

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2019

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, Present
Councilman Anthony DePrince, Present
Councilman Richard Krause, Present
Councilwoman Mary F. Martz, present
Councilman Odell Saxton, Present
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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

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

2019-70

Resolution Appointing Acting Borough Clerk-Christine Pippet

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Krause to authorize the appointment of Christine Pippet as Acting Municipal Clerk. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

At this time the Borough’s Acting Chief Financial Officer Shelley Strehle presented and introduced the 2019 Budget.

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

NONE

SECOND READING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2019-2

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Krause to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-2 Calendar year 2019 to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank with all Council voting aye. No one from the public spoke. A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to close the public portion with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Ordinance 2019-2 Calendar year 2019 to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE 2019-3

Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Officials and Employees of the Borough of Magnolia

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-3 Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Officials and Employees of the Borough of Magnolia with all Council voting aye. No one from the public spoke. A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to close the public portion with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Ordinance 2019-3 Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Officials and Employees of the Borough of Magnolia with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

2019-71

Governing Body Certification of Compliance with The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's

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

2019-72

RESOLUTION Allowing for the Self-Examination of the Budget

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

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2019-73

Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Issue Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1

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

2019-74

Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Issue Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1

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

2019-75

Resolution to Approve A Shared Service Agreement Between The Borough of Stratford and the Borough of Magnolia for the Mechanical Repair and Maintenance of Municipal Vehicles and Public Works Equipment

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

2019-76

Resolution Authorizing the Extension of The Shared Services Agreement with The Camden County Improvement Authority To Provide Services Related To The Vacant Home Registration Ordinance

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

2019-77

Resolution Appointing Special Law Enforcement Officer (Class II) Cory Davis

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

2019-78

Resolution Appointing Department of Public Works Laborer Spencer Saxton

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative with the exception of Councilman Saxton who abstained.

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Resolution Supporting the Magnolia Little League Open Space Application for Magnolia Little League

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

2019-80

Resolution Supporting the Magnolia Recreation Committee's Open Space Application for Albertson Park Playground Equipment

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

2019-81

Resolution Supporting Magnolia Girls Softball Open Space Application for Field Location Improvements

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

2019-82

Resolution Authorizing the Introduction of The Municipal Budget for The Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden, For The 2019 Budget Year

A Motion Was Made by Councilman DePrince 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 looking for additional Officers for the Police Department and the police activity report has been submitted in writing.

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.

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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. Ms. Martz further advised that she has received 4 applications for the Code Enforcement/CO Inspector position and will be starting the interview process.

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause advised that the Clean Communities Day will be held on April 6, 2019 and encouraged everyone to come out.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton reviewed the various projects that have been underway. The restroom and Police Department doors have been completed and the repainting has commenced. He further discussed that he attended the Cannabis meeting that was held at Sterling Highschool.

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling-Carson advised that she was also in attendance at the Cannabis meeting and discussed that once the legalization is approved we as a Borough have 180 days to decide what if anything we are going to do here.

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 – Mr. Long, has 1 item for closed session regarding pending litigation.

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 Martz and Seconded by Councilman Saxton. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

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

No one from the public spoke.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

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

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

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OLD BUSINESS

Lincoln Avenue Ordinance 10.260-17- Residential permit parking

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION-

2019-83 Resolution to Authorize Executive Session

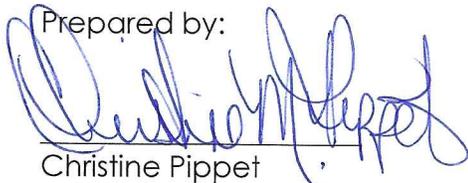
A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and Seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to come out of Executive Session with all Council voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause at 8:12 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 12 mins.