

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

JUNE 11, 2015 (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 Faxed to the Asbury Park Press and other local newspapers on November 24, 2014. In each instance, the Date, Time, And Location Of This Meeting Were Provided In The Notice. This Meeting Is Open To The Public."

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Dina Long, Councilmember's William J. Keeler, Brian P. Kelly, John M. Lamia, Jr., Charles H. Rooney III

ABSENT: Councilmember's Peggy Bills, Marc A. Leckstein

OTHERS: Borough Attorney Patrick J. McNamara, Borough Engineer Jaclyn Flor, Borough Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Borough Clerk Christine Pfeiffer

Mayor Long requested the order of business be changed to enter Executive Session following the public comment portion of the meeting.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

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Butch Hentschel, 7 E. Church Street, brought to Council's attention the poor paint job on trash cans around town.

**RESOLUTION
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Keeler offered the following resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Kelly:

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. 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, Rooney
Absent Yes Yes Yes Absent Yes

Councilmember Leckstein arrived at 8:45 am and joined Executive Session, already in progress.

Councilmember Bills offered a motion to reconvene the public meeting; seconded by Councilmember Leckstein:

Roll Call: Bills, Keeler, Kelly, Lamia, Leckstein, Rooney
Absent Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Meridian Health Hospital Corporation request to use Municipal Parking Lot on the evening of Thursday, August 6, 2015 for over-flow parking from their annual beach party at the Surfrider Beach Club/Windows on the Water

ACTION: Council agreed to allow the overflow parking in the municipal lot and asked the Clerk to notify Meridian that the Farmers Market will be underway at the same time.

SUBJECT: Beach - one mile swim, Sunday Morning July 26

ACTION: Councilman Rooney gave a brief history of the swim and requested bringing the swim back to Sea Bright in memory of Andrew Manning and Charlie Rooney - "Andy/Rooney Swim." Doug Rice from Split Second Racing outlined the details and plans for the July 26 race and possible ways to get the businesses involved. Council agreed to hold the annual swim and asked the Clerk's office to issue a permit once all the required insurance documents have been submitted.

SUBJECT: Request from Clean Ocean Action would like to set up a table at the beach for one weekend to provide information about their Coast Program/Shore Tips for 4 hours on Saturday and Sunday, July 25-26.

ACTION: Council approved and asked the Clerk to notify Clean Ocean Action.

SUBJECT: Seastreak

ACTION: Councilman Rooney explained he has had discussions with Seastreak about bussing people in to Sea Bright from the Seastreak Ferry - it would be a great way to bring visitors in without cars. Brett Chamberlain, Director of Marketing at Seastreak, was in attendance and believes there may be a market for New Yorkers to visit Jersey Shore restaurants/clubs, not just beach-goers. A discussion ensued and it was suggested that as a promotion, this year, the Borough could offer free daily beach badges. It will take Seastreak until early July to get this up and running. Mayor Long said that the Governing Body would like to establish this link and will do what is necessary to facilitate it.

Vince LePore, Long Branch, asked if Seastreak was in partnership with NJ Transit as they use a fleet of more comfortable coaches vs. school buses.

SUBJECT: Anchorage Park Update

ACTION: Borough Administrator Verruni explained that we have taken over the Maintenance and Use Agreement from the NJ DEP for the Park and we are now responsible for the maintenance, upgrades and overall use. Mr. Verruni reported we have installed a fence and the County has seeded and fertilized. The main priority is getting some type of sprinklers installed. Mr. Verruni reported he is in the process of researching battery powered sprinklers and a solar powered well for the water. Councilmember's Leckstein and Kelly will work with Frank Lawrence to create a "Conservancy" (501c3) to oversee the Park.

Vince LePore, Long Branch, suggested the Borough apply for a Monmouth County Open Space Grant to help with the costs.

9:45 am Councilman Kelly left the meeting.

SUBJECT: 1260 Ocean Avenue Update

ACTION: Attorney McNamara reported he will be filing additional enforcement actions in court for failure of property owners to produce rehabilitation plans. The Code Enforcement Officer has sent out letters on four additional properties.

SUBJECT: New Jersey Natural Gas Safety Valve installation

ACTION: Administrator Verruni reported he met with NJNG to discuss the street opening permitting process for the installation and possible patching techniques that address Council's long-term maintenance and aesthetic concerns, especially on streets paved within the last five years. Mr. Verruni will speak to NJNG about separate patches or a line down the roadway and will update Council at the Regular meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

SUBJECT: Chapter 146 - Nuisance Ordinance

ACTION: Administrator Verruni and Chief Sorrentino explained that the State did not approve our Noise Ordinance as it was not an exact match to the State's. Instead, the Ordinance will be called a Nuisance Ordinance and will be distributed to Council for review and listed on the June 16, 2015 Regular Meeting agenda for introduction.

SUBJECT: Retail Sales on Beach

ACTION: The Borough received a request from Sue Patterson - Tropical Sno - asking Council to consider allowing her to set up as a vendor on the beach and to be a sponsor at the SkimBash special event. Council agreed that her sponsorship of the SkimBash is between Ms. Patterson and the organizer of the event; in addition, she cannot sell her product - must be give-aways. Regarding vending on the beach, there is not a process set up in the Borough to allow for vendors so her request was denied.

SUBJECT: Resident Parking - request for handicap spot.

ACTION: Administrator Verruni explained since Sandy, all the previously designated handicap spots are no longer valid. An Ordinance will be prepared for the June 16, 2015 Regular Meeting agenda.

SUBJECT: Seawall/Bulkhead update

ACTION: Borough Engineer Flor explained the DEP initially proposed building an interim bulkhead across the entire length of the municipal parking lot. Now the DEP would prefer to reduce the length of the bulkhead and build a dune to fill the remaining gap. Ms. Flor will convey to DEP the Mayor and Council's concerns that the sand stays on the beach and doesn't end up in the parking lot.

Councilman Lamia asked Ms. Flor for an update on the bulkhead project on the river side. Ms. Flor reported the contractor will be ready to begin within the next month. Still waiting for the condo association on Osborne (Waterways) to sign the easement for a guy wire. Ms. Flor will send a schedule when it is finalized.

SUBJECT: 2015 Roadway Preservation Project

ACTION: Engineer Flor reported the Borough has received the NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant for \$200,000 for Willow Way, Bellevue Place and Atlantic Way. There is also an open Road FEMA Project Worksheet for approximately \$44,000. The total amount of the project is \$291,100.00 which includes the engineering fee of \$58,800.00. New swale curbing will be installed on these streets. A Resolution will be prepared for the June 16, 2015 regular meeting accepting T&M Associates' proposal for engineering services for this project.

Councilman Lamia: Rutgers wants to put their oceanography equipment back on our beach to study the currents, sand movement, etc. Council agreed that they are interested but need more specifics before approving anything. Councilman Lamia will ask Rutgers to provide more details on exactly what this will entail.

Mayor Long: Received letter from resident in north beach requesting Council to consider allowing dogs on beach in summer. Mayor Long will respond that there is no movement from Council to consider for this year.

A discussion ensued on how to enforce cutting through the dunes. Council asked Chief Sorrentino to contact the nearby/adjacent residents when new cuts in the dunes are discovered.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: (limited to 3 minutes)

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Maryann McKenzie, 612 Ocean Ave: is concerned that the monies donated from our "generous neighbors" for the Anchorage Park were to go to beautification and to offset the loss in tax ratables - if the money goes into 501c3 we won't be able to use it to offset the lost ratables. Also commented there are cars in the Anchorage beach parking lot that are not beach-goers and are there every day. Ms. McKenzie asked about the demolition date of the fire and police buildings and suggested the Borough give the public notice prior to the date of the demolition. Also suggested the Borough consider selling bricks from the buildings.

Butch Hentschel , 7 E. Church Street asked if the Borough was aware of the water leak in front of the Sunoco Station and that the ground looks compromised. Marc Philpot advised that NJ American Water was notified last week. Mr. Hentschel asked if the fence which has fallen down in front of the building next to Sea Bright Pizza can be replaced. For Anchorage Park, he suggested there should be plants that survive with less water and less maintenance.

Vince LePore, Long Branch, asked Council if they could sell bricks from the old buildings to be used in the new facility. Mr. LePore also commented there needs to be enforcement of the dog ordinance. Also inquired about when the library would be opening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: HELD AT START OF MEETING

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Roll Call:	Bills,	Keeler,	Kelly,	Lamia,	Leckstein,	Rooney
	Absent	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time: 11 am

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
Borough Clerk