

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

6:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas Carvelli

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 22, 2021 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.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Our troops and their families

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Lorraine Carafa, CFO, explained there is a shortfall in the beach utility due to the bad weather last year. This year's budget needs to be addressed because of the increase in minimum wage. She presented the Council with options on raising the daily badge rate, lowering the age, and raising parking fees for them to consider. Mayor Walsifer asked that everyone think about it, and it will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Mayor Walsifer stated he is sending a letter to the business owners, inviting them to a meeting to discuss the new tourism fee structure and the removal of the SID tax.

Chief Scott stated all sworn officers are now wearing body cameras and community policing is being enhanced.

Mayor Walsifer introduced Billy Musto who is Acting Superintendent of Public Works.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Councilman McCracken: Housing Authority was grateful to DPW for the snow removal. Shade Tree meetings are on the fourth Thursday now.

Councilman Brennan: Harbor Commission is working on creating a capital budget. Environmental Commission is working on a podcast.

Councilwoman Kinney: We will be sending out a monthly newsletter through Nixle and the website.

Mayor Walsifer: We had applied for a pedestrian bicycle grant at Maclearie Park, but it was denied by the State.

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 Councilwoman Kinney 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. 2022-50 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- No. 2022-51 **RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL EVENTS**
- No. 2022-52 **RESOLUTION AWARDED A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR 10TH AVENUE PAVILION CONCESSION**
- No. 2022-53 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS**
- No. 2022-54 **RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTEER HOOK & LADDER FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- No. 2022-55 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR FIFTH AVENUE CONCESSION/RESTAURANT ON BELMAR BOARDWALK**

Seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Brennan, McCracken and Kinney

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02 (Second Reading & Public Hearing will be held March 1, 2022)
AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE SEAPORT REDEVELOPMENT ZONE

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*
ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 125, LOTS 7, 7B01 AND 8, A/K/A 1200 MAIN STREET, BELMAR, NEW JERSEY

Public Hearing: Joe McEvoy, 700 Main Street, asked about remediation. Mayor Walsifer stated the contracts states the owner is responsible for remediation costs.

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

Councilman Brennan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-03, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Brennan, McCracken and Kinney

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Public Hearing: none

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

Mayor Walsifer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-04, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Brennan, McCracken and Kinney

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*
BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11 ADOPTED ON JUNE 1, 2021, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE LOCATION OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY, AND TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREFOR BY \$750,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$2,250,000, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF BY \$712,500 FOR A TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF \$2,137,500, AND TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION OF THE

APPROPRIATION TO COSTS PERMITTED UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

Public Hearing: none

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

Councilman Brennan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-05, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Brennan, McCracken and Kinney

ORDINANCE 2022-06 *First Reading & Introduction*

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER III TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, SECTION 3-6.69, TOURISM FEE ASSESSMENT

Mayor Walsifer offered Ordinance 2022-06 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Brennan, McCracken and Kinney

PUBLIC SESSION:

John Walsh, 1101 B Street, would like a synopsis of the ordinances listed on the agenda. Councilman Brennan and Mr. Varga expressed their concerns about that.

Mark Levis, 904 13th Avenue, asked about the Tourism Commission. Mayor Walsifer explained the roles of the BBP and Tourism.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree Way, thanked Police, Fire and EMS, for their response at the school evacuation today. She was concerned about the businesses not knowing about the tourism fee increase.

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