

PLANNING BOARD

JANUARY 27, 2020

PRESENT: Jay McDermott, Joe Rizzitello, Mike Campbell, Ted Protonentis, Bill Lindsay, Tom Burke, Nick Valente, and Sal Marchese

ABSENT: Bob Forte, Tom Carvelli, and Rick Meyer

ALSO, PRESENT: Acting Board Attorney Dan Roberts, Esq. and Acting Board Secretary Mary Brabazon

At approximately 7:00 p.m. the secretary stated that adequate notice of this meeting of the Planning Board was sent by email to our official newspapers, the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on December 17, 2019 and by posting a copy of said notice at the Municipal Complex on the same date.

Workshop: The Board discussed Ordinance 2020-02. The ordinance looked similar to the one previously reviewed, Ordinance 2019-20. Only new comments should be discussed tonight.

Mr. Roberts administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to nominate Mr. McDermott as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Burke and was approved unanimously.

Mr. Burke made a motion to nominate Mr. Meyer for Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Rizzitello and was approved unanimously.

Mr. Rizzitello made a motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Lindsay and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs. Rizzitello, Protonentis, Campbell, McDermott, Marchese, Burke, Lindsay, and Valente

NAYS:

Mr. McDermott made a motion to waive the reading and approve the resolution appointing Doug Kovats as Board Attorney, which was seconded by Mr. Campbell and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs. Rizzitello, Protonentis, Campbell, McDermott, Marchese, Burke, Lindsay, and Valente

NAYS:

Mr. Campbell made a motion to waive the reading and approve the resolution establishing Open Public Meetings Act procedures, which was seconded by Mr. Burke and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs. Rizzitello, Protonentis, Campbell, McDermott, Marchese, Burke, Lindsay, and Valente

NAYS:

ORDINANCE 2020-02, SMALL CELL 5G EQUIPMENT:

Mr. Campbell explained the Borough has been meeting with telecommunication carriers about the possibility of more towers on Ocean Avenue and Main Street. There have been discussions about upgrading existing antennas to support the transition to 5G. The Borough will work to make sure there are as few towers as possible.

Mr. Marchese asked about buildings with existing towers. Mr. McDermott imagined they would be upgraded since Borough Hall's Verizon antenna already was.

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Mr. Valente asked if this only applies to businesses or other persons. Mr. Roberts explained this only applies to telecommunication companies.

Mr. McDermott stated it seems like the Borough wants this ordinance to move forward. He believed the Borough will look for the best outcome for aesthetics and possible multi uses out of new towers.

Mr. Lindsay asked about the revenue streams mentioned in the ordinance. Mr. McDermott stated that would be an agreement worked out with the Borough and the attorney.

Mr. Protonentis stated he could see more than one carrier going in on a pole. Mr. Campbell agreed.

Public: Gene Creamer, 4th Avenue, stated this ordinance only applies to the public right of way, not private property which would need Board approval. Suggested carriers look at D'Jais as a prime location. New York City has been successful with upgrading to 5G without going into the public right of way.

The Board endorsed the ordinance and a writing stating such will be sent to the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Burke and approved unanimously.