

Approved 9/24/2008

August 27, 2008
Special
Keyport, New Jersey

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council, held on the above date in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 70 West Front Street, Keyport, New Jersey pursuant to being called by Mayor and Council. Notice was sent to the Asbury Park Press, Courier, Independent, and Two River Times and posted on the Bulletin Board in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231.

Mayor Bergen called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M. and Borough Clerk Valerie Heilweil read the Sunshine Law Notice.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Kovacs (arrived approximately 7:30PM), Sheridan, Hill, Bolte, Ortman, and Mayor Bergen. Also present were Eric Winston, Borough Attorney, Administrator Pete Valesi, Tom Fallon, CFO, and Police Chief Tom Mitchell. Absent: Councilman Walling

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

During the Moment of Silence, Mayor Bergen asked the audience to remember long-time resident Bruce Ely who recently passed away.

At 6:40PM the Mayor requested a five-minute recess in order to wait for those who may not be aware of the relocation of the meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Sheridan and carried by Councilman Hill will all ayes in favor by those present.

At 6:53PM Councilman Hill made a motion to return to public session which was carried by Councilman Sheridan with all ayes in favor by those present.

The first order of business was the Public Hearing on the 2008 Municipal Budget Amendment. At 6:54PM motion was made and carried to open the hearing to the public for comments or questions. Since there were no comments or questions from the public, motion was made and carried to close the public hearing at 6:55PM.

Resolution 202-08 Adopting the Municipal Budget as Amended

Offered for adoption by Councilman Sheridan, Second by Councilwoman Bolte

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sheridan, Hill, Bolte, Ortman,

Nays:

Absent: Kovacs, Walling

Abstain:

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. Petition to Extend Licenses Premises from the Bulkhead Bar & Grille in conjunction with the KBA Gallagher show scheduled for September 5, 2008

Motion made by Councilwoman Bolte and carried by Councilman Sheridan to add to resolution list for approval

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

At 6:57 Councilman Sheridan made the motion, carried by Councilman Hill, to open to the public for comments or questions.

Ed Carew, 64 Broadway – Spoke regarding the Waterfront Park plans. He stated that they seemed to provide considerable parking and he would like to see green areas left. He is a

member of the Garden Club and feels that they can make the area look beautiful. If need be, more parking can be added later.

The Mayor stated the plans, as they now exist, began with the meeting at the Central School.

Andrew Willner, Osborne Street – Stated that he feels there is potential on private property for 50-60 parking spaces. He would like to see the number of parking spots reduced. He stated his concern for more paving when there are stormwater regulations. Landscaping should be below grade. He would be happy to assist the engineers with any stormwater issues.

Anne Marie Reedy, 42 First Street – supports the Green Acres side of things. She stated her concern about further costs to change plans again. She does not see any need for more parking.

Mayor Bergen explained that, yes, it would cost the Borough more money to change the plans now. Green Acres will not approve money for parking on commercial property. The Borough is about to make application to the County Open Space for \$250,000.

Isaiah Cooper – Asked why this issue is being re-hashed.
Mayor Bergen says this is to give the opportunity to residents to speak.

Patricia, 153 Division Street – stated that beautiful green waterfront areas draw people.

John Olsen, 73 Front Street – asked for an explanation of the financial numbers.

Administrator Valesi explained that the entire project should cost 1.7 million dollars. There will be \$825,000 grant/loan portion and another \$600,000 that is a pure grant. There is \$475,000 left over - \$373,000 in loans and another \$125,000 grant – which has been converted from a previous project. He explained that we can maximize this Green Acres grant with this project. The Borough is hoping for another \$250,000 from the County. Our application is for the Western non-parking lot portion. He further explained that Excel has found nothing unexpected during their testing.

Mayor Bergen stated that during high-volume events, we can allow additional parking on the grass.

Jennifer Henning, Main Street – Felt the same issues are being gone over and over again. She stated that people demanded more park area at the meeting at the Central School. If there is a parking problem, it means there is a viable business area.

Marion – feels that people will walk if they want to attend an event.

Tom Baldino, 9 West Front Street – Asked whether there were any plans to buy high wires.

The Mayor stated that all conduits will be put underground, and then businesses will have to connect.

Tom Baldino then asked about restrooms. Mayor Bergen stated that the boat ramp building was taken down. He hopes to build a welcoming center and bathrooms there, but explained that we will need more money to do this.

Lois Riley, 99 Osborne – She also stated that she does not see any need for more parking. The important thing is to have things in town that people want to come to.

Mr. Henning – Stated that he has seen more people walking on the waterfront than ever before. He would like to see parking located away from the waterfront and have people have to walk.

Terry Bolte, 65 Elizabeth – Stated that she can't believe that people would want to pave over waterfront property.

Another resident expressed that she walks along the waterfront and thinks it is ridiculous to pave the waterfront area.

Betty Christie, Osborne Street – Stated that she purposely moved here because she could walk.

Mike Reedy, 42 First Street – Stated "Keep it Green."

(Councilman Kovacs arrived – approximately 7:30PM)

Sandra Shevlin – Stated that she is a member of the KBA and does not feel that Council should put too much weight on the KBA letter.

Joanne, Osborne Street – Stated she is in favor of leaving things as they are planned.

At 7:38 PM, motion was made by Councilman Sheridan and carried by Councilman Ortman to close the Public Comment portion.

Councilwoman Bolte read some letters supporting the park space on the waterfront.

Councilman Sheridan made a motion, carried by Councilman Kovacs to read the letters from the KBA requesting more parking spaces. Councilman Sheridan then read one of the letters.

Councilman Kovacs expressed his concern over T & M coming up with change orders. He also stated that he did not get a list of the cost figures.

It was explained that the engineer has given us a cost estimate of \$1,700,000.

Motion was made and carried to put a resolution on the agenda tonight allowing the Administrator to go out to bid on the waterfront project.

RESOLUTIONS

2. Resolution 203-08 - Authorizing the Borough Administrator to go out to Bid on the Waterfront Park project

Offered for adoption by Councilman Ortman, Second by Councilwoman Hill

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sheridan, Hill, Bolte, Ortman,

Nays: Kovacs

Absent: Walling

Abstain:

3. Resolution 204-08 - **Approving the Petition to Extend the Licensed Premises from the Bulkhead Bar & Grille in conjunction with the KBA Gallagher show scheduled for September 5, 2008**

Offered for adoption by Councilman Ortman, Second by Councilwoman Hill

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kovacs, Sheridan, Hill, Bolte, Ortman,

Nays:

Absent: Walling

Abstain:

At 7:45PM, Councilman Sheridan made the motion to adjourn, carried by Councilwoman Bolte with ayes by all present.