

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA**

APRIL 21, 2020

6:00 PM

Mayor Mark Walsifer, Council President Thomas Brennan, Councilman James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Councilwoman Patricia Wann, Borough Attorney Jerry Dasti, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum, and Borough Clerk April Claudio

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to The Coast Star, the official newspaper of the Borough of Belmar, and the Asbury Park Press on December 4, 2019 and notice of this meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Belmar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Our troops and their families, Dorothy Walsifer and Chuck Provenzano

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Mayor Walsifer stated we are working to keep the town safe. An Executive Order will be issued that allows the Borough to prohibit parking on the street to residents only. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated we are trying to discourage people from other towns coming to our town during the pandemic. Mayor Walsifer stated we do not want to hurt the businesses so we will not stop people from other towns coming to businesses.

Mayor Walsifer stated last summer we received a letter that we had to pay back \$1 million to FEMA. We have worked with them and were able to get the amount reduced. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated it will be around \$500,000 now.

Councilman Carvelli asked about the signs on 7th and 8th near the railroad tracks. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated NJ Transit will be doing work there to the crosswalks and will be done on or around May 22nd.

Mayor Walsifer stated DOBCO is still working on finalizing the contracts with the other property owners but it has been delayed due to COVID-19.

Councilman Carvelli asked about the summer rentals. Mayor Walsifer stated inspections will not be done until May 6th with people moving in Memorial Day weekend. We are continuing to get the beach ready as if we will have a normal summer. We are monitoring what other towns are doing but we have to follow the Governor's orders. Councilman Brennan stated agreed we have to follow the state to make sure everyone is safe. Councilwoman Wann suggested reaching out to the realtors to let them know our plans.

Councilman McCracken asked for an explanation on the restructure of our finance office. Mayor Walsifer stated the resolution tonight is to make Christine Manolio an Assistant Finance Officer. She will work with our new CFO and auditor. So far it is working well.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Carvelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Councilman Carvelli: Encouraged everyone to do the best they can. To stay healthy and active and to support our businesses.

Councilman McCracken: Things are going well at the Housing Authority. The Friendly Sons of Shillelagh and Spring Lake Manor donated food to the residents. Shade Tree Commission is reviewing ordinances from other towns. Hopes the Governor will allow statewide testing so we can reopen safely.

Councilwoman Wann: Community Policing is still in place and emails went out to Block Captains. Thanked the Borough staff for working 24/7. Hopes everyone can support the businesses.

Councilman Brennan: Everyone is doing a good job. Offered condolences to Mayor Walsifer for the passing of his mother. Arts Council is closed but posting virtual tours and classes online. Thanked the Mayor for stepping up on the parking issue. We always welcome visitors but have too many coming in right now. He asked how we will enforce the parking. Mayor Walsifer stated there will be signs and we will depend on the residents for assistance. He added we will most likely start with shutting down the south end of town.

Mayor Walsifer: Borough Staff is working at 110%. Restaurants are doing a great job to get people fed. Belmar Elementary is doing a great job feeding the children.

PUBLIC SESSION: Public Session on resolutions only on the Agenda. We will continue to have a Public Session at the end of this meeting.

Gene Creamer, 4th Avenue, asked about the functionality of the ATMs. Mayor Walsifer stated they will be placed at the ticket booths on the boardwalk and are a convenience to visitors. We had them last summer as well. Mr. Dasti explained the company is paying the Borough \$10,000. Mr. Creamer asked if we had approval from DEP. Mr. Dasti stated it is not required because they are not permanent structures.

Chris Picconi, 17th Avenue, thanked everyone for doing a great job and applauded the Mayor for deciding to restrict parking.

Mayor Walsifer made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS:

All matters listed in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Councilwoman Wann made a motion to adopt the following resolutions:

No. 2020-97 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

No. 2020-98 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE THE FY2021-2023 AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH COUNTY FOR COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES ACT

No. 2020-99 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2020

No. 2020-100 RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER

No. 2020-101 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

No. 2020-102 RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR ATM SERVICES

Seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Carvelli, McCracken, Wann and Walsifer

ORDINANCES: *Second Reading & Public Hearing*

ORDINANCE 2020-19

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIX, TRAFFIC, VARIOUS SECTIONS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

Public Hearing: Joan Corallo, 12th Avenue, stated it appears we are losing long term parking. Mayor Walsifer stated we are just updating the ordinance because existing signs did not match the ordinance.

Mike Potts, 707 10th Avenue, stated the spots on the center of 10th Avenue state they will be enforced all day and was concerned about visitors coming to take the train. Mayor Walsifer stated there is 10-hour parking by the train and there is no time limit by Marina View Towers.

Gene Creamer, 4th Avenue, questioned the removal of the parking meter section. Mayor Walsifer stated we had to redo the whole section because we no longer have kiosks since we are using Park Mobile. The parking areas and fees will be set by resolution.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved unanimously.

Mayor Walsifer made a motion to adopt ordinance 2020-19, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Carvelli, McCracken, Wann and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2020-20

ORDINANCE RESCINDING AND REPLACING CHAPTER XXXV, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR

Public Hearing: No Comments

Councilman McCracken made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Wann made a motion to adopt ordinance 2020-20, which was seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Carvelli, McCracken, Wann and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2020-21

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXIII, GARBAGE & WASTE, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

Public Hearing: No Comments

Councilman McCracken made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Wann made a motion to adopt ordinance 2020-21, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Carvelli, McCracken, Wann and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2020-22

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XI "PERSONNEL "SEC. 11-3, SCHEDULES "D-E", FIXING AND DETERMINING SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, POSITIONS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Public Hearing: No Comments

Councilman Carvelli made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Brennan made a motion to adopt ordinance 2020-22, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Carvelli, McCracken, Wann and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2020-23

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXIII OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "RECYCLING PROGRAM" IN ORDER TO REGULATE POLYSTYRENE FOAM CONTAINERS AND PLASTIC STRAWS

Public Hearing: No Comments

Councilman McCracken made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved unanimously.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to adopt ordinance 2020-23, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Carvelli, McCracken, Wann and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chris Picconi, 17th Avenue, asked what the hesitancy is to limit parking east of Main Street. Mayor Walsifer stated we will monitor the situation and adjust as needed.

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council, Mike Campbell, April Claudio, and Ed Kirschenbaum for all their hard work. Asked if we could look into finding a way to control overcrowding of the summer rentals. She also did not receive her Block Captain email which Councilwoman Wann will look into.

Katrina Clapsis, B Street, stated everyone is doing a great job. She asked about restrictions on 18 wheelers parking on residential streets. Mayor Walsifer stated we will look into the ordinance.

Karen Grau, 116 14th Avenue, agreed with Ms. Sharkus and Ms. Clapsis. The Zoom meetings are great. Also concerned about overcrowding.

Councilman Carvelli made a motion to close the public session and adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk