

BOROUGH OF LONGPORT

WORKSHOP MEETING

October 12, 2017

9:00 am

PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

Open Public Meeting Announcement

Roll Call – Mayor Nick Russo, Commissioner Dan Lawler and Commissioner Jim Leeds. Also present: Engineer Carter, Solicitor Agnellini, CFO Kelly, Clerk Strawder, Police Chief Culmone, and Deputy Clerk Kyle.

Mayor emergency exit announcement.

Clerk Strawder reviewed the proposed agenda, and the proposed ordinances for the October 18, 2017, commission meeting.

Engineer Carter and Solicitor Agnellini discussed the proposed Verizon ordinance, noting that it may need further review.

Clerk Strawder discussed the proposed library fees and fines requested by the library manager. Solicitor Agnellini noted that fees and fines would need to be enacted with the passage of an ordinance.

Clerk Strawder reviewed the proposed resolutions. There was discussion on the marathon route in the borough.

Mayor Russo discussed digital archiving of municipal records. Engineer Carter, who is also registered municipal clerk, noted that the state has yet to establish a standard for digital records. He suggested waiting until a new municipal clerk was hired before implementing a digital records system and possibly integrating it with the library.

Mayor Russo discussed the proposed library fees and fines and Ricky Gerhardt, library manager, also discussed the proposed fees and fines.

Mayor Russo discussed potentially adding additional handicapped parking on Atlantic Avenue. Discussion continued on potential locations for the parking. Commissioner Lawler noted he would like to revisit allowing parking on Atlantic Avenue during the summer months after the dune project is completed and prior to the summer season. Engineer Carter discussed potential options for Atlantic Avenue parking. Solicitor Agnellini noted that there is pending litigation regarding parking on Atlantic Avenue and noted several conditions provided by legal counsel who is representing several property owners on Atlantic Avenue regarding introduction of any ordinance that would regulate parking on Atlantic Avenue. Solicitor Agnellini also noted that an ordinance would be needed to add handicapped parking.

Commissioner Lawler also discussed the possibility of beautifying the Point area and Engineer Carter discussed options for the area.

Mayor Russo discussed using the area behind the library for community events, possibly a three-season room. Engineer Carter also discussed some ideas to expand the area. Commissioner Leeds asked about a sallyport and Chief Culmone addressed his question. Solicitor Agnellini also discussed some issues regarding expanding the area and a sallyport.

Engineer Carter reviewed the Engineer's Report.

Commissioner Lawler asked about trees in the borough. It was noted there was an ordinance prohibiting trees because of view issues. Commissioner Leeds noted that it might be a good idea to revisit this ordinance.

Solicitor Agnellini noted that a property owner at 26th and the beach is interested in purchasing land from the borough. He added that he is working on getting a fair market value appraisal for the property in question. Solicitor Agnellini also discussed property near the public works garage that is for sale.

CFO Kelly noted that she included a Best Practices Checklist for the governing body to review and would be listed as a resolution for approval at the next meeting.

Mayor Russo discussed beautifying the community garden area. He discussed having the project discussed further with Mr. Modelle. He also discussed re-certification in the Sustainable Jersey program.

Municipal Clerk noted that the holiday beach tags would go on sale October 23rd.

CFO Kelly noted that the municipal clerk position was advertised in both the Press of Atlantic City and the NJ Municipal Clerk's Association's website. ????

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Russo made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Commissioner Lawler. ALL IN FAVOR – YES.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 am.