

SEASIDE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Work Session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Seaside Park was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2015 in the Borough Council Meeting Room located at Sixth & Central Avenues, Seaside Park.

"In accordance with the requirements of New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act, public notice of this meeting was included in the required Annual Meeting Notice which was filed in the Office of the Seaside Park Borough Clerk; posted on the Bulletin Board located in the Municipal Building; and forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, the Ocean Star, and to all persons requesting notice and providing self-addressed, postage-paid envelopes."

Roll Call

Present:

Robert Matthies, Mayor
Michael Tierney, Council President
Nancy Koury
Jean Contessa
Gail Coleman

Absent:

David Nicola
Faith Liguori
Also Attending:
Steven Zabarsky, Borough Attorney
Robert Martucci, Borough Administrator
Karen Barna, Borough Clerk

Scheduled Public Hearings:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hearing:

Mayor Matthies reported the Borough will apply for handicap curb cut construction in various locations throughout the borough. It was noted that no other written application requests had been received as of close of business today.

There were no public comments. Resolution authorizing submission will be moved to the regular agenda.

Ms. Koury reviewed with council members a draft of a policy for memorials to establish guidelines for specific programs similar to other towns, including memorial benches, pavers. Council members were in favor to move the policy forward.

Ms. Koury presented the fee schedule for requests to hold special events and filming permits in town. Her committee felt the current schedule does not cover borough expenses incurred with items such as setup and break down. Council agreed to amend the ordinance.

Ms. Koury also presented a revised ordinance draft to include in the Mercantile License code establishing that property taxes and utility payments are current in order to receive annual approval. Ms. Coleman felt it isn't fair to hold a renter accountable if the landlord doesn't comply with the code. Mr. Zabarsky will research whether or not this is allowed. Council agreed to amend the ordinance pending Mr. Zabarsky's review. Council reviewed a request to revise the Personnel Policy adjusting the Permanent Part-time employee holiday/vacation hours to not exceed twenty hours per week. This will comply with the new Obamacare health law. Council agreed to amend the ordinance.

Council reviewed the request authorizing borough engineer to begin required study to return Second Avenue to a two-way street. Mr. Martucci explained the State will drive how much the study will cost. Council requested Mr. Martucci to determine how much the State expects to charge for the traffic study before council decides to move forward to amend the ordinance.

Mayor Matthies read a request from the Environmental Committee to adopt a supporting resolution for the State to establish a native garden program.

The Council reviewed and approved the following "Use of Boro Facilities" requests.

- Annual walkathon event from NAMI Organization.
- Annual 5k MARSOC event.
- Annual Ocean County St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Council Comments

Mayor introduced Ben Haygood who is an outreach coordinator for the State Housing & Community Development Network who presented the guidelines for the Round 2 program that will financially benefit homeowners and renters who were affected by Sandy.

Mr. Martucci asked Council to endorse a new program from our insurance company that will assist the borough in moving through the difficult new Obamacare healthcare requirements. Ms. Koury concurred as she also attended the session and felt it will benefit how we administer and track our employee programs to remain in compliance with the new law that will occur over the next four years.

Public Comments

Pat DeGutis, 72 Stockton Avenue, inquired why the need to change back to two-way. Ms. Coleman noted it is at the request of Councilman Nicola who listened to neighbors concerns.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Council.

