encouraging residents and businesses to decorated their buildings for the Fourth of July holiday. He said that the Kaboom FireWorks Committee is still looking for donations and that if anybody was interested they could send a donation to P.O. Box 155 Red Bank, New Jersey 07701.

Ben Forrester-16 Locus Avenue-said that the mural in the park looks wonderful and he is very happy to see numerous projects underway.

David Prown-44 Hillside Terrace-talked about the various fees for the Parks and Recreations Department programs and asked why residents from out of town were charged the same amount. He also asked about the addition of another regulation size soccer field for Count Basie Field.

Mayor McKenna said that he would contact George Lynch from the Public Works Department to see if another field could be put there.

Councilwoman Thompson said that Mr. Prown should talk to the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding fees that are charged for the sports programs and their policies.

The governing body had a general discussion regarding the problems with getting children to sign up early for these programs and attending the programs on a regular basis.

David Prown questioned the boroughs lease with Red Bank Catholic for Count Basie Field.

Mr. Sickels said that he believes Mr. Prown is missing some paperwork relating to this contract and asked him to come in and meet with him on this subject.

Mayor McKenna said that he would like to congratulate RiverCenter for receiving \$410,000 for the Monmouth Street Streetscape Program.

Chris Cole-1 Fisher Place-said that RiverCenter really appreciates this and that the job would be starting in the fall and hopefully completed by the holidays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

02-152 The Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss contract negotiations and personnel.

Mrs. Thompson offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Menna to adjourn to executive session to contract negotiations and personnel. Minutes to be made public in 180 days.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

Mr. Hintelmann offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Beck to adjourn from executive session.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

ADJOURMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Vivona