

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

AUGUST 17, 2021

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Walsifer, Councilman Thomas Brennan, Councilman James McCracken, Borough Attorney Patrick Varga, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas Carvelli and Council President Patricia Wann

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 2, 2020 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 and first responders

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Mayor Walsifer stated there is an ordinance on the agenda to repeal Ordinance 2021-17 in response to the petition received. The Borough will continue negotiations with the First Aid without eminent domain.

PETITIONS:

- Stop Signs Request
- Certification of Referendum petition in protest of Ordinance 2021-17

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan and Walsifer

ABSTAIN: McCracken

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Councilman McCracken: Shade Tree Commission meets next month. Housing Authority meeting is on Labor Day but may be rescheduled.

Councilman Brennan: Thanked Barry Trogu, Recreation Director, for assisting his band Friday night during the power outage.

Mayor Walsifer: Fireworks are September 3rd with a rain date of September 4th. The 5 Mile Run is September 4th. The kid's races will be September 3rd before the fireworks. There are rumors about meetings regarding next year's 150th Anniversary. The only meetings being held are with department heads. Once the events are planned each department will be looking for volunteers to help out. Commended George Komitas for saving the life of a beach employee the day before.

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

None

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Councilman McCracken 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.

Councilman McCracken offered the following resolutions for adoption:

No. 2021-190 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

No. 2021-191 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHAPTER 159 FOR CLEAN COMMUNITIES

GRANT

- No. 2021-192 **RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS**
- No. 2021-193 **RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE CENTRAL JERSEY JOINT INSURANCE FUND**
- No. 2021-194 **BOROUGH OF BELMAR PARTICIPANT'S RESOLUTION LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**
- No. 2021-195 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2021**
- No. 2021-196 **RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.4 ET SEQ. CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE FOR THE TWO MOBILE RESTROOM TRAILERS**
- No. 2021-197 **RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION SERVICES**
- No. 2021-198 **RESOLUTION AMENDING PETTY CASH FUNDS**

Seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-27 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XVI ENTITLED POLICE REGULATIONS.

Public Hearing: None

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

Mayor Walsifer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-27, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-28 *First Reading & Introduction*

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 19: "TRAFFIC" TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS AS MULTI-WAY "STOP INTERSECTIONS" AND TO DELETE CERTAIN "THROUGH STREETS"

Councilman Brennan offered Ordinance 2021-28 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-29 *First Reading & Introduction*

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2021-17 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED ON BLOCK 83, LOT 10 IN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR.

Councilman Brennan offered Ordinance 2021-29 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, McCracken and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Bruce Blattner, 407 9th Avenue, stated the Library is having a free concert on Thursday. The PBA food drive only has 2 Mondays left.

Gerald Buccafusco, 409 5th Avenue, asked about Ordinance 2021-29. Mr. Varga explained the ordinance is to

repeal Ordinance 2021-17. The petition was certified by the Clerk earlier and therefore Ordinance 2021-17 is suspended until it is repealed or put on a referendum. It is in the process of being repealed. The Borough will continue to negotiate the purchase of the First Aid building without eminent domain.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree Way, thanked Barry Trogu, Recreation Director, for a wonderful summer camp. She would like to see Zoom return for meetings. Asked how the Borough is preparing for the next wave of Covid. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated we are monitoring CDC guidelines and orders from the State. She would like to see more communication to the residents stressing the CDC guidelines and encouraging wearing masks. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated we held two vaccine clinics at the farmers market and are working with the State on future clinics and testing sites at shore towns.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk