# MINUTES WORKSHOP MEETING BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT

#### JUNE 13, 2019 (Thursday)

**SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY** 

**Mayor Long** called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and requested those present to join 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 January 7, 2019. 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,

Brian P. Kelly, Marc A. Leckstein, Charles H. Rooney, Jon Schwartz

**OTHERS:** Attorney Roger McLaughlin, Engineer Claire Petruzzella,

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.

Elizabeth DeGulio, 1540 Ocean Avenue, said she was here again on behalf of the library committee to make sure that signage will be put up for library patron parking. Councilman Rooney explained that they will be designating three 1-hour parking spots for library patrons Monday through Friday and the signs have been ordered.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of the Annual Maria D. Fernandes Scholarship Award from the

Sea Bright Partnership by Adelina Fernandes, Liz Vonziegesar (Sea Bright Partnership) and Elizabeth DeGiulio (Sea Bright Representative – Shore Regional

School Board)

**ACTION:** Carried to the Council meeting on Tuesday June 18, 2019.

**SUBJECT:** Capital Projects Update

- CAFRA permit application proposal from Avakian

**ACTION:** Administrator Verruni explained that NJDEP is requiring a new CAFRA permit application to be submitted vs. amending the existing permit for the additional municipal parking, recreation area, beach cabanas and stairs. Avakian Engineering has submitted a proposal to complete the application for an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00 which is considerably less than the proposal from T&M. Council authorized the Clerk to prepare a resolution for the June 18 regular meeting to approve Avakian's proposal.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to enter into Closed Session; second 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. Contracts
  - B. Personnel
  - C. 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, Leckstein, Rooney, Schwartz Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

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

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION CONTINUED:**

**SUBJECT:** Public Safety Update

**ACTION:** Chief Friedman explained that we have had 2 fireworks meetings and the final meeting will be on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We have been coordinating with numerous entities to ensure safety for the event. Chief Friedman questioned if we will have a definite answer from the DEP regarding the piping plovers and Administrator Verruni explained that he will to speak with our representative to get an answer as soon as possible. Chief Friedman also reported that there has been an increase in enforcement of parking violations and all of the kiosks are back online and running properly - we have collected approximately \$44,000 in parking revenue to date.

**SUBJECT:** Solid Waste Contract – possible revisions

**ACTION:** Administrator Verruni reported that the Public Works Committee met with DPW Director, Dave Bahrle and Working Foreman, Shawn Thomas to discuss possible revisions to our solid waste bid spec as the recent bid received was significantly higher. Mr. Verruni discussed some of the suggestions brought up in the meeting to lower the cost and encourage more bidders for example: allowing the lowest bidder to be able to determine the pickup schedule, once a week pick up (or once a week in the winter and twice a week in the summer), exclude the businesses, reduce recycling pick-ups, and/or limit bulk to one item per week or once a month or quarterly. Council agreed that one of the pick-up days must be Monday, to have bulk pickup once a month and suggested requesting an alternate bid for businesses. We are also looking into an interlocal agreement with surrounding towns. Mr. Verruni thanked Shawn Thomas for all his hard work with the bid specs and research to improve our solid waste and recycling pickup.

**SUBJECT:** Downtown Bulkheads

**ACTION:** Engineer Claire Petruzzella and Tim Morris provided an overview of the bulkhead report and data compiled in 2016 for a grant application to come up with a plan for the downtown bulkheads. Our current ordinance states that you have to build a 7-foot bulkhead if you build more than 50% of your bulkhead. Councilman Rooney feels that we need a capital bulkhead plan for the entire town. Council will review the 2016 data and report back with recommendations for a plan.

**SUBJECT:** Ocean Avenue Sewer Rehab Repairs

**ACTION:** Administrator Verruni explained that we can go with another funding mechanism for the repairs – Environmental Infrastructure Trust (EIT) program, however, it is a 30-year bond which is not preferred. CFO Michael Bascom will look into this to determine if there is a substantial economical advantage that we can benefit from and Administrator Verruni will contact the Administrator in Rumson to discuss their participation as a cost share.

**SUBJECT:** Downtown Flood Warning Sirens

**ACTION:** Mayor Long explained that prior to sandy we had a flood warning siren in the downtown and would like to bring it back as three cars were recently lost. Council discussed the cost associated with it and the noise nuisance concerns of residents. Mayor Long said she will take an informal survey of her neighbors and report back.

**SUBJECT:** Policy for Building Signage

**ACTION:** Mayor Long explained that there was confusion with the beach operations and wants to make sure there is a consistent policy when employees need to put up signage and would like DPW to be involved.

Administrator Verruni asked Council what they want to do with the dog waste bags by the beach entrances - Mayor Long wants them to come down until the fall. Councilman Leckstein also would like to see better enforcement for the dogs on the sea wall walkway.

**SUBJECT:** NJDOT FY2020 State Aid Program annual grant

**ACTION:** Engineer Claire Petruzzella made recommendations for the road repaving plan to be included in the grant application. Administrator Verruni explained that we have a short period of time to confirm the streets that need to be done – application due July 19, 2019.

**SUBJECT:** Sewer Deduct Meter Ordinance

Administrator Verruni explained the current process of sewer deduct meters and said **ACTION:** the ordinance states that if the deduct readings are not received by a certain date, the resident will not get a deduction. Councilman Leckstein thought we were going to hire someone to go out and read the meters and report to the Sewer Collector. Mr. Verruni explained that getting accurate readings is not a problem - the problem is that people are late submitting the readings. The sewer collector will send out a memo to Council with recommendations.

SUBJECT: Resolution - Authorizing Receipt of Bids for Phase I Development of Shrewsbury

Riverfront Park

**ACTION:** Carried to the workshop meeting on July 11, 2019.

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the Borough to enter into a Cooperative Pricing

Agreement with OMNIA Partners

**ACTION:** Mr. Verruni explained that this is a cooperative purchasing organization that will give

us a better discount on the furniture that we want to purchase for the new building.

**SUBJECT:** Summer Meeting Location/Schedule

**ACTION:** Mayor Long suggested having meetings in Borough Hall during the summer to eliminate conflict with the beach operations. Council agreed to continue the meetings in the Beach Pavilion. Mayor Long requested that the dais and meeting set up be broken down after each meeting to allow the beach employees full use of the room.

**SUBJECT:** Anchorage Parking Lot

**ACTION:** Councilman Keeler is concerned about safety in the Anchorage parking lot. He suggested moving the pay station closer to the stairs so there is less pedestrian traffic in front of the vehicle entrance to the lot. Discussion ensued and Council agreed to move the kiosk to a safer location.

**SUBJECT:** Annual Employee Increases

**ACTION:** Discussed in closed session. Council approved a 2.5% increase.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Birdsall offered a motion to Adjourn the Workshop meeting; seconded by Councilmember Schwartz:

**Roll Call:** Birdsall, Keeler, Kelly, Leckstein, Rooney, Schwartz

Yes **Absent** Yes Yes Yes Yes

Time: 12:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer Borough Clerk