

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

DECEMBER 11, 2014 (Thursday)

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Long called the meeting to order and requested those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance - 8:35 am.

Mayor Long read the following compliance statement:

"Good Morning Ladies And Gentlemen,

This meeting is now called to order. In line with the Borough Of Sea Bright's longstanding policy of open government, and in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act", I wish to advise you that adequate notice of this regularly scheduled meeting has been advertised in the Asbury Park Press and faxed to local newspapers on December 10, 2013 and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough office. This meeting is open to the public."

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Dina Long, Councilmembers William J. Keeler, John Lamia, Marc A. Leckstein, James A. LoBiondo, Councilman-Elect Rooney

OTHERS: Borough Attorney Patrick J. McNamara, Borough Engineer Jaclyn Flor, Acting Borough Engineer Joseph L. Verruni, Chief Financial Officer Michael Bascom,

ABSENT: Councilmember's Peggy Bills, Brian Kelly

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Community Advisory Committees for 2015

ACTION: Mayor Long requested Councilmembers to review the Committees and submit their recommendations for 2015 as soon as possible. New committees and/or members will need to be finalized for the Reorganization meeting on January 3, 2015. Although there aren't plans at this time to create a Community Advisory Committee to participate in the budget process, the Borough will schedule a budget presentation/town hall meeting sometime in late February.

SUBJECT: Fireworks Display Request from Sands Beach Club scheduled for June 27, 2015; rain date June 28, 2015

ACTION: Council approved and a Resolution will be prepared for the December 16, 2014 agenda.

SUBJECT: Flashing Crosswalk Update

ACTION: Chief Sorrentino will continue working on cost schematics and determining a likely timeframe for the two locations in question and will report back to Council. Because of the safety issue, an alternative solution would be to hire a crossing guard for the summer months.

SUBJECT: Striping Plans for Ocean Avenue/Rt. 36

ACTION: Discussion carried to January 15, 2015 Workshop Meeting. Representatives from the New Jersey Department of Transportation will attend the meeting.

SUBJECT: Lowering the speed limit in the Downtown to 25 mph

ACTION: Councilman Leckstein reported the Sustainable Sea Bright Committee asked Council to consider lowering the speed limit in the downtown area. Council will consider once the NJ Department of Transportation finalizes their street striping plans. In the meantime, Borough Administrator will prepare letter to NJDOT requesting information on what the process to lower speed limit would entail.

SUBJECT: Seasonal Mercantile License Fees

ACTION: Borough Administrator Verruni reported will be meeting with Councilman Keeler and CFO Bascom to work on a revised Mercantile fee schedule. Councilman Keeler asked Councilmembers for any input.

SUBJECT: Library Lease at First United Methodist Church

ACTION: Borough Administrator Verruni reported we have a lease which allows us to move forward with a temporary library. Mr. Verruni reported there will be some initial expenses to provide bookcases and other minor remodeling necessary to separate the library from the sanctuary. A resolution will be

prepared for the December 15, 2104 Regular Meeting authorizing the Mayor to execute the lease agreement. Councilman-Elect Rooney reported that the bookcases will be removable so when we build a permanent library we can take them and restore the church back its pre-existing condition.

SUBJECT: Firehouse/Police Building Update

ACTION: Borough Administrator Verruni reported new information regarding the condition of police headquarters has come to light and revealed large lateral cracks which compromise the building more than initially thought. FEMA has authorized a new project worksheet to pay for the temporary police trailers since it has been determined the damage resulted from Superstorm Sandy. A resolution will be prepared for the December 16, 2014 meeting authorizing the architect to prepare schematics showing allocation of space for a new Public Safety Building to house Police and Fire/OEM. Councilman LoBiondo will remain involved in this project until it is completed.

SUBJECT: Hazard Mitigation Plan - Award of Contract Resolution for Review

ACTION: Steve Nelson, NJ Futures, along with the Steering Committee will prepare recommendations for awarding the contract for the January 15, 2015 Workshop meeting.

SUBJECT: RFP to provide Planning, Design, Engineering and Grant Administrative Services

ACTION: Steve Nelson, NJ Futures reported we received word from the Economic Development Authority that the Borough will receive the full Streetscape Grant of approximately \$1.3 million to fund downtown streetscaping projects. The EDA requires a RFP to be prepared for the design, engineering and construction over site. CFO Bascom will need a copy of the grant agreement to get a bond ordinance to appropriate it before awarding the RFP.

SUBJECT: Clean Communities Grant Discussion

ACTION: Borough Administrator Verruni reported we have received this grant for the past three years as a result of our recycling efforts. The monies are to be used specifically for recycling promotion and education. Council agreed to have Public Works purchase recycling containers for residents if eligible under this grant.

SUBJECT: Renewal of SPCA Contract for 2015

ACTION: Council agreed to renew the SPCA contract for the upcoming year. Chief Sorrentino will investigate other options once the TNR Program expires. A resolution will be prepared for the January 3, 2015 Council Meeting.

MAYOR LONG MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Borough Offices will be closed in observance of Christmas beginning at noon on December 24 thru December 26
- Beach Badges are on sale for half price - Christmas presents!
- A resolution will be prepared for the December 16, 2014 Council Meeting authorizing the Borough to donate two beach badges for a fundraiser to help the displaced residents from the recent fire in town.
- The County engineers were in town for a meeting to discuss the rebuilding of the Rumson Bridge. Although the project is still several years away, the initial design phase is moving forward. A copy of the plans for the proposed bridge are available in the Clerk's office.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: (limited to 3 minutes)

The Public Comment portion of this meeting allows members of the audience to bring their concerns or comments to the Mayor and Council's attention. Pursuant to Borough Ordinance 3-2011, a member of the public who wishes to speak shall give his/her name and address for the record and may have up to three minutes to state his/her comments to the Mayor and Council as a Body. If additional time or information is requested, an appointment can be made with the Administrator's office during regular business hours.

Toni Zachos Kaplan, 253A Ocean Avenue, questioned what was going on with the Anchorage Apartments. Mayor Long responded that the deal has closed between the property owner and the State DEP as a Green Acres Property. There is not a time-frame as of yet for the demolition. Ms. Kaplan also asked if the Borough is considering expanding the turn lane at the bridge. Mayor Long responded that the Borough has initiated discussions with the various state agencies that would be involved.

Michelle McMullin, asked for an update on the water company project. Borough Administrator Verruni reported that we continue to follow up with the water company but do not have a definite start date.

Butch Hentschel, 7 E. Church Street, suggested Council consider lowering the speed limit in front of the beach clubs which would help the safety issues discussed earlier in this meeting.

Vince LaPore, Long Branch, suggested the Borough continue their contract with the SPCA to deal with the cat population. Mr. LaPore asked if we had a final cost on the temporary firehouse and suggested Council consider fiberglass modular building which has a 30 year life. Also, reported that public banking is starting to take root in Long Branch. Finally, Mr. LaPore urged the Mayor and Councilman Keeler to consider establishing a Finance Committee consisting of residents to participate in the budget process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION
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Councilmember Leckstein offered the following resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Lamia;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, NJSA 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, New Jersey, that they meet in closed session to discuss the issues as herein set forth and when the need for confidentiality no longer exists the decisions made therein will be made available to the public.

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed are as follows:
 - A. Personnel
 - B. Litigation

3. It is anticipated at this time that the subject matters will be made public, if and when, confidentiality is no longer needed. Action may be taken.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council may come back into Regular Session to conduct additional business.

Roll Call:	Bills,	Keeler,	Kelly,	Lamia,	Leckstein,	LoBiondo
	absent	yes	absent	yes	yes	yes

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to Adjourn the Workshop meeting; second by Councilmember LoBiondo;

Vote:	Bills,	Keeler,	Kelly,	Lamia,	Leckstein,	LoBiondo
	absent	Yes	absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time: 10:45 am
Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer, Deputy Clerk