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A Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2011 in Council Chambers of Borough Hall with Mayor Dempsey presiding.

Council President 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 21, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee, Lucas, and McCarthy

Absent: None

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

APPOINTMENT: Mr. Charles Rooney – Borough Engineer

Mr. Rooney went over the projects for the Borough listed on his September 9, 2011 report.

Mr. DeIorio asked that an amendment be added to the agenda in closed session which relates to the second item on Mr. Rooney's report. He stated that this would be ongoing litigation.

Council Member Lucas made a motion to add the CAFRA litigation to the closed session, seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rooney continued his report with the Water Treatment Plant.

There was discussion on the wells and how they need to be hooked up.

Mr. Rooney continued with his report and he distributed a concept plan and cost estimates to the council for Squan Plaza to coincide with a municipal aid application. He went over the components and process of the municipal aid. He stated that he believes that Squan Plaza has the ability to win awards in all three areas. He reported that there is the traditional roadway improvement component, Safe Streets to Transit, and Bikeway Component.

Council Member Connolly asked that the plans be shared with the businesses and the public before any decisions are made.

Mr. Rooney stated that the State is looking for a resolution of endorsement or support to accompany the grants. He stated that this concept plan can be modified and changed at a later date if need be. He stated that he needs to show the State something to arrive at cost estimates and it does not preclude the Borough from altering this concept plan.

Mr. DeIorio recommended that once the Borough receives notification from the State about the grant award then the plans should be shared since there could be substantial changes to the current concept.

There was discussion on the amount of aid that the Borough might get with the three grants.

Mr. Rooney continued his report with Glimmer Glass Drainage and Road Improvements Phase 3 Project. He advised the Council of which drainage projects have priority over the others. He stated that Perrine Boulevard from Main Street to Holly Place, then Warren Avenue from Euclid Avenue to Perrine Boulevard, then South Jackson from Cedar Avenue to Pine Avenue, and then Perrine Boulevard from Cedar Avenue to E. Virginia Avenue.

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There was discussion on which part of this project should be done and the price for each one. It was recommended that Mr. Rooney move forward with his number one and two choices which would roughly be \$450,000 and the other 2 parts of the project should be looked at now to see where the price would fall.

Mr. Rooney stated that the estimates that he handed out are construction fee estimates which do not include any engineering costs. He stated that there would be 20% added on for the engineering costs.

Council Member Lucas made a motion to have an ordinance drawn up in the amount of \$550,000 for the Glimmer Glass Drainage and Road Improvements Phase 3 Project including all four (4) phases, seconded by Council Member Grasso. Roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rooney continued his report with NJDEP Violation Notice.

There was discussion on the Beach Building and the issues with the building and what might be done to correct them.

ITEM #1 Use of Borough Property:

- Manasquan Hook and Ladder Co. #1 Halloween Parade – 10/31/2011

Council Member McCarthy made a motion to have a conditional approval, seconded by Council Member Grasso. Motion carried unanimously.

- Turkey Trot – 11/19/2011

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

ITEM #2 Request from O'Neill's Bar & Grill – Tents over patio area – various events

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

ITEM #3 Boat Slip – Referral to Committee

Mr. DeIorio stated that the time has come for the committee to take a look at the boat slip fee schedule. He asked that the Public Property and Parks Committee review the boat slip fee schedule and come back with a recommendation.

Council Member McCarthy stated that he would take care of setting up a meeting within the next few weeks.

ITEM #4 NJ Run for the Fallen – 9/25/2011

Council Member McCarthy stated that he spoke with the Mayor with regards to this event and it is a new event this year. He stated that it is a charitable event that runs from Cape May to Sandy Hook over a period of 2 days. He advised that the run is honoring the young men and women who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan in the line of duty.

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

ITEM #5 Planning Board Request to attend 2011 NJLM Conference

Council President Lee advised that this request is for Patrick Callahan, and John Burke to attend the 2011 Annual NJLM Conference in Atlantic City.

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Council Member Donovan stated that this money has been budgeted and that it is the Borough policy that they need to come before the Council for approval to attend.

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

ITEM #6 Borough Hall, DPW, and Beach phone system

Mr. DeIorio advised the council that the Municipal Clerk has been working many hours on reviewing the current telephone system and it has been narrowed down to three (3) potential candidates. He advised that the Borough is looking to upgrade the phone system and including a reverse 911 system. He advised that one of the vendors which also has a state contract with that particular system has this capability built in to it. He advised that if the council decided to go with this company then an outside company would not need to be hired for the reverse 911 system. He stated that if the Borough gets new phones and changes it's provided there will be significant money saved over the years. He stated that he will send a formal report to all the council for review and consideration at a future meeting to adopt a contract.

Council Member Connolly asked if the Borough would be included in the 911 system.

Mr. DeIorio stated that one of the systems provided by Hunter Technologies actually has this built into their system.

ITEM #7 Acknowledge and Accept Tax Collector's Monthly Report – August, 2011

Council Member Connolly made a motion to acknowledge and accept the report, seconded by Council Member Grasso. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #8 Review of Resolutions for Consideration at the Regular Meeting.

Council President asked if there were any questions on the resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Connolly stated that she has an issue with the bonding of the beach building and wanted to know if this is the right time to do this project in the midst of the worst economy since the great depression. She recommended tabling this issue until more information can be obtained as to the integrity of the building.

There was discussion on the Beach Building Ordinance.

Mr. DeIorio reminded the Council that this agenda item is to review the resolutions and that the ordinances that are on the agenda for consideration will be discussed at the 8 p.m. meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

Fran Drew, 111 Third Avenue stated that there are 2 important reasons that she should comment on Mr. Rooney's plan and one is that her an her husband are the owners of one of the largest buildings on Main Street and secondly both of them worked for many years on the original plaza committee. She stated that at that time which was about 2002 or 2003 there was a plan that was put together at no cost to the town by a very highly credentialed landscape architect. She stated that plan was shown to Mayor Winterstella, Council Member Bryant, Tischio and several Main Street businesses saw it and they all liked it. She stated that it was shelved because it was the time of an election. She stated that the plan met all the goals of the plaza committee, met the needs of the fire department including their new larger fire truck and increase parking more than the current plan. She stated that it made a unique park like setting for parking and as Council Member Donovan pointed out tonight it should be attractive for people to want to park

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there. She stated that this is one of the things that the previous plan did. She stated that she thinks at the very minimum she would like the Council to see the plan. She reiterated her reasons and feelings for the previous Plaza Plan to be reviewed.

Council President Lee advised that there will be follow up meetings and that the plan presented tonight is just a concept that is going to accompany the grant applications.

Council Member Grasso stated that he would be more than happy to sit down and to see what Ms. Drew has and to see what is on the plan.

Council Member Connolly stated that all Council Members should look at the plan that Ms. Drew has.

Rich Bartholomew, 121 Lake Avenue wanted to know what the current estimate is for the whole Water Treatment Plant completion.

Mr. Rooney stated that it is \$3.6 million with a change order for the wells which was \$500,000 so the current estimate is around \$4.1 million.

Mr. Bartholomew wanted clarification as to what Mr. Rooney presented as far as the bike and sidewalk and wanted to know if they were included.

Mr. Rooney stated that they are included.

Mr. Bartholomew stated the figures for each of the projects and then there is some kind of serious money up in the 7 or 8 million dollar range when you add it all together. He wanted to know if it would be possible to get a look at how our cash flow is with the bonds. He wanted to know if the net effect of all this additional potentially 7 million dollars spending or more combined with the bonds we are paying off is actually going to keep our taxes flat or would it make our taxes go up. He wanted to know if anyone has put that type of schedule together.

Mr. DeIorio stated that the question concerning the renovations to the beach building would be strictly to the beach budget, which has no impact whatsoever with the current budget which is raised through property taxes. He stated that the beach budget and its debt service, this year the Beach would have paid the last payment down on the Capital Projects for the beach. He stated this was going to be part of his report at the Ordinance discussion. He advised that as of next year the Beach will not have any further debt service to pay on any outstanding projects for the beach.

Council Member Lucas stated that the project at the Inlet did not cost the taxpayers any money.

Mr. Bartholomew stated that he was reacting to Council Member Connolly's comment.

Council Member Lucas stated that the residents need to be informed how the beach utility runs and how it is funded.

Mr. Bartholomew wanted to know what if it rained every weekend next summer and the only revenue would be from the beach badge pre-sales which would not be enough to cover the cost of running the beach facility.

Mr. DeIorio explained the financing for the water project through the water/sewer bills. He went over some grants and funding sources.

Allison Cavanaugh, Brielle stated that her and her husband are taxpayers in Manasquan and stated that she does not want to be a cranky taxpayer but she like to be remembered for coming to the meeting. She stated that over time she has read expenses have gone up, police officers have received a raise and she tries to balance in her mind with the recession. She stated that she knows that council has a hard job but she wanted to say that she knows there is a beach utility and she knows that it is separate but no matter what we are all taxpayers, we are all paying. She stated that you are taking monies in one

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pocket and it is coming out of the other pocket. She stated that with the beach utility she does not know and she is guessing that her beach badge goes up to help pay. She voiced her opinion on the comments that were made by the Council and she believes there are ways to fix the beach building.

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

Council Member Lucas made a motion to close the work session meeting at 8:34p.m., seconded by Council Member Grasso. Motion carried unanimously.

The closed session portion of the minutes begins on the next page. The signature and approval date are located on the last page following the closed session meeting minutes.