

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

March 16, 2017 (Thursday)

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Long called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and requested those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Long read the following Compliance Statement:

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT (N.J.S.A. 10:4-18)

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 Was Sent to the Asbury Park Press and other local newspapers on November 15, 2016. In each instance, the Date, Time, And Location Of This Meeting Were Provided In The Notice. This Meeting Is Open To The Public."

PRESENT: Mayor Dina Long
Councilmember's Kevin Birdsall, William J. Keeler, John M. Lamia, Jr.,
Marc A. Leckstein, Charles H. Rooney

ABSENT: Brian P. Kelly

OTHERS: Attorney R. Shaklee, Engineers Fran Mullan and Jenna Stagliano,
Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Clerk Christine Pfeiffer

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.

No one wished to be heard.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Capital Projects Update

ACTION: Borough Engineer, Fran Mullen reported that the underground storage tanks were taken out in front of Rooney Plaza with no issues. Landtek has resumed working in that area - their goal is to be completed by April 13th. Mr. Mullan explained that they are working with the business owners, and residents along Ocean Avenue to make sure they know what is being built and when. Mr. Mullan said the contractor has asked for permission to work extended hours and weekends to ensure the job is completed on time. Mayor Long said she was okay with the contractors starting to work earlier and staying later but is extraordinarily uncomfortable with the extended impact on the businesses. Council discussed possibly extending the deadline and Administrator Verruni reported the project needs to be closed out with EDA by June 1st so the contractor needs to be completed well before that date so all bills, etc. can be approved and submitted. Mr. Mullan will ask the contractor to prepare a schedule for the next month. Council agreed to allow the contractor to work extended hours with additional crews but advised not to rip any sidewalks up that will remain impassable for more than one day.

Administrator Verruni reported we are receiving bids for the beach pavilion on March 31st. The architect will review the bids to see if they are in compliance and will make a recommendation.

Mr. Verruni reported the NJDEP expects a decision any day from the court on the Sea Wall Project and we are still working on obtaining the necessary easements.

Engineer, Fran Mullen provided an update on the water company's new schedule for the water main replacement and is concerned that it will cause a further delay with the completion of the bulkhead project on River Street and we will not be able to close out the grant before the reimbursement deadline. Council would like to send a letter to FEMA, the grantor, to ask for an extension or other available considerations since we are not in control of the NJAW project. Council also asked the Engineer to send a letter to the water company putting them on notice that if we miss the grant deadline for the bulkhead project and do not receive full reimbursement, they will be held accountable.

SUBJECT: Noise Ordinance

ACTION: Mayor Long acknowledged and thanked Councilman Leckstein for all his work drafting the revised Nuisance/Noise Ordinance. Mayor Long asked council for any suggestions or edits so it can be listed for introduction at the next regular meeting. Councilman Leckstein said the only outstanding issue is the A-weighting or C-weighting which are two different meter levels that can be used. He also stated that most towns use the A-weighting but are moving towards the C-weighting because it replicates the human ear even more. Council agreed that section J should be changed to 8 pm to 7 am to be consistent with time restrictions in other sections. Mayor Long asked Council for suggestions on how to communicate this new policy to affected bars and restaurants.

SUBJECT: Parking Ordinance

ACTION: Administrator Verruni said that the parking ordinance will be ready for introduction on Tuesday night. The ordinance will establish 30 minute parking year round on Ocean Avenue, reinforce the handicap parking spaces, increase the employee parking fee from \$25 to \$75 per pass and establish two hour parking in certain areas that are not currently codified. Mayor Long explained that the Borough is renting a parking lot for the employees of businesses which accounts for the increased costs. Chief Sorrentino reported the resident parking permits will be numbered and associated to a license plate number and there will be a handout that goes with the passes to let people know the rules and penalties of fraudulent use.

SUBJECT: Deduct Meters

ACTION: Mayor Long explained that some businesses and residents have deduct meters. These individuals submit water readings to the Borough that do not include water usage that is not going into the sewer system (i.e. pools, sprinklers) which ultimately reduces their sewer bill; the reading is self reported and submitted to the Tax Collector every quarter who then manually calculates the individual sewer bills - we have about 75 deduct meters. The system was originally put in place to help tax payers with swimming pools and sprinkler systems since the sewer bill is calculated from water usage. CFO Michael Bascom has requested, as a way to keep the stability in the sewer utility, that we consider flat rates and removal of the deduct meter. Councilman Keeler questioned if we have good control over this system and if other water lines are inadvertently being included in readings. Administrator Verruni will do some research and provide some samples of how different municipalities bill customers.

SUBJECT: Allowing businesses on beach - per Special Events Committee

ACTION: Councilman Leckstein explained that the Special Events Committee needs guidance from Council on how the Borough wants to handle allowing businesses on the beach. The Committee has received a number of applications for surf camps, yoga lessons, etc. which technically are not special events and the question is whether or not businesses on the beach should be permitted and what regulations and restrictions should be applied. Councilman Birdsall said he is not opposed but the businesses need to be in a segregated area away from beach patrons with available parking. Council must decide on what type of business - "a service vs. a good" - would be allowed. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Leckstein suggested the Beach Committee discuss and come back to Council with recommendations. Councilman Leckstein mentioned the membership of the special events committee needs to be codified and he will work on putting something together for the next meeting.

SUBJECT: Sea Bright Farmer's Market joining BSB

ACTION: Councilman Leckstein reported the Farmers' Market team met with the Businesses of Sea Bright Organization and they would like to join the BSB. Council approved and the Clerk will prepare a consent resolution for the next regular meeting agenda.

SUBJECT: Trash Removal Signs from Surfers Environmental Alliance

ACTION: Mayor Long reported we received a proposal from Surfers Environmental Alliance to provide trash removal signs for our garbage cans and access ways. Council was in favor and a resolution authorizing the signs will be prepared for the next regular meeting agenda.

SUBJECT: Beach Badge Donations (six requests enclosed - 2 badges each)

- Monmouth Reform Temple in Tinton Falls fundraiser (Lynn Shapiro)
- Union Beach PTA annual charity auction
- Nut Swamp Elementary School PTA 2017 Annual Fundraiser
- Court Fulgens Corona, Catholic Daughters of the America's, New Monmouth, NJ Annual Charity Luncheon
- Port Monmouth Elementary School PTA Annual Gift Auction
- Diabetes Foundation fund raising raffle (Ilene Winters)

ACTION: Mayor Long stated that this will be the last wave of donations since it is the policy of the Borough to only approve the donation of beach badges during the pre-season sale from December 1 through March 31. A resolution approving these requests will be prepared for the next regular meeting agenda.

Mayor Long reported on concerns she shares with residents about the media coverage of flooding in Sea Bright and believes that seeing the pictures of flooding on television is harmful to the town. Mayor Long asked Council if they have heard similar concerns. Councilman Rooney said that our reputation is so positive but the media makes it seem like we are still underwater. Councilman Lamia suggested utilizing educational aspects towards the media as a possible counter-measure. Mayor Long and Public Relations Committee Chair Leckstein will explore possible ways of dealing with the media in a more pro-active way.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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: Birdsall, Keeler, Kelly, Lamia, Leckstein, Rooney
 Yes Yes absent Yes Yes Yes

There being no further business to discuss a motion to go back into the regular workshop meeting was made by Councilman Leckstein and seconded by Councilman Rooney with unanimous voice vote approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk