

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES**

APRIL 5, 2022

6:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum

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 and retired Police Officer John Colangelo

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Greg Kapalko, Brett Yarusi and their architect Brian Berzsinkis gave a presentation on the Eastport project at 508 Main Street. The plans call for a new building containing two retail spaces and two condos on the first floor and additional condos on the second and third floors with interior parking. The façade will mirror the neighboring building. All units will become condominiums. Christine Bell, Borough Planner, stated the project is compliant with the Seaport Redevelopment plan. They also meet the parking requirements. Mr. Kapalko stated there will be additional street parking added.

Councilwoman Kinney and John Sabia gave a tutorial on the Nixle System, which will also be available on the website.

PETITIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS:

- Arbor Day
- Child Abuse Prevention Month

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, McCracken, Kinney and Walsifer

ABSTAIN: Carvelli

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Councilman Carvelli: Planning Board meeting for April is cancelled. Harbor Commission meets next week. Finance Committee is waiting on some reports before they meet again. Glad to see events going on in town again.

Councilman McCracken: Shade Tree Commission is working on Arbor Day events. Housing Authority is working on their landscaping. Thanked Barry Trogu for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Councilman Brennan: No Report

Councilwoman Kinney: ADA Committee met and is working with the Circle of Friends and updating their resource guide. Recreation has yoga back and held summer camp registration. May 1st is registration for more summer programs. Belmar Elementary School celebrated Autism Awareness Month. St. Rose High School is doing the musical Seussical.

Mayor Walsifer: Easter Egg Hunt was well attended. Thanked Barry Trogu, John Walsh and all the volunteers.

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

Gerald Buccafusco, 409 5th Avenue, asked if paid parking is year-round. Mayor Walsifer stated it is May 1st to September 30th. Mr. Buccafusco felt it should be written in the resolution or in the ordinance. He asked what event parking is for. Mayor Walsifer stated it is for when Bar A does Beat the Clock on Tuesdays. Mayor Walsifer and Billy Musto of DPW explained they put up and remove portable signs, so people know when it is in effect. Councilman McCracken suggested a Nixle alert go out to let everyone know when paid parking is in effect.

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.

Councilwoman Kinney offered the following resolutions for adoption:

- No. 2022-71 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- No. 2022-72 **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE DATES FOR CLOSING THE
BEACHFRONT EXCEPT FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES TO THE
GENERAL PUBLIC AND RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR FOR
2022**
- No. 2022-73 **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PAID PARKING AREAS**
- No. 2022-74 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2022**
- No. 2022-75 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR A SHARED SERVICE FOR
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**
- No. 2022-76 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

Seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: McCracken, Kinney, Brennan, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2022-07 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOROUGH CODE CHAPTER XVIII,
SECTION 2.5 ENTITLED “FEES AND CHARGES” “BEACH BADGES”**

Public Hearing: Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree Way, thought all veterans get free beach access. Mayor Walsifer stated they do, and Mr. Vargas confirmed that is state law.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to amend the ordinance to delete “disabled”, so it is clear that all veterans get free access, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved unanimously.

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

Councilwoman Kinney made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-07, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Kinney, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2022-08 *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 34 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED “BELMAR
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.”**

Public Hearing: None

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

Councilwoman Kinney made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-08, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Kinney, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2022-09 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*

ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 35; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 35; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Public Hearing: Katrina Clapsis, B Street, asked if there is a timeframe for updates to be done. Ms. Claudio stated updates are done when we are notified by DEP.

Councilman Carvelli 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 2022-09, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Kinney, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, asked about community policing. Mayor Walsifer stated they are working on scheduling meetings.

Mark Pheiffer, 319 5th Avenue, suggested block captains work on getting people registered with the Nixle system.

Gene Creamer, 4th Avenue, was appreciative of the Arbor Day proclamation. He asked if fluoride is added to our water. Billy Musto, DPW, will find out what chemicals are added.

Jane Salmon, Wall Township, asked for an update on the skatepark. Mayor Walsifer stated we are looking at all our options. She felt the skatepark could be repaired for \$10,000. Mayor Walsifer informed her we have to follow the guidelines from our insurance company. Councilman Carvelli suggested she reach out to Wall Township to see if they could build a skatepark since that's where she lives. Mr. Vargas explained the liability for the skatepark.

Kyle Rizzitello, 14th Avenue, would like to do a walk through of Maclearie Park with the Council to show them what needs to be fixed. Would like to see L Street repaved and potholes on 12th and 13th near the railroad fixed. Mr. Musto stated they will be working on potholes next week, weather permitting.

Gerald Buccafusco, 409 5th Avenue, stated he will be submitting an OPRA request to get the correspondence from the insurance company regarding the skatepark.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree Way, suggested looking into grants for the skatepark.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk