

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA**

MARCH 17, 2020

6:00 PM



Mayor Mark Walsifer, Council President Thomas Brennan, Councilman James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Councilwoman Patricia Wann, Borough Attorney Jerry Dasti, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio

Welcome to the March 17th Mayor and Council meeting. To keep our residents safe and abide by the latest state regulations and CDC information, we are bringing this meeting to you through Zoom.

This meeting will run just like any other regular Council meeting. Our Multimedia Director will be the Zoom Administrator throughout the meeting. You will still be able to comment during the public comment sessions. When the time comes you will click on the “Raise Hand” button. Our Multimedia Director will then un-mute each person, one at a time, so you may speak. Please state your name and address first. Thank you for joining us.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to The Coast Star, the official newspaper of the Borough of Belmar, and the Asbury Park Press on December 4, 2019 and notice of this meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Belmar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Our troops and their families

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Mr. Kirschenbaum gave an update on COVID-19. All information is being posted a specific page on our website. Borough Hall is closed but there is a mail slot for people to drop off payments. Working with the County and State to follow new regulations. Mayor Walsifer stated the Boat Show and Easter Egg Hunt have been cancelled.

Mayor Walsifer stated that at the last meeting a resident made an allegation of a pay to play violation. Mr. Dasti explained he reviewed the ordinance and ELEC laws. He also spoke to the State Republican Committee. The issue is the State Republican Committee sends out flyers listing statewide candidates and asking for their votes. It specifically says on the card that they are not supported by one specific candidate. The candidates are unaware this is going on. It would be considered an in-kind contribution, which the Mayor and Council members reported correctly on their reports. He felt there are no violations of the ELEC law or Borough ordinance. They have since cured the matter anyways so there is no longer an issue.

Councilman McCracken asked if inspections are being done by the building department and Code Enforcement. Mr. Kirschenbaum suggested anyone with questions contact Borough Hall as they are being reviewed on a case by case basis.

The Council discussed the Operation Reassurance program and encouraging people to register for it.

Councilman Brennan and Councilman McCracken would like to amend the plastic bag ordinance to also ban plastic straws and Styrofoam similar to what Monmouth Beach did. This would not go into effect until November 2021. Mr. Dasti will prepare an ordinance.

Mayor Walsifer stated we will be seeking request for proposals for ATM services at the beach. It is a convenience for beach goers when the credit card machines are not working properly.

PETITIONS: None (Mayor Walsifer stated anyone with a petition can drop it off at Borough Hall or mail it in since the meeting is being held electronically)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Brennan offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

The Mayor and Council waived reports. Mayor Walsifer congratulated everyone on the success of the Dine & Discover.

PUBLIC SESSION: Public Session on resolutions only on the Agenda. We will continue to have a Public Session at the end of this meeting.

None

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS:

All matters listed in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Mayor Walsifer offered the following resolutions for adoption:

No. 2020-80 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

No. 2020-81 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION INCREASING STATE FUNDING TO THE "SHORE PROTECTION FUND" FROM \$25 MILLION TO \$50 MILLION

No. 2020-82 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FOR ROUTE 35, CR 18 (BELMAR AVENUE/16TH AVENUE) TO ROUTE 71/8TH AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR

No. 2020-83 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR ESTABLISHING RECREATION FEES

No. 2020-84 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

Seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCES:

First Reading & Introduction

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-18

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AMENDING CHAPTER XXIV ENTITLED BELMAR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR

Councilman Carvelli felt the ordinance might need revisions but understands we need to move forward to get a committee up and running. Councilman McCracken agreed. He wanted to make sure there is a lot of public involvement in these changes. Councilwoman Wann agreed there needs to be more discussion. Councilman Brennan would like to make sure the good things the BBP has done continue and that all the businesses and stakeholders involved are ok with the changes.

Councilman Carvelli offered Ordinance 2020-18 for first reading and adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, McCracken and Carvelli

ABSTAIN: Walsifer

First Reading & Introduction

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-17

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XX ENTITLED "LICENSES-GENERAL" TO INCLUDE A NEW SECTION INVOLVING MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

Councilman Brennan offered Ordinance 2020-17 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

Second Reading & Public Hearing

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-16

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 19 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", IN PARTICULAR SECTION 19-12 (PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS)

Public: None

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Wann made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-16, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

Second Reading & Public Hearing

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXIX AND ORDINANCE 2020-01, IN PARTICULAR SECTION 29-2.4 – TAPPING AND RETAPPING OF MAINS

Public: Bob Lynch, 316 9th Avenue, doesn't want ownership of the main to be shut off.

Cheryl Russo, Briarwood, asked why it's the owner's responsibility.

Mr. Dasti explained the ordinance is simply clarifying that the work must be done by a licensed plumber.

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, appreciated the list being opened because when she had work done there were only four people to choose from.

Mayor Walsifer made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Wann made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-15, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

Second Reading & Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 2020-14

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIX (TRAFFIC) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, SECTIONS 19-46 HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES

Public: None

Councilwoman Wann made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved unanimously.

Councilman Carvelli made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-14, which was seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

Second Reading & Public Hearing

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 29 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "WATER/SEWER RATES"

Public: None

Councilwoman Wann made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Wann made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-13, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Mark Presto, 110 13th Avenue, asked if COVID-19 is going to have any effect on beach access. Mr. Kirschenbaum replied not yet. Mr. Presto asked if there will be restrictions on hotels and rentals. Mr. Kirschenbaum replied no. Councilman Carvelli suggested he keep an eye on our website for more details as they become available.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree, agreed with Councilman Brennan about reaching out to neighbors in need. Mayor Walsifer explained the Operation Reassurance program.

John Walsh, 11th Avenue, asked why the Facebook group Everything Belmar was removed. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated there were too many Facebook pages. All information from the Borough will go through the one page and our website in an effort to consolidate information.

Councilman Brennan asked if there is another way for people to communicate. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated he would prefer people contact the Borough directly with questions to ensure misinformation isn't given out.

Mr. Walsh liked the Facebook group because he could post to it and communicate with other residents.

Beth Rotchford, 1200 Bayview, stated there is a tree in front of her home that might be dead and wanted to know if it's her responsibility to fix the curb. Mike Campbell, Director of Public Works, will look into it.

Councilman McCracken asked how many people participated in the online version of the meeting. John Sabia, Multimedia Director, stated there were 40 attendees.

Gene Creamer, 4th Avenue, stated he would like to see the west side of Ocean Avenue have paid parking because there used to be meters there. He also suggested there be paid parking in the marina. Mayor Walsifer stated we will be reviewing all parking areas and coming up with a plan.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public session and adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk