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Council Room Borough of Neptune City

February 14, 2022

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The Meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Wardell at 7:01 pm.

Borough Clerk Brown took roll call:

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Farley, Dellett, Pappas, Thomas, Renee, Kocsis, and Mayor Wardell

**ABSENT:** None

Mayor Wardell announced that the Notice Requirements of Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 have been satisfied by the publication of said notice in the Asbury Park Press, and the Coaster and by filing a copy with the Municipal Clerk. Mayor Wardell also noted that the 48-hour notice was advertised and posted as required

**FLAG SALUTE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to receive and file the Minutes for November 2, 2021, November 22, 2021 offered by *C/Renee*. Seconded by *C/Pappas*.

**VOICE VOTE** the following vote recorded: **AYE:** Councilmembers Pappas, Renee, Kocsis, Dellett, Farley, Thomas.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

NONE

**PRESENTATIONS**

NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS**

NONE

**PRESENTATIONS**

NONE

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

NONE

## **MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Andrew Wardell**

Mayor Wardell reported the following:

1. Covid-19: Cases declining and looking to be headed in the right direction.
  - a. Hospital occupancy has decreased over the last two weeks.
  - b. The county is still offering free testing and vaccines to those 5 years of age and older. Available to anyone residing within the county.
  - c. Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Center will be providing Covid-19 testing.
  - d. The County also offering testing clinics at Brookdale Community College.
  - e. Testing clinic will also be available at the Neptune City Community Center on February 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> is the Mayor's Ball in which the proceeds will be donated to the Fire Aid Squad.
  - g. The mayor and administrator attended a meeting with the developer regarding property on Laird Avenue to meet with the Land Use Board about further plans.
  - h. With opposing the Declaration of a New Health Emergency passed by the Governor, hopefully expecting to pass a bill that limits the Governor's executive powers.

## **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE – Brian Thomas**

C/Thomas first Inaugural Administrative Finance meeting with an idea for budget as well as receiving budget requisitions from the department heads. Reassures everything is on track.

## **PUBLIC WORKS – Danielle Pappas**

C/Pappas regarding to Public Works, the mayor and administrator will be meeting with Union Reps to discuss adjustments of starting salary wages before proceeding with the hiring process. Looking to hire a new public works employee. Regarding environmental matters, C/Pappas, and a member of the New Jersey Clean Committee about adopting a highway have been in communication regarding two programs. "Adopt a Highway" in its state being assigned a one-mile section within Neptune City and "Adopt a Beach". Speaking with the county engineer about crosswalks along West Sylvania Avenue, in hopes of completing that project.

## **LAW & ORDINANCE – Glen Kocsis**

C/Kocsis read through codes and ordinances looking for necessary updates. Would like to call a meeting later in the week to discuss the outdoor dining ordinance.

## **ADMINISTRATION & JUSTICE – Dana Farley**

C/Farley on behalf of the Fire Department and EMS, nothing to report. Regarding the police department, a message from the chief to residents is to clean off the sidewalks, if possible, for the children. Also asking residents to lock their car doors.

## **SPECIAL SERVICES -Pamala Renee**

C/Renee Special Services Committee met last week in reference to the Memorial Day parade. C/Farley and administrator Al Jardine spoke briefly about celebrating some of the holidays in 2022. Dog licenses are due, also holding a rabies clinic at the Public Works building on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

## **HUMAN SERVICES – Scott Dellett**

C/Dellett spoke with the First Aid captain about the recruiting more volunteers since it has been difficult handling high volume calls. With an update on the fire truck, the committee went to the East Brunswick facility to review final specifications which were approved. Should be ready to in about a year.

## **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

1. Administrator Albert Jardine reported the budget in fact on track. Public Works has completed standard maintenance at the Borough Hall. Three new dates for the Motor Vehicle Commissions Mobile Unit all hosted at the Community Center. March 24<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, and September 21<sup>st</sup>. Received a notice from New Jersey American Water about annual system maintenance starting at the beginning of April, will continue to monitor the quality of water to ensure it exceeds deferral state drinking standards. Preconstruction meetings for a couple of DOT improvement projects. For further explanations, Resolution 22-38 is the authorization deed of open space which means granting an easement.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

Bruce Wescott 41 Third Avenue asked about a list for the vaccination clinics in the county. Thanks C/ Renee for her help. Ted Wardell 9 Tucker Drive expresses his support for Resolution 22-39.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2022-01 Amendment of Land Use Board Fees

Introduction filed by /Kocsis. Seconded by C/Thomas

**VOICE VOTE** the following vote recorded: **AYE:** Councilmembers Pappas, Renee, Kocsis, Dellett, Farley, Thomas.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member (s) so request it, in which case the item (s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The one motion signifies adoption of all resolutions received and file letter, correspondence, reports, and approval of applications and minutes.*

C/Pappas offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by C/Dellett  
**VOICE VOTE** the following vote recorded: **AYE:** Councilmembers Pappas, Renee, Kocsis, Dellett, Farley, Thomas

Mayor Wardell declared the Resolutions are adopted.

C/Pappas offered a motion to adjourn. Seconded by C/Renee

Meeting in Adjourned.