

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
NOVEMBER 12, 2002
5:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

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

ABSENT: Councilman Menna.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

WORKSHOP

Identity and Wayfinding Project

Gail O'Reilly said that after many years of work she would like to ask the Council for authorization to receive bids for the wayfinding project. She said the bid would start out with a very conservative approach authorizing fabrication of 57 signs. She asked the governing body if there were any questions.

Councilwoman Beck thanked Gail for all of her hard work and asked if there were any interim steps that could be taken to slow traffic down on Leighton Avenue and Irving Place.

Mrs. O'Reilly said she would address this issue under the next item on the workshop agenda.

Councilman Polonsky said this was started a long time ago and he is glad it is finally coming to fruition.

Mrs. O'Reilly said the signs have been slightly modified.

Councilman Mr. Polonsky said he would like an explanation of the changes from Mrs. O'Reilly at some point.

Councilwoman Beck asked who put the signs up that are up now.

Mrs. O'Reilly said RiverCenter put them up.

Leighton Avenue Traffic Calming Grant Application

Gail O'Reilly reported that since 2000 extensive community outreach has been conducted to try and regulate traffic on Leighton Avenue. She said this is a residential street but is used as an alternate to Shrewsbury Avenue she said this makes the street eligible for state funding for traffic calming. She said the application has been submitted numerous times and it is a top ranked project but is tied with another municipality. She said she submitted an application to the Livable Communities Transportation Grant on October 18, 2002 but has not heard from them. She said when we receive funding for Leighton Avenue traffic calming and implement the plan we would proceed with traffic calming on Shrewsbury Avenue.

Councilwoman Beck asked if we could implement an interim plan for traffic calming on Shrewsbury Avenue, Spring Street and Irving Place to slow cars down.

Mrs. O'Reilly said any changes would have to be approved by the state and she would look into this but does not want to raise anyone's hope of immediate changes.

Councilman Bifani said that early in December he would be setting up a meeting with the Borough Engineer, Neil Burnip and the residents to discuss temporary traffic calming on Leighton Avenue.

Mayor McKenna suggested that traffic safety also be included in the meeting. He said Captain VanPelt is very knowledgeable on what needs to be approved by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. He said we came up with what we thought was a great plan for the intersection of McLaren Street and Prospect Avenue, placing a four-way stop, but the NJDOT would not approve it.

Mrs. O'Reilly said it would be a great idea to do a local inventory and said she would be submitting a second application to receive a grant at the beginning of December.

Councilwoman Thompson said there is an immediate need to have some kind of traffic calming on Leighton Avenue. She suggested the matter be turned over to traffic safety because she thinks something should be done in the next week or two and also suggested that more crossing guards be hired.

Councilman Hintelmann said he would discuss this matter with Chief Clayton tomorrow.

Fire Department Ordinance Change

Mr. Sickels said that at the request of the Fire Department there is a minor amendment to the hours for the election of the fire chief and also the use of absentee ballots.

Mayor McKenna asked if the Department recommended the changes.

Mr. Sickels said they did.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilwoman Beck reported that we would be introducing an amended version of the landlord registration ordinance after receiving comments from all the departments involved and members of the community. She also said the fee schedule has been amended and the public hearing on the ordinance would be held on December 10, 2002. She also reported that a community outreach program would be held at St. Anthony's Church on November 16, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. for the Hispanic community following the evening mass and she encouraged all council members to attend.

Councilman Hintelmann reported that after a conversation at the last council meeting about speeding on various streets in Red Bank the Red Bank police department issued 308 summonses and 33 were issued on the targeted streets.

Councilman Polonsky said starting the first week of December the finance committee would start meeting with various departments regarding their budgets for next year.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor McKenna read a request for raffle licenses from St. James Grammar School PTA, Rumson PTA and Red Bank Catholic High School Booster Club.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

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

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing and Final Adoption

2002-24 Mayor McKenna read **An ordinance requiring the registration of all rental property within the Borough of Red Bank, Monmouth County, New Jersey.**

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

Councilwoman Beck said the Borough Attorney recommended the governing body vote against this ordinance before we introduce the amended version.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: None

Nays: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

There being no ayes and five nays, the ordinance was not adopted.

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2002-26 Mayor McKenna read **“A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2002 FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE WATER/SEWER UTILITY, IN, OF AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE “BOROUGH”); APPROPRIATING \$1,150,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,150,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF”.**

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

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

Public Hearing and final adoption scheduled for November 26, 2002.

2002-27 Mayor McKenna read **“AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ALL RENTAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY”.**

After a discussion regarding the ordinance several amendments were made to the ordinance.

Ms. Beck offered a motion to adopt the amendments to the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Hintelmann.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

There being five ayes and no nays the amendments were declared adopted.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

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

Public Hearing and final adoption scheduled for December 10, 2002.

2002-28 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II “ADMINISTRATION”, SECTION 2-37 “FIRE DEPARTMENT” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK”.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

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

Public Hearing and final adoption scheduled for November 26, 2002.

RESOLUTIONS

02-228 Mayor McKenna read “ A RESOLUTION AWARDING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 REGARDING THE WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM WATER METER INSTALLATION”.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

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

02-229 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1”.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

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

02-230 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 AND CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR CONTRACT FOR PUMPER FIRE APPARATUS”.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

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

02-231 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH”.

Mrs. Thompson offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Beck.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

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

02-233 Mayor McKenna read “ A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR CONTRACT REGARDING IDENTITY AND WAYFINDING PROGRAM, PHASE I”.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

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

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

02-232 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$3,017,296.67”.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McKenna said he would like to offer his congratulations to Councilwoman Beck and Councilman-elect John Curley on their recent election victory. He said he is sad to see Councilman Polonsky go but looks forward to working with John Curley.

AUDIENCE

John Curley – 170 Manor Drive – thanked the residents of the Borough of Red Bank for their support. He said he looks forward to working as a member of the governing body and congratulated Councilman Beck on her victory. He also thanked Councilman Polonsky for his plethora of knowledge.

Councilman Polonsky thanked John for his kind words and said the Council Meetings would definitely be longer.

Councilwoman Beck thanked John and said he worked very hard on the campaign, she also congratulated Mayor McKenna.

Chris Cole – 1 Fisher Place – congratulated Mayor McKenna, Councilwoman Beck and Councilman-elect Curley, he also said he has always respected Councilman Polonsky and is sad to see him leave. He said he would like to discuss temporary sidewalk displays in the RiverCenter district for the holidays.

Mayor McKenna said the governing body would discuss this and get back to him by the next council meeting.

The governing body discussed various options and said they are worried about impeding on the pedestrian walkway.

Mr. Cole said the displays would have to be approved by the VIC committee and would be monitored closely.

Mayor McKenna asked for something more specific from Mr. Cole and suggested the displays not impede more than 24 inches into the pedestrian walkway.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

02-234 The Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss potential litigation, contract negotiations and personnel.

Mr. Hintelmann offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Beck to adjourn to executive session to potential litigation, contract negotiations and personnel. Minutes to be made public in 180 days.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

There being five 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, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Vivona