

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
MARCH 26, 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, Borough Clerk Vivona, Chief Financial Officer Loversidge, Engineer Kosenski, and Attorney O'Connor.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mrs. Thompson offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Mr. Polonsky.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky.

Nays: None

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

Public Hearing 2002 Municipal Budget

Dave Kaplan, the Borough Auditor, appeared before the governing body and said we are here this evening to hold the public hearing on 2002 municipal budget.

Councilman Polonsky said we would be holding the public hearing tonight, but we would be unable to adopt the budget because we are still waiting to hear from the state on the possibility of receiving state aid.

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Polonsky opens the public hearing and asked if there were any questions or regarding the budget, hearing none he closed the public hearing.

Mayor McKenna offered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Hintelmann

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky.

Nays: None

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

Red Bank Regional High School presentation of proposed renovations.

Mayor McKenna introduced Ed Westervelt, Superintendent of Red Bank Regional High School and Steven Terhune, Business Administrator.

Mr. Westervelt reported that there are many renovations needed to Red Bank Regional High School. He said that the facility is in good condition but is thirty years old. He also stated the original debt incurred on the high school will be paid off on April 1, 2002 and because of this

and funding available from the state for improvement to schools, it will be possible to hold the line on property taxes and the project would not require additional taxes. He said the school is eligible for 40% of funding from the state and this would be a good time to do this project because of all the problems involved with the state budget. He said there is a possibility that in the years to come this funding would not be available. He said there would be no expansion to the existing facility but a new configuration to the existing space. The renovations would include a new roof, improved air quality, repair of the field house and gym floor, upgrading the heating and ventilating systems and upgrading the fire alarm system. He said that the total cost of these renovations would be \$8.5 million dollars and this would be phased in over a three-year period with no tax impact. He said that he feels very confident that this is the right time to move forward on this project and has received notification from the state that they would be eligible to receive 40% of the funding.

Mayor McKenna thanked Mr. Westervelt and Mr. Terhune for this information and said the facilities are in need of renovations. He asked the governing body if they had any questions

Councilman Polonsky asked why it would take three years to complete the renovations

Mr. Terhune said that the schools are used twelve months of the year because there are many summer programs. He also said that this would be voted by referendum on April 16, 2002 and hopes the community supports the referendum.

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

ROLL CALL:

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

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky.

Nays: None

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

WORKSHOP

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ORDINANCE

Mayor McKenna said he has received a draft copy of the Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance and has number of questions for Councilman Menna.

Councilman Menna said that this is only a draft document and he would like comments from the governing body regarding this ordinance.

Mayor McKenna said that Councilman Menna should set up a meeting with Mr. O'Connor.

Councilman Menna said the ordinance would protect structures and would not be burdensome to the owners of the property. He said it would be beneficial to get classifications of the existing historic structures in Red Bank. He also stated this would not designate structures but would make recommendation on which structures had historic benefits to the town.

Councilwoman Beck said there are eight remaining historic structures that she knew of left in this town and would like this ordinance implemented before any of these structures were demolished. She said the ordinance would enable the commission to have a chance to review any structures that might be considered historic before they were destroyed.

Mayor McKenna said the ordinance would set up criteria but not be mandatory. It would give property owners something to work with.

Councilman Menna said that he would meet with Mr. O'Connor, Mayor McKenna and various council members regarding this ordinance.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor McKenna said that he had met with Governor McGreevey regarding the State and Municipal budget crisis in New Jersey. He said fortunately Red Bank would not have a major tax increase but other municipalities would. He said Mr. Westervelt was correct in saying that the 40% amount of funding available for schools would not be available past June and that this would be good time to do the renovations to Red Bank Regional high school.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor McKenna read a request for raffles license St. James Grammar School.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky.

Nays: None

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

Mayor McKenna read a request from the Red Bank Charter School to use the courtroom on April 12, 2002 for a mock trial case from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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.

Mayor McKenna read a request from the Jersey Shore Jazz and Blues Foundation to hang banners on Broad Street and Shrewsbury Avenue from May 6, 2002 to June 4, 2002.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky.

Nays: None

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

Mayor McKenna read a request from Monmouth County SPCA to hang a banner on Broad Street from September 5, 2002 to October 5, 2002 to advertise Stroll for Strays.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky.

Nays: None

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

Mayor McKenna read a request from RiverCenter to hang a banner on Shrewsbury Avenue from April 15 to April 29, 2002 to advertise Art Walk.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky.

Nays: None

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

Mayor McKenna read a request from "Crusin with the Oldies" to amend request for use of Borough facilities and hold one-night "Cruise Night" on May 17, 2002 pending approval by Special Events Committee.

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

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

2002-6 Mayor McKenna read "A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PUMPER FIRE TRUCK, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$575,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$546,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST, THEREOF.

Mr. Menna offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on first 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 first reading.

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

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption

RESOLUTIONS

02-76 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION #1.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky.

Nays: None

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

02-77 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS”.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky.

Nays: None

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

02-79 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR PUMPER FIRE APPARATUS”.

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

02-78 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$1,018,713.39”.

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

Councilman Polonsky said he would like to make a motion to replace the tree in memory of Pat Collins that was removed from the side of the Red Bank public library, Councilwomen Beck seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Polonsky.

Nays: Thompson

There being five ayes and one nays, the motion was declared approved.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIENCE

David Prown-44 Hillside Place-said he is against the revision to the trash ordinance and that he has received municipal pickup for 77 years.

Dan Murphy Bridge Avenue-said he is against the revision of the trash ordinance and would like to have the borough continue to pickup his trash and pay a surcharge.

Chris Cole-1 Fisher Place-said that he is against the revision of the trash ordinance and that he has listened to many small business owners and feels that they did not receive accurate information regarding the changes. He said RiverCenter is going to receive legal counsel to review the revisions to the ordinance. He also said instituting this ordinance would create many problems and hopes that something can be worked out with the business community and the borough.

Ingeborg Pendorfer-6 Robin Road Rumson-said she feels there was not enough discussion between the business owners and the property owners with the Borough of Red Bank regarding this ordinance. She also feels RiverCenter was not equally involved in revising the ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

02-80 The Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

Mr. Menna offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Beck to adjourn to executive session to discuss contract negotiations. 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 resolution was declared approved.

Mr. Menna offered a motion to adjourn from Executive Session, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Menna 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 resolution was declared approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Vivona