MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2019

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, Present
Councilman Anthony DePrince, Present
Councilman Richard Krause, Absent
Councilwoman Mary F. Martz, present
Councilman Odell Saxton, Absent
Councilman Steven Whalen, Absent
Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson, Present

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dan Long, Solicitor, Mark Basehore, Engineer, Chief Stetser, Mark Godfrey, Administrator, Jay Miles, Department of Public Works Supervisor, Christine Pippet, Acting Clerk

"OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW" ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Cowling-Carson announced this meeting is being conducted in full compliance of the "Open Public Meetings Law" and notices were sent to the Courier Post and The Central Record and other news media. In addition, the notice was provided on the Official Bulletin Board.

EMERGENCY EXITS

Mayor Cowling-Carson stated to please be aware in the event of an emergency, all persons in the courtroom should exit the courtroom quickly and orderly, using the two main doors in the courtroom and then locate the nearest exit to safety. In addition, all cell phones and pagers should be placed on vibrate and all ringers should be off.

At this time Mayor BettyAnn Cowling Carson was looking to open the meeting to the Public in regard to Ordinance 10.260-17- Residential permit parking.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince to open this portion of the meeting to the public.

Sue Barton 137 Lincoln Ave., Magnolia, Ms. Barton described that somedays she can not get into her driveway as a result of the school parents. She does not feel as though the permit parking works.

German Rodriguez 118 Lincoln Ave., Magnolia, Mr. Rodriguez agreed that the school parents block driveways and do not move when asked. He feels as though we need more police enforcement during drop off and pick up of the kids.

Carol O'Brien 130 Lincoln Ave., Magnolia- Ms. O'Brien calls the police consistently when parents are blocking driveways and the roadway. Although she agrees that permit parking is not the answer.

The general overall concern among everyone is that there needs to be a more efficient and effective plan to alleviate these issues. The Chief has met with the superintendent of the school and they are diligently working on a solution.

Mayor Cowling Carson advised that once all of council is present we will review and make a determination in regard to the ordinance, and will continue to work on a plan that will work best in regard to the school parking.

A motion to close this portion of the meeting to the public was made by Councilwoman Martz and Seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from February 6, 2019 Regular session were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All council present voted yes.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2019-2
Ordinance for Calendar year 2019 to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, second by Councilwoman Bonamassa that Ordinance 2019-2 be adopted on first reading.

Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE 2019-3
Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Officials and Employees of the Borough of Magnolia

Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, second by Councilwoman Bonamassa that Ordinance 2019-2 be adopted on first reading.

Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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RESOLUTIONS

2019-58
Resolution of award of contract to Advanced Electrical, Inc. for the new park lighting, Phase II – Albertson Park

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-62
Resolution to Amend Resolution 2019-57 Titled "Resolution Authorizing Application for Program Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant, Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden, State of New Jersey"

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-63
Southern New Jersey Regional Employee Benefits Fund Resolution to Renew

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-64
Resolution Appointing A Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA)

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and Seconded by Councilman DePrince. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-65
A Resolution Increasing the Bid Threshold for Contracts Subject to Public Bidding Under the Local Public Contracts Law To $40,000.00

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-66
Resolution Appointing Department of Public Works Laborer Demetrick McCauley

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-67
Cooperative Price Agreement Camden County (Paper/Envelopes Bid-A 26/2017)

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-68
Resolution appointing Tax Collector

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-69
Resolution award of Contract for The Camden County CDBG Year 39 Project; Traffic Calming Measures (Speed Humps)

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

BUSINESS LICENSE:
NONE

SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE:
NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince advised that we are in the process of changing cell phone carriers from Verizon to AT & T. AT & T has a new network with a first responder element. There is significant money savings and this will eliminate any overages that we are currently being charged with Verizon. He further discussed that the Police Activity report has been submitted in writing. He also reported a fire that took place on Madison Ave.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – ABSENT

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY –Councilwoman Bonamassa has nothing significant to report at this time. There is just general clean up of trash and recycling.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING – Councilwoman Martz advised that her report has been submitted in writing. Sanders and Columbo will be going before the Planning Board this month. The animal license fees have increased our revenue significantly these first three months. The Planning Board will be completing there NJDEP stormwater training. Ms. Martz further advised that she has received 4 applications for the Code Enforcement/CO Inspector position.

PUBLIC EVENTS –ABSENT

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ABSENT

MAYOR – Nothing at this time

ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Basehore, reviewed some of the projects that are currently in the works. He also advised that he has put his report in writing.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Dan Long, Solicitor has reviewed all bids submitted and will be responding to the letter received contesting the Albertson Park Lighting-Phase II.

CLAIMS APPROVAL

A list of the Claims has been submitted by treasury for approval and individual vouchers are available for review.

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa.

Charles Insalaco- Mt. Laurel NJ, Mr. Insalaco is building the new homes on Layfayette and needs to close not later than March 31, 2019 so that the purchasers can hold the rate they have been quoted. As a result of the yard being so wet they are having issues getting a true grade. He is seeking Councils approval of a TCO so that purchaser can settle. He will have the grading completed once the weather breaks. Mr. Long advised that he will be in contact with Mr. Basehore and Mr. Insalaco's attorney to discuss further.

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CLOSED TO PUBLIC

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilwoman DePrince. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause at 8:30 to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Prepared by:

Christine Pippet
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 1 Hour 10 mins.