

August 3, 2010  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, NJ

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the Collingswood Community Center, 30 W. Collings Avenue, Collingswood, NJ, on the second floor, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor M. James Maley, Jr., called the meeting to order, with Commissioner Joan Leonard absent and Commissioner Michael Hall present. Mayor Maley read the Sunshine Notice stating that the Borough has complied with provisions of the Sunshine Law by adopting prior to January 10 of this year, a resolution prescribing the dates, times and locations of all regular meetings of the Commission. This meeting was one of the meetings listed on the resolution. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Tax Collector, Construction Code Officer Municipal Court and Treasurer reports were approved and seconded.

The Commissioners Tabled Ordinance 1478 Amending Ordinance 1148 "An Ordinance Implementing a Redevelopment Plan for an Area Located in the Borough of Collingswood" Known as the Eldridge Gardens and West Collings Avenue Project Area Adopted on April 6, 1998. Mayor Maley moved the ordinance be tabled by the following call of the roll:

Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.  
Absent: Joan Leonard  
Aye: Michael A. Hall

The Commissioners Tabled Ordinance 1483 Amending Section 241-1 of the Borough Code. Mayor Maley explained this ordinance is to follow the state regulations as to what can be charged for OPRA requests. Mayor Maley moved the ordinance be tabled by the following call of the roll:

Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.  
Absent: Joan Leonard  
Aye: Michael A. Hall

The Commissioners called for Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 1484 Requiring Certain Outdoor Dumpsters and Containers to Be Covered to Comply with the New Jersey Storm water Regulation Program. Mayor Maley opened the ordinance to the public, but with no response he moved the public hearing closed and the ordinance be approved on a second and final reading, which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll

Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.  
Absent: Joan Leonard  
Aye: Michael A. Hall

The Commissioners called for Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 1485 Requiring Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting on Private Property to comply with the New Jersey Storm Water Regulation Program. Mayor Maley opened the ordinance to the public, but with no response he moved the public hearing closed and the ordinance be approved on a second and final reading, which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll:

Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.  
Absent: Joan Leonard  
Aye: Michael A. Hall

The Commissioners called for Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 1486 Authorizing Funding for the Lumberyard Redevelopment Project. Mayor Maley explained this ordinance is a 3.3 million dollar authorization and a renegotiation with Sun Bank to lend up to 10.5 million dollars to get the Lumberyard Project completed. Mayor Maley opened the ordinance to the public Joseph Dinella 714 Stokes Avenue asked if the Borough was lending out 10.5 million dollars to the project. Mayor Maley explained that Sun Bank was the lender on the 10.5 million dollars. Mayor Maley continued to explain that the Borough has agreed to cover the "soft costs of the project. Mr. Dinella asked what are the soft costs? Mayor Maley explained they are costs other than building such as marketing and sales. In exchange for covering the soft costs Sun Bank has agreed to finance the construction of the remaining project. A discussion ensued on the length of the commitment, how many units have sold, the funds that were used for the infrastructure of the project and what is being done with the empty lot at Haddon Avenue and Powell Lane. With no further response

Mayor Maley moved the public hearing closed and the ordinance be approved on a second and final reading, which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll

Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.  
Absent: Joan Leonard  
Aye: Michael A. Hall

The Commissioners called for Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 1487 Authorizing an Amendment to the Financial Agreement between the Borough of Collingswood and the Lumberyard Redevelopment, LLC. Mayor Maley explained this ordinance as giving some flexibility in respect to the PILOT agreements with the Lumberyard. The Mayor continued to explain that this ordinance gives the Borough the ability to negotiate with prospective buyers on tax breaks which could help sales. Mayor Maley opened the ordinance to the public. Rosemary Wackerle 120 East Palmer Avenue asked who is the management company at the Lumberyard? Mayor Maley referred to question the President of the Lumberyard Condo Assoc. Luciano Agnello. Mr. Agnello responded that starting at the end of this month, Wentworth Mgmt. would be the new company. With no further response Mayor Maley moved the public hearing closed and the ordinance be approved on a second and final reading, which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll

Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.  
Absent: Joan Leonard  
Aye: Michael A. Hall

The following resolutions were approved without a dissenting vote.

107. Approving a Lien Certification Pursuant to Chapter 227 of the Borough Code - Block 88 Lot 22 717 Stokes Avenue.,
108. Authorizing an Award of Contract for Electric Generation Supply Services (BID A-), For the South Jersey Power Cooperative
109. Authorizing the Borough of Collingswood to Submit an Application for the Collingswood Municipal Alliance Grant for Calendar Year 2011
110. Authorizing an Agreement to Renew Membership in the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
111. Authorizing to Advertise for Request for Proposals for the Rehabilitation of the West Side Elevated Water Tank
112. Awarding a Contract to Paramount Enterprises, Inc. for the NJDOT Trustfund Resurfacing of East Palmer Avenue
113. Awarding a Contract to Sub-Level Installations, Inc. for the Roberts Park Pump Station Improvements Project
114. Calling on the State Legislature and the Governor to Enact Property Tax Reform with the Passage of the "Municipal Toolkit" and Other and Mandates Relief
115. Designating Recipients for the Camden County Housing Rehabilitation Program and Authorizing Camden County Division of Community Development as Administrative Agent
116. Re-Appointing Mark Gibbons to the Planning Board
117. Requesting Dedication by Rider for:  
Donations (NJS 40A:5-29) - JV Summer Basketball Program
118. Approving the Payment of Bills in General Accounts
119. Approving the Payment of Bills in Water Accounts
120. Approving the Payment of Bills in Sewer Accounts

Commissioner Hall mentioned the Fine Arts and Crafts Festival would be held on August 14 and 15. Commissioner Hall encouraged people to come up on Haddon Ave on those dates.

Mayor Maley spoke about the Business Assoc. and their participation in Project 350. Mayor Maley explained the premise of Project 350 as a nationwide nonprofit movement to encourage people to shop locally. Mayor Maley explained the 350 is a request for people to shop at three businesses and spend a total of \$50.00. Mayor Maley said is a way of boosting the local economy. Mayor Maley mentioned the Collings Ave. closure. He explained that there were funds available from the Haddon Ave Project and the Borough was able to use the remaining money on a Bump out Project outside of the High School which will help slow down traffic. Mayor Maley added the project will be done by the time school starts.

Kellie Miller 23 E Homestead Avenue stated her property taxes have gone up 16% this year, she is afraid that her family has to move. Mrs. Miller expressed her frustration as a mother of a young family being faced with rising tax bills. Mrs. Miller commented on the municipal budget and her disagreement with raises the Borough employees received this year and the tax breaks for Lumberyard

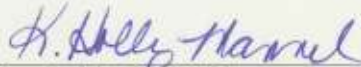
residents. Mayor Maley explained that the Lumberyard Tax Breaks do not effect the budget. Mayor Maley added he also doesn't agree with 3.75% pay raises but this was the final year of a contract with the collective bargaining units and the unions would not give up the raises. Mayor Maley said it was because of that Borough employees were laid off and there were employees who retired that were not replaced. A discussion ensued over property tax increases, continued layoffs, the risk of losing services and the loss of state aid.




Joseph Dinella 714 Stokes Avenue commented on the debt service, The Lumberyard Project and the PILOTs. A discussion ensued.

Alan Ross 516 Bettelwood Avenue. asked how are the Palmer Ave and Collings Avenue Projects being paid for? Mayor Maley explained the Palmer Ave project is being paid for by the state and the Collings Ave. Bump out is being paid for by the county. Mayor Maley added we do not have to pay for these projects.

Luciano Agnello 605 N. Atlantic Avenue #217 asked how will the Bump Out slow traffic? Mayor Maley explained the narrowing of the road naturally will slow traffic. Mr. Agnello asked if there will be speed bumps? Mayor Maley answered no, the sidewalk area will be bumped out.

With no further comments, Mayor Maley moved the meeting be adjourned 7:50PM, which was seconded.

  
K. Holly Mannel  
Acting Borough Clerk

  
M. James Maley, Jr.  
  
Joan Leonard  
  
Michael Hall  
Borough Commissioners

