

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
AUGUST 14, 2001
5:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Beck, Polonsky

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

ABSENT: Mayor McKenna, Administrator Sickels

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

WORKSHOP

Councilman Hintelmann said Chief Clayton has received numerous requests from residents to hire three additional crossing guards for the east side of town.

The council agreed to grant the request if there are funds available.

Mr. Loversidge said there is money in the budget to do this.

Councilman Menna said a while ago he had received a request from the Charter School and the Medicenter to place a crosswalk for pedestrians on Front Street for access to Riverside Gardens Park. He said that students, nurses and patients find it very difficult to cross the street in this area.

Councilman Bifani said Councilman Hintelmann should ask Chief Clayton for a recommendation concerning this matter.

Councilwoman Beck said that she met with Gail O'Reilly and Gail said the County would only approve a crosswalk where streets intersect. She said maybe we could ask cars to slow down with similar signs that are used on Broad Street.

Mr. Kosenski said that English Plaza is actually a street.

The governing body agreed to try and receive permission from the County to place a crosswalk at West Front Street and English Plaza.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Hintelmann said he would like to commend Sgt. Coutu and Investigator Clayton for an investigation that lead to a drug bust on West Bergen Place. He said 9 individuals were arrested and \$3,000 worth of drugs were confiscated. He said the entire Police Department did a wonderful job.

Councilwoman Beck said she has been meeting with all the employees involved in Code Enforcement and has asked the Code Enforcement officials from Freehold to meet with them to discuss how they deal with the problem of overcrowding and other quality of life issues. She said they are reviewing our existing ordinances and would be recommending some amendments.

Councilman Bifani said the Health Officer and the Director of Public Works have been working on addressing a complaint we had received at a previous Council Meeting from a multi-unit apartment dwelling. He said they met with Code Enforcement and they have made several suggestions that have resulted in resolving the problem. He said Code Enforcement officials have been working in the NPP zone and over 25 residents were cited with violations.

Councilwoman Beck said it is very important to deal with health and safety issues.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2001-20 Council President Bifani read “A BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2001-3 FINALLY ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 13, 2001 ENTITLED, “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS 2001 WATER SYSTEM AND SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS, 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 \$115,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$115,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF” TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OR NOTES CONTAINED THEREIN BY \$60,000.”

Public Hearing and final adoption scheduled for August 28, 2001.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption

RESOLUTIONS

01-173 Council President Bifani read, “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 99, LOT 15.01.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

01-174 Council President Bifani read, “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO PERFORM SERVICES INCLUDING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

01-175 Council President Bifani read, “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

01-176 Council President Bifani read, “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

01-177 Council President Bifani read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH ESTABLISHING A DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR FUNDS COLLECTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COURT UNDER THE PARKING OFFENSES ADJUDICATION ACT.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

01-178 Council President Bifani read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH ESTABLISHING A DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR FUNDS RAISED BY THE RED BANK ALLIANCE ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

01-179 Council President Bifani read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH ESTABLISHING A DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR DEVELOPERS ESCROW FEES.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

01-180 Council President Bifani read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

01-181 Council President Bifani read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

PROCLAMATIONS

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

01-182 Council President Bifani read “A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$4,145,441.69.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Beck said she read an article in one of the weekly papers that said all of the members of the Parking Task Force support a parking garage. She said she did not think the original proposal of creating the Parking Task Force was to have all of the members in favor of a garage and thinks there should be some members on the committee who are against the parking garage.

Councilman Bifani said he knows all of the members are not in favor of a garage.

Councilwoman Thompson said the paper said a majority of the members are in favor of the garage and hopes the Mayor adds more members to balance the group.

Councilman Menna said it is not our choice to make. He said we have listened to a lot of people, committees and experts. He said what this committee comes up with should not sway our opinion.

Councilwoman Thompson said the committee should look at all factors, we need people to look at both sides.

Councilwoman Beck said everyone has to get a sense that it is an equally distributed group.

Councilman Bifani said we know each one of the committee members, why don't we wait to see what they recommend before we pass judgment.

Mr. Kosenki said he was at the first meeting and Mayor McKenna asked all the committee members to have an objective view. He said the Mayor asked him to give the committee members all of the reports he had received and seemed to be interested in having an objective view.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIENCE

Drew Horgan – 146 Branch Avenue – said he is a member of the Parking Task Force and the newspaper is wrong and they printed a correction. He said the committee is opened minded and they all agree this is a whole new ball game and they are looking at all the views.

Patricia Brennan – 26 Earl Street – said she has a problem with her water coming out of the tap for 11 days. She said Joe Buonacquista and the health department have made recommendations to her landlord. She said the Department of Environmental Protection and Henderson Labs have tested the water and Henderson Labs said do not drink the water and the D.E.P. results are not ready.

Councilman Bifani said all departments involved in this are here this evening. Mr. Richart said he was there numerous times and checked the water and it was clear. He said he met with Mr. Bounacquista and flushed the hydrant and tested the water and it was clear and fit for drinking. He said he received a call from the plumber today and he said it is clear.

Councilman Bifani asked Ms. Brennan to forward both reports to Mr. Richart when she receives them.

Councilwoman Beck asked if this was isolated to her house.

Ms. Brennan said it is.

Councilman Bifani he would like to commend the borough employees for doing a good job checking on this situation.

The governing body had a brief discussion with Ms. Brennan regarding her situation and said the borough officials would continue to monitor her water and help her rectify the situation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Vivona