## MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT

### MAY 12, 2016 (Thursday)

**SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY** 

**Mayor Long** called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and requested those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Mayor Long</u> read the following 48 Hour Notice Requirement Compliance Statement: Good Evening 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 the 48 hour notice requirement for this meeting has been met. A copy of the agenda has been sent to the Asbury Park Press and other local newspapers on May 5, 2016 and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough office. This meeting is open to the public.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dina Long

Councilmember's Brian P. Kelly, William J. Keeler

John M. Lamia, Jr., Marc A. Leckstein, Charles H. Rooney

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Bills

**OTHERS:** Attorney Roger J. McLaughlin, Administrator Joseph L. Verruni

## **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.

Karen Trezza, 1068 Ocean Avenue, mentioned two issues on behalf of the businesses regarding pay parking: 1) the BSB is concerned about having to use the kiosk for the first row of free 30 minute parking; 2) asked if something could be done with construction vehicles and dumpsters blocking entire blocks of Ocean Avenue - makes it very difficult for customers to park and access the businesses.

Mayor Long would like to put the construction on Ocean Avenue and permitting dumpsters on the next workshop agenda for discussion. Administrator Verruni reported the 30-minute free parking spot has been addressed.

Ron Gasiorowski, Attorney in Red Bank, reported he has been retained by the Businesses of Sea Bright to file a lawsuit challenging the pay for parking ordinance.

#### **FOR DISCUSSION:**

### **Pay Parking Revenue System**

# **Highlights of Discussion:**

- Mayor Long confirmed that all Council members received a folder containing all of the paid parking information and asked if everyone understands it in its entirety.
- Administrator Verruni explained that enforcement of the 30 minute free spots has been changed so patrons do not have to use the kiosks.
- The resolution has been clarified to include the East Ocean Avenue parking lots.
- Administrator Verruni reviewed and Council discussed some concerns from the businesses and residents:
- Kiosk locations, specifically in the lot behind Borough Hall; Council agreed there should be a kiosk in that location. The businesses were concerned about where the employee parking will be located.
- The gravel area by the old firehouse location not being feasible for paid parking due to the lack of lighting and the condition of the lot.

- The hours of paid parking is still under consideration. "Day" business owners felt they were being penalized as their patrons had to pay vs. "evening" business owners.
- Councilman Rooney expressed that Sea Bright is two different towns during the day versus the nighttime. The focus of paid parking is to increase turnover in the parking lot during the day when the beach is open. Councilman Rooney is concerned about the lack of available parking for the thousands of beach badge holders.
- Administrator Verruni explained the process of collecting monies and handling of the cash boxes each day.
- Engineer Flor explained that there are peak and non peak hours which have been studied and can be utilized in determining hours for paid parking. Mayor Long would like to review a recent report.
- Bulk rate opportunities and parking on the side streets in the downtown area will be reviewed further by Council and Chief Sorrentino.
- Administrator Verruni reviewed parking on the east side of Ocean Avenue which will be one hour parking for turnover for the businesses and the location of 30 minute parking spaces.

Mayor Long respectfully requested a motion to go into closed session to discuss potential litigation.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to enter into Closed Session; second by Councilmember Keeler:

**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 Yes Yes

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to enter back into Regular Session; second by Councilmember Kelly:

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

# **INDIVIDUAL ACTION**

### RESOLUTION(s)

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to carry the following resolution to the regular meeting on May 17, 2016; seconded by Councilmember Kelly:

No. 91-2016 Authorizing Parking Revenue System

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

absent Yes Yes Yes Yes

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to Adjourn the Special meeting; second by Councilmember Kelly:

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

absent Yes Yes Yes Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer Borough Clerk