

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

AUGUST 8, 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 Greg Gitto,
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.

Chris Capillo, 370 Ocean Avenue, asked for an update on the 356 Ocean Avenue litigation. Attorney McLaughlin responded that the property owner has been served and they have 35 days to respond.

Barbara Nadler, 656 Ocean Avenue, explained to Council the unfortunate incident that occurred on Friday, July 12 when her husband collapsed, and she couldn't get through to a 9-1-1 operator. Mayor Long said she was going to following up with the Chief of Police and the County Sheriff to find out exactly what happened.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A 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
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

Councilman Kelly left the meeting during closed session.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Capital Projects Update

ACTION: Administrator Verruni reported we received two prices/proposals for the third floor vestibule door in the Beach Pavilion. Mr. Verruni described how both glass doors operate and Council agreed on the door that has the wider opening. Mr. Verruni said we are also in the process of ordering sound panels for the meeting room.

Mayor Long asked when we can expect a C.O. to be issued for the new municipal complex and Mr. Verruni said the contractor estimates we will have a "temporary" C.O. around October 1. Mayor Long asked Mr. Verruni about the status of the furniture for the new building – he advised it has not been ordered yet as all the office layouts have not been finalized. Mayor Long asked that he confirm the order with Council prior to submitting it.

SUBJECT: Public Safety Update (Chief Friedman)

- Increase Special Duty Rate for Police Offices (from \$70 to \$85/hour)

ACTION: Chief Friedman reported in the month of July the Police Department had approximately 621 calls for service, 50 arrests, multiple domestic violence incidents, they issued over 650 parking tickets, and issued 35 moving violations. Officer Michael Morgan issued warnings to all residents with overgrown lawns. Paid parking has generated over \$275,000. Chief Friedman is going to schedule a meeting with Monmouth County Prosecutors Office to assess the new municipal complex to ensure the safety of employees – there needs to be a plan in place for any situations that may arise. Regarding increasing the special duty rate, Chief Friedman explained that he looked at surrounding municipalities and our rate is low and recommends increasing it \$15/hour.

Mayor Long reported she is working with the OEM Coordinator planning a storm preparedness workshop for a Saturday in September for residents.

SUBJECT: Citizen groups utilizing Beach Pavilion

ACTION: Administrator Verruni explained that when the beach operations close down for the summer, a number of groups have expressed interest in using the building for gatherings during normal business hours and on weekends when the building is closed and locked up. Mr. Verruni spoke with Chief Friedman who feels that until we have proper security in the building, he does not feel comfortable giving access or leaving the building open to the public during off hours. Councilman Leckstein suggested we make groups (ex. Knitting Club) that can use the room for free become part of the Recreation Department. Mayor Long would like the Recreation committee to come up with some recommendations for Council to consider about what groups and organizations should have use of the room at no charge and other scheduling policies.

SUBJECT: Cell Tower – T-Mobile

ACTION: Councilman Leckstein said he is adamant that we tell T-Mobile that they have to find a way to move the arms up on the flagpole and their engineers need to figure out a way to raise the flag and maintain the integrity of the flagpole design. Councilman Birdsall suggested installing a flagpole alongside the existing pole so a flag can be maneuvered properly. T-Mobile will revise the plans so it will maintain a nautical look. Councilman Leckstein also wants T-Mobile to look into fitting dumpsters under the cell tower building. Mayor Long would like to revisit this discussion once we receive a revised plan from Senator O'Scanlon.

SUBJECT: Shrewsbury River Handicap Access

ACTION: Administrator Verruni explained that we applied for and received a grant to build the access ramp on the Osborne Place bulkhead – once the HUD money is released we will be ready to go out to bid. Councilman Kelly wants to build decking/access on the other street-end bulkheads downtown - Mr. Verruni explained that it would cost approximately \$90,000 to install them on all four streets. Councilman Schwartz feels Council's priority should be talking about installing valves for the flooding on the side streets before building access/decks on the riverfront. Mayor Long asked T&M for valve recommendations so we can move forward. Mayor Long does not want to throw away making the river handicap accessible because the outfall project is moving slowly.

SUBJECT: Audit Report

ACTION: Administrator Verruni reported he met with Councilman Keeler, CFO Bascom and the Auditor regarding our 2018 audit and we did very well. The CFO has addressed the items brought up in the discussion. The Borough's account balances are more robust than they have ever been and we are back (since Sandy) in a very good financial position.

SUBJECT: Affordable Housing Ordinance Amendment

ACTION: Mr. Verruni presented the Zoning Officer's suggested amendments to the ordinance and Attorney McLaughlin will take a look and have his recommendation at the Council meeting on Tuesday night.

SUBJECT: MOU – National Park Service & SB Fire Department
ACTION: Mayor Long explained that this is an agreement with Sandy Hook for mutual aid.

SUBJECT: August 13 Agenda Items
a) Resolution – Authorizing the Extension of ABC License for Seabreeze Wines & Spirits to Court Appointed Receiver
b) Resolution – 2019 MCIA Capital Equipment Lease Program (Shore Regional)
ACTION: Resolutions will be prepared for the August 13th meeting.

Councilman Leckstein questioned the status of Seabreeze Wines & Spirits. Borough Clerk Christine Pfeiffer explained that it is presently going through the renewal process for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 licensing terms and it will most likely be a few months before it is available to purchase.

Councilman Leckstein also wanted to let Council know that he has received a number of complaints and concerns from Center Street residents – deliveries are being delivered to Center Street in Rumson – especially with Amazon deliveries. Councilman Leckstein said he will be contacting the Rumson Post Office.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
Borough Clerk