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A Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council was convened at 7:02 p.m. on October 5, 2015 in Council Chambers of Borough Hall with Mayor Dempsey presiding.

Mayor's statement re: Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that notice was given to the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on December 18, 2014 and January 5, 2015.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Lee, Sinneck, Donovan, Mangan, Olivera, and McCarthy

Absent: None

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Also present was Borough Attorney Mark Kitrick and Borough Administrator/CFO Joseph DeIorio.

ITEM #1: Use of Borough Property

- **Manasquan Library – Pet Parade and Costume Contest – Withdrawn**

Mayor Dempsey advised that this request has been withdrawn.

- **Jersey Shore Relay Run – April 16, 2016 – 9 am – 12 pm**

Council Member Mangan made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Council Member Sinneck. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #2: Engineer's Monthly Report

Mr. James Priolo read the Engineer's report dated September 2015.

ITEM #3: Second Avenue Parking Lot Project – Update

Council Member Lee updated the council and the audience on the Second Avenue Parking lot project and a meeting that was held for the residents in the area. He advised that they listened to the recommendation of the residents and he proposed the following conditions and changes to the original project plan: black pine trees along the west side of the parking lot will remain, there will be no impact to any trees and it will eliminate 3 parking spaces, the sidewalk along the east side of the lot will be replaced with grass, curbing will remain, plantings will be put in this area for a buffer, and the concrete pad for the ticket booth will be removed from the plans.

Council Member Sinneck advised that when the sidewalk is eliminated a cross walk will be put in on the southern end of the parking lot and the Borough is looking into run off remediation measures.

Council Member Sinneck made a motion to open this subject up to the public, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

Patricia Merz, 26 Second Avenue thanked the committee for allowing them to express their views and viewpoints for their neighborhood. She also provided a letter from Mr. Kerry who was unable to attend the meeting which voiced his concerns about tree planting times and drainage in the area.

Barbara Cooper, 10 Second Avenue inquired if permission is needed to remove the sidewalk and safety issues. She inquired as to when the sidewalk will be removed and can she be sure that when spring arrives they will get their trees. She voiced her concerns with the removal of the sidewalk, trees, and the amount of times the parking lot is filled. She wanted to know what the Borough is getting out of the new parking lot because they are losing what they had.

Council Member Mangan asked for clarification that no trees are being removed.

Mayor Dempsey stated that the pine trees are staying.

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Ms. Cooper stated that they were promised that the trees that were destroyed by the storm would be replaced.

There was discussion on the promise and the trees.

Council Member Sinneck stated that the intent is to replant the strip near the sidewalk with trees.

Ms. Cooper wanted to know when the sidewalk will be removed and trees put in.

Council Member Sinneck stated that the sidewalk will come out first and the grassy area will be re-established at that point.

Council Member Mangan stated that every project this council in the past 15 years that he has been a part of have never planted less trees then were taken down. He advised that in this case no trees will be removed and the proposal is to plant more. He stated that he believes this needs to be done as it has been on the schedule to be done for many years and it has been on the capital improvements list for many years. He went over why this project needs to be done and his approach was not to add parking it was to get the parking lot to conform to current standards and he believes it is a side benefit that a couple of spots are picked up. He stated that this is a beach utility and is not tax dollars and that the people that go to the beach are the ones paying for this improvement.

Ms. Cooper reiterated her concerns and opinion on the parking lot project.

Fred Bostal, 48 Second Avenue voiced his concerns and opinion on the project and concerns with permitting with CAFRA and Flood Hazard Control Act.

Mr. Priolo stated that if the Borough was removing vegetation then a permit would be needed for the Flood Hazard Control Act.

Mr. Bostal stated that this project is only going to make flooding in the area worse. He inquired about flood control measures.

Council Member Mangan stated that every project east of the bridges has improved drainage dramatically as to what existed prior. He went over some of the projects and how it has helped with drainage.

There was discussion on the flooding in the area.

Brian Mallin, 272 Pine Avenue and Chair of Shade Tree approached the map and showed the council and audience the existing planting strip and what he has planned for the area as Shade Tree is concerned. He stated that the plantings will take place when the project is completed which he believes to be this fall. He also mentioned plantings along the National Guard fence.

Mr. DeIorio stated that while the Shade Tree is making recommendations for plantings the Governing Body has to concur with that in order to make that part of the contract.

Mr. Mallin stated that if the council approves the plan there will be plantings at Third Avenue parking lot.

Kevin Flood, 44 Second Avenue voiced his concerns and inquired about additional cost for the sidewalk removal. He inquired about how many days during the summer was the parking lot at capacity.

Mayor Dempsey stated that he would need to get the beach records in order to answer this.

Council Member Lee stated that the beach manager reported that almost every weekend was full.

Council Member McCarthy stated that looking at the beach committee reports throughout the entire summer it is clear that the daily badges are increased.

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Mr. Flood stated that he asked for a cost benefit analysis and he was advised that it was nominal and he found out that there was no cost benefit analysis done. He voiced his concerns and opinion on the parking spaces.

Mayor Dempsey stated that the residents are not going to get 100% of what they want and the Borough is not going to get 100% of what they want and they are trying to find a middle ground.

There was discussion on the difference in price.

Council Member Mangan stated that the difference would be less than \$6,000 to add extra parking spots.

Bob Zane, 75 Second Avenue inquired about a sign and if it could be pushed back to the new parking area to restrict use of the launch area into Stockton Lake. He thanked the council and stated that they have been more than cooperative in helping the residents out.

Mary Ryan, 113 Beachfront thanked the council for their openness and listening to everybody. She stated that it is really important that we have an outward vision for what Manasquan is becoming but it is important not to lose sight of the residents and what they would like to see their town be. She inquired about the compliance with DOT and the parking spaces.

Mayor Dempsey stated that the parking spaces went from 7 feet wide to 8 feet wide and handicap spots were added as required by law.

Council Member Sinneck made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #4: Shade Tree Commission – Street Tree Program – Presentation

Shade Tree Chair Brian Mallin went over a program that will be launched shortly regarding free tree plantings in borough right of way. He advised that a tree expert will go through the town and evaluate all borough trees and the Shade Tree will take care of trees in order of severity.

Council Member Donovan advised Mr. Mallin to add the element where citizens can contact Shade Tree regarding Borough trees that they think might be problematic.

Mr. Mallin went over this element of Shade Tree Commission and went over the tree buying program that was launched in the spring.

ITEM #5: 99 Minerva Avenue – Remediation Update

Borough attorney Mark Kitrick updated the council on the remediation of this property and the site access agreement.

ITEM #6: Review of Resolutions for Consideration at the Regular Meeting

Mayor Dempsey asked if there were any questions regarding the resolutions that are on the agenda at the regular meeting. There were no questions from council.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council Member Donovan made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

There being none Council Member McCarthy made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Sinneck made a motion to suspend the work session, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

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Council Member McCarthy made a motion to close the work session at 9:04 p.m., seconded by Council Member Olivera. Motion carried unanimously.