

**Council Room Borough of Neptune City
June 24, 2019**

The Regular Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Borough Clerk Jardine took roll call.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis, Lewis, Calhoun and Mayor Brown.

ABSENT:

Mayor Brown 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 Deputy Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Brown invited all to stand for the Flag Salute.

COMMUNICATIONS-

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve minutes of 5/13/2019.

Motion by C/Wardell to receive and file; seconded by C/Renee.

Voice Vote - AYES: Councilmembers Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis, Lewis and Calhoun.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve minutes of 5/28/2019.

Motion by C/Kocsis to receive and file; seconded by C/Zajack.

Voice Vote - AYES: Councilmembers Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis, Lewis and Calhoun.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to accept the May 2019 Monthly Report of the Neptune City Police Department.

Motion by C/Renee to receive and file; seconded by C/Wardell.

Voice Vote - AYES: Councilmembers Zajack, Renee, Wardell, Kocsis, Lewis and Calhoun.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS-

None.

PRESENTATIONS-

David Whalen, Neptune City Board of Education. Graduation was June 19th, was really nice, 26 kids graduated. Last meeting 2 groups presented Award Winning projects. We are starting the process for an interim BA and CSA search. Next meeting is scheduled for July 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Woodrow Wilson School. On the last day of school, June 19th, Vinny Curry came and spoke to the children grades 4th – 8th.

C/Lewis added that the Police Department presented a Plaque to Dr. Mecora at the Steak Bake for her support of the Police Department.

Old Business

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-127 Payment of Bills

**Resolution 2019-127
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the bills as presented, all have been certified and approved as complete as to form, goods having been delivered, and/or services performed and sufficient funds being available for payment for said bills, be paid in the amount of \$1,053,342.19

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City at a meeting held on June 24, 2019.

Bryan A. Russell, Acting Municipal Clerk

Motion for adoption was made by C/Lewis, seconded by C/Z. There was no discussion and the resolution was approved unanimously by roll call.

Resolution 2019-128 Resolution for a Graduation Block Party Street Closure – Ridge Terrace

RESOLUTION 2019-128

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE RIDGE TERRACE FOR A GRADUATION BLOCK PARTY

WHEREAS, Kathleen Burr of 70 Ridge Terrace has submitted a permit application to have a Graduation block party which requires the temporary closing of certain streets in the Borough, and

WHEREAS, in order to have a block party it is necessary to temporarily close the following street between the hours of 2:30 P.M. until 11:00 P.M. on June 29, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Burr residing at 70 Ridge Terrace has submitted the required notification petition of neighbors for streets closure on June 29, 2019; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Neptune City hereby authorizes a street closure of Ridge Terrace from 2:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. on June 29, 2019, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper signs and barricades be posted as not to create a traffic hazard.

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Resolution 2019-129 Neptune City First Aide Squad Coin Toss Approval

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-129

PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A COIN TO TOSS

WHEREAS, the Neptune City First Aid Squad has requested permission to conduct a coin toss at the intersection of Brighton Avenue and West Sylvania Avenue on the following 2019 dates:

July 19th, 20th

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council approve this request pursuant to the conditions from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and the approval from the County of Monmouth.

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Motion for adoption was made by C/Calhoun, seconded by C/Kocsis. There was no discussion and the resolution was approved unanimously by roll call.

Resolution 2019-130 Accept the resignation of S.O. Class II M. Campanella as School Resource Officer

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-130

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF SPECIAL CLASS II POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL P. CAMPANELLA AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, Special Class II Police Officer Michael P. Campanella was appointed as the Special Class II Police Officer assigned as School Resource Officer effective August 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Special Class II Police Officer Michael P. Campanella is unable to continue his employment as the School Resource Officer and has submitted his notice of resignation effective August 1, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Neptune City that the resignation of S.O. Michael Campanella from the position of School Resource Officer is accepted.

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Bryan A. Russell, Acting Municipal Clerk

Motion for adoption was made by C/Renee, seconded by C/Lewis. C/Renee is very happy for Mr. Campanella, he is getting a better job closer to his home but it is a loss for us, and the kids loved him. Thank you Mr. Campanella. C/Wardell stated that both of his children were very disappointed to hear that he would not be back. Even though he has only been there for one year, you would never know since Officer Mike was such a big part of the school. He did a fantastic job, and wishes him the best. Mayor Brown explained how Council decided 2 years ago that there was a need for a Resource Officer at the school, and that Mike is retired from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. He will be missed, but Mike reassured that he would be back, as there is a garden he helped plant needs to be tended. The resolution was approved unanimously by roll call.

Resolution 2019-131 Resolution to Refund Tax Overpayment

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-131
RESOLUTION TO REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT**

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Tax Collector that the taxpayers indicated below are entitled to tax overpayment refunds, and;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Governing Body to have these overpayments returned to the respective taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Neptune City, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make overpayment refunds in the amount shown to the tax payers listed below.

-Block 76 Lot 18 in the amount of \$2,032.29 to Corelogic.

-Block 96 Lot 9 in the amount of \$1,286.77 to Corelogic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Finance Officer.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Robert Fusco, 55 Laird, spoke about TFH. Wants to know what he can do to make this go from the Public Participation to and Agenda Item so things can change. The Borough website has something about an Environmental Committee, but there is no such thing or Mr. Fusco feels the issue with TFH would not be going on. Mayor Brown responded the Environment Committee does exist; it handles things like flowers, recycling and things of that nature. We can only do so much as the Governing Body; TFH is in compliance with local requirements. The Borough has not received anything from the DEP, EPA, or FDA stating that TFH is in violation of their regulations, if they were the DEP, EPA or FDA would be handling them. There was continued discussion back and forth on this.

Arlene Sciarappa, 14 Tucker, anyone that came into this room this evening, should have smelt TFH because it was very strong outside tonight. Mrs. Sciarappa asked about zoning for TFH or if it was a variance that made it manufacturing or industrial. The Borough Attorney will check with the Land Use Attorney as to the zoning for TFH. What exactly has TFH done to stop the smell? Mayor Brown stated that they have put in charcoal filters, an air ionizer. Environmental Committee information should be on the website. C/Wardell stated that there is an Environmental Committee and actually just met before this meeting and discussed a possible plastic bag ban, the feral cat problems, but things that happen in those committees do not get shared unless action will take place and that would be at a Council Meeting. Concern about Memorial Park, entire Riverview Ave was full, the parking lot was full. I did file a police report because I do believe that we have an Ordinance that people are not supposed to be in the water. Water quality is the big concern, feels that we should have a bigger sign stating "Swim at your own risk". Complaints about dogs, not being on leashes at the park. Mayor Brown stated that Memorial Park is a gem in town, thanks to grants we were able to get. The water is clean, but you go in at your own risk, there is no fee or lifeguards. Horseshoe crabs are back, they only come to clean water. They use to be here all the time but then left for a while. A complaint should be submitted to the Police Department, not be sent to you to bring to the Council Meeting. Tucker Drive and Sylvania Ave has 2 big pot holes, who to contact to get them fixed. Mayor Brown stated that it needs to be called into the Administrator's Office.

Kelly Strazdas, 3 Overbrook, Toxin Report, what department would have it to OPRA Request it. Mayor Brown stated maybe start with FDA. Who protects us when the DEP and EPA do not inspect TFH? DEP has no pending issues with TFH. There was continued discussion back and forth on this topic. There were questions about what the zoning is for TFH, only records to be found say commercial not industrial.

Robert Fusco, 55 Laird, spoke again on how he has called DEP on the topic of TFH. Mayor Brown suggested contacting the Legislators in regards to the DEP checking on the air quality.

Tom Arnone, 4 Oliver, spoke about the issue with the Fire Company, with how a member was told he was no longer a member, this issue was rectified, but the embarrassment this person went through was not right. He is a good person that has gone through a lot to take care of his family. This town has always been a family, wishes that everyone would get connected back like that again. Talked about the school, and how we all need to work together to get it back to where it use to be. Mr. Arnone also spoke in regards to the Participatory Budget and how it is not a good idea. Stated about the odor, just dealt with it as a Freeholder just recently at the Reclamation Center, which is now hopefully rectified, but the DEP and EPA were useless. Mayor Brown clarified that the County was able to handle the odor at the Reclamation Center because it was County owned, unlike TFH, which is privately owned.

Stacey Higgins, 29 Coastal, wanted to speak about how the Neptune City Home Owners Association just wants them to be good neighbors. Not to get them to leave, but be like the rest of us and be good neighbors. Mayor Brown stated that if she has a constant smell in her home, that she needs to call the County Health Department to report it and they will come out to test. There was continued discussion on this topic. Mayor Brown stated that he will call the Health Department and meet them at her home to have them check it out and make them follow the regulations they have.

Arlene Sciarappa, 14 Tucker, asked Mr. Arnone about trees. Mr. Arnone said he did know that it was on their schedule, but will look into it again the following day.

Patty Scott, 220 W Sylvania, asked to put an Ad in the Coaster to explain to the residents that they have to sign up for Nixle, since no one knows about it. Mayor Brown stated that he will be having a meeting with the Chief and Captain to discuss the response. Asked if the Council or some committee are in the process of instituting something about regulations for summer rentals. Mayor Brown stated no, that as long as they come in to get a CI and inspection each time that is the only thing they are required to do. Ms. Scott stated that there is a big problem in Neptune City with this and mentioned about a rental house on Lincoln Ave. Mayor Brown recommended that if you see it, say something, but he will have Code Enforcement look into it in the morning.

Colleen Christie, 79 Lincoln, stated that the issue on Lincoln is taken care of already.

Patty Scott, 220 W Sylvania, saw that Neptune City is declared an opportunity zone. Mayor Brown explained that the State rolled out and declared areas as opportunity zones, but did not give any details on what the opportunity zones benefit. Ms. Scott asked about Resilient New Jersey. Mayor Brown stated that he has not heard of it, but will look into it.

C/Calhoun, a resident brought to him asking about doing a inspirational quote on the sign board out front each week. Mayor Brown stated that we should run that through the Administrators office. C/ Calhoun went to the School Board meeting last week and is happy that we are able to help fix the sidewalk over the summer.

C/Kocsis stated that the Street Sweeper will be going through next week, Zone 2 on July 1st and Zone 1 on July 2nd. Reminder that all residents and business owners need to recycle their cardboard, not put it in the trash.

C/Renee commented that the Police Department held their Steak Bake, which was a really nice event that raised a lot of money for them. Also, with Nixle, please go to the Borough website to sign up there is a link right on the website. The Captain explained that it is still a new program are looking forward to seeing how well this system will work. It is replacing the older, Reverse 911, which was just recorded messages, this Nixle system will be able to send text alerts or emails as well as calls. C/Renee stated that the Council had nothing to do with the person from the Fire Company and was not sure why the Freeholder brought it up. Also stated that the information the Freeholder had on the Budget Line Item for redevelopment was incorrect, it is for the whole town, not just one parcel.

ADJOURN 8:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by C/Wardell. Seconded by C/Calhoun.

Approved unanimously by roll call.