

JULY 2, 2012

A Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. on July 2, 2012 in Council Chambers of Borough Hall with Mayor Dempsey presiding.

Mayor Dempsey related that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that notice was given to the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on December 7, 2011.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Jacobson, Mangan and McCarthy

Absent: None

Also present was Borough Attorney John Jackson (in for Mark Kitrick) and Borough Administrator/CFO Joseph DeIorio

ITEM #1: Use of Borough Property

- MHS Swim Team 1 Mile Swim – Sea Watch Beach - July 22, 2012

Council Member Donovan made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Motion carried unanimously

- Ladacin Plunge – Main Beach - January 19, 2013

Council Member Bossone made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1st Birthday Party – Main Beach - August 23, 2012

Mayor Dempsey stated that this request is for a Thursday night which is a night that there is a concert and the area requested can not be guaranteed.

Council Member Bossone advised that the lifeguards will be off duty at 5:30 p.m.

There was discussion on the date and location of the event.

Council Member Connolly made a motion to deny the request, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

The clerk was asked to advise the requestor that they can amend their request for a different date or location.

ITEM #2: Dune Maintenance – Discussion

Council Member Donovan stated that over the years there have been several requests to try and reduce the height of the dunes and people believe the dunes are too high, can't see the beach from the walk, homeowners can not see the beach from their first floor. He advised that he recently received a letter from Mike Sinneck, Chair of the Environmental Commission requesting that he be permitted to send a letter to the politicians, DEP, and EPA asking permission to reduce the size of the dunes. He stated that this is a Council decision and that he believes the council should consider a resolution authorizing letters to be sent asking if there is any possibility that the height of the dunes can be lowered.

There was discussion on the resolution and letters to be sent and flood insurance.

Council Member Donovan made a motion to have the resolution drawn up and put on the next meeting agenda, seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried by the following vote; "yes" Council Member Bossone, Donovan, Mangan, and McCarthy, "no" Council Member Connolly and Jacobson.

ITEM #3: Community Access TV Scheduler – Discussion

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Council Member Connolly stated that a brochure was handed out to the council that Lee Weisert put together. She stated that the scheduler has been talked about for the last two (2) years and that it is a piece of equipment that is needed to automate the TV studio. She went over the money that comes in from Cablevision and the bid that she has come in at \$12,094 for the scheduler. She asked the council to proceed with the plans to purchase the scheduler.

There was discussion on the purchase of the scheduler, where the funds would come from and the school joining the Borough for the purchase of equipment and access to it.

Council Member Bossone recommended holding off on the scheduler until more information is received from the school and the cost shared with them.

Council Member Donovan recommended that the Borough Administrator contact the school to see if they are willing to contribute and join into an interlocal agreement to make sure that the borough has access to the equipment.

Council Member Mangan made a motion to table this request until further information is received and authorize the Administrator to contact the school, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried by voice vote with no one objecting.

ITEM #4: Water Plant Update

Mr. DeLorio updated the council with the issues with the water quality in the Willow Way area. He went over the possibility of securing a corrosion expert for the issues in the area who might be able to provide some insight for the proper levels of additives that are put into the water. He reported that water testing was taken from the water plant and at certain homes in the Willow Way area.

Mr. Rooney followed up with Mr. DeLorio's update and how the water system works and the iron levels in the water.

Gary Dahms, President of T&M stated that T&M Associates is committed to help the borough get this problem remedied as quickly as possible.

There was discussion on the issues at the Water Treatment Plant and what is being done to fix the problems.

Cliff Richards, 21 Willow Way asked why the water in his area could not be circulated with a circulating pump or a booster pump.

Mr. Rooney stated that is an option but he believes that it would be expensive to get a circulating pump up and going and recommends looking into the circulating pump if the current remedies don't work.

Dick Meincke, 36 N. McClellan asked if the lime system to control the ph was there before any modifications.

Mr. Rooney stated that there was lime feeding system in the old plant which was distributed prior to the water being placed in the reservoir.

Mr. Meincke asked if there is any chance in going with the caustic add systems which would control the lime.

Tom Nicastro, Superintendent of PW stated that it is expensive and a dangerous chemical.

There was discussion on a caustic system.

Carl Straub, 27 Willow Way asked if the water in the homes has been tested.

Mr. Rooney stated that is already being done.

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Carol Wilkens Kirkman, 22 Willow Way stated that she noticed at the beach that the showers are showing discoloration on the post from the water.

Katherine Lindemer, 21 Pine Avenue asked how much the taxpayers will have to pay for this problem to be remedied.

Mr. DeIorio stated that the entire contract for the Water Treatment Plant is being looked into to see what best course of action will be. He stated that as of right now there have been no additional payments made to the contractor.

ITEM #5: Request to Close Sidewalk for Repairs – Osprey Hotel

Mayor Dempsey stated that he went and looked at the area and it seems that the work will be done along First Avenue as that is where the overhang is in need of repair.

There was discussion on the request to close the sidewalk and the emergency work that needs to be done.

John Jackson, Esq. removed himself from the room as he believes there might be a conflict of interest with the Construction Company.

It was recommended that the Building Official look at the structure to determine whether or not this is an emergency or not.

Council Member Jacobson made a motion to send the Construction Official Sandy Ratz to assess the structural safety of the overhang and make a decision to what needs to be done immediately or temporarily. Council Member Jacobson withdrew her motion.

Council Member McCarthy made a motion to authorize Sandy Ratz to visit the site tomorrow and assess the situation and if he believes there is a hazard, within in authority, to address the hazard working in conjunction with the Traffic Safety as well as Fire Officials to make sure that whatever repairs are performed do not jeopardize the health, safety, and well being of any residents, seconded by Council Member Connolly. Motion carried by the following vote; "yes" Council Member Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Jacobson, Mangan, and McCarthy, "no" none.

Mr. DeIorio verified that work will only be done if it is deemed an emergency.

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

Council Member Bossone made a request to remove resolution 218-12 from the Consent Agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

Pat Straub, 27 Willow Way inquired about the emergency situation with the Osprey.

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

Council Member Bossone made a motion to close the work session meeting at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Ilaria

Barbara Ilaria
Municipal Clerk

DATE APPROVED 9-4-12