

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, held via Go To Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2020.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Robert P. Fazen with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement following by the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer given by C. Jake Hardin.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following were recorded present:

Mayor Robert Fazen
Councilman Jake Hardin
Councilman Richard Jannuzzi
Council President Elizabeth Jannuzzi
Councilman Brad Galeta
Councilman Abel Gomez
Councilman Vinnie Petti

Also in attendance:

Borough Administrator, Hector Herrera
Borough Clerk/ Assistant Administrator, Jasmine D. Mathis
Borough Attorney, Wendy Rubenstein, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINIUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, to approve the minutes of August 25, 2020 was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, to approve the executive minutes of August 25, 2020 was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

ADVERTISED HEARINGS OR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Fazen announced September is Childhood Cancer Month.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

Mayor Fazen reported on the Census response rate. He further provided an update on the Covid-19 cases over the past three months.

GREETINGS FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION

There were no comments from the public.

OPENING OF BIDS

There were no bids.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES-FIRST READING

Ordinance 2020- 23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO CREATE SECTION 7-40.7, “ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS”

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, Ordinance 2020-23 was passed on first reading upon a roll call vote. Council President Elizabeth Jannuzzi raised concerns of scooters riding on sidewalks. Mayor Robert Fazen voting in favor of the motion, breaking the tie vote. The hearing was scheduled for September 22, 2020.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez, Mayor Robert Fazen

Nay: Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Vinnie Petti

Ordinance 2020-24 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE PILOT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ. TO EXECUTE A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK AND 17-19 WMS URBAN RENEWAL LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17-19 WEST MAIN STREET ON BLOCK 7, LOT 29 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK AND LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Jake Hardin, Ordinance 2020-24 was passed on first reading upon a roll call vote. Mayor Robert Fazen voted in favor of the motion, breaking the tie vote. The hearing was scheduled for September 22, 2020.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez, Mayor Robert Fazen

Nay: Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Vinnie Petti

Ordinance 2020- 25 An Ordinance of the Borough of Bound Brook Amending and Supplementing Chapter XXIX, “Solid Waste Management”, of the General Revised Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook to Amend the Regulations and Enforcement of the Collection of Solid Waste

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Council President Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Ordinance 2020-25 was passed on first reading upon a roll call vote. Councilman Jake Hardin expressed concerns of allowing a single bag, potentially drawing vermin.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez,

Vinnie Petti

Nay: None

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING AND CONSIDERATION – SECOND READING

Ordinance 2020-21 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE PILOT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ. TO EXECUTE A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK AND MERIDIA 1 URBAN RENEWAL, BOUND BROOK, LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON BLOCK 8, LOTS 9.01, 9.03 AND 9.04 ALSO KNOWN AS 1, 7-11 EAST MAIN STREET AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK AND LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Abel Gomez, the floor was opened to the public for comment. Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue, questioned the timing of signing financial agreement prior to the Planning Board hearing. Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Abel Gomez, Ordinance 2020-21 was passed on second reading upon a roll call vote. Mayor Robert Fazen voted in favor of the motion, breaking the tie vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez, Mayor Robert Fazen

Nay: Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Vinnie Petti

Ordinance 2020-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-12, PARKING TIME LIMIT ON CERTAIN STREETS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, the floor was opened to the public for comment. Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue, requested clarification on the proposed street. Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, Ordinance 2020-22 was passed on second reading upon a roll call vote. Council President Elizabeth

Jannuzzi asked if the 10 minute parking is sufficient and if it negatively impacts residents on John Street.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez

Nay: Vinnie Petti

INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS

2020-173 Resolution Renewing LFR Inc.'s Retail Plenary Consumption License No. 1804-33-020-009 for the License Year 2020-2021 Without Conditions

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, Resolution 2020-173 was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez, Vinnie Petti

Nay: None

2020-174 Resolution to Award a Professional Services Contract for Appraisal Consulting Services to Mark Tinder Appraisals, LLC to Perform an Appraisal of the Market Value of Property Known as Block 3, Lot 1 Located at 432 Talmage Avenue to be Acquired in Part with Green Acres Funding

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, Resolution 2020-174 was approved upon a roll call vote. Mayor Fazen voted in favor of the motion, breaking the tie vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez, Mayor Robert Fazen

Nay: Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Vinnie Petti

2020-175 Resolution Approving Liquor License Renewals for 2020-2021

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, Resolution 2020-175 was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez

Nay: None

Recused: Vinnie Petti

2020-176 Resolution Extending Summer Hours to December 31, 2020

Upon a motion by Councilman Brad Galeta, seconded by Councilman Jake Hardin, Resolution 2020-176 was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez, Vinnie Petti

Nay: None

2020-177 Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with 17-19 WMS Urban Renewal, LLC as Redeveloper for Property Known as Tax Block 7, Lot 29 Located at 17-19 West Main Street in the Downtown Redevelopment Area for Redevelopment of a Mixed Use Project

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Jake Hardin, Resolution 2020-177 was approved upon a roll call vote. Mayor Fazen voted in favor of the motion, breaking the tie vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez, Mayor Robert Fazen

Nay: Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Vinnie Petti

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Elizabeth Jannuzzi expressed concerns of biographies of the candidates not being published in the Bound Brook Chronicle and questioned how the decision was made. Borough Attorney, Wendy Rubenstein responded.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Jake Hardin, Resolution 2020-178 was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

Patricia o'Reilley, 745 Schoolhouse Lane requested clarification on the extended summer hours and asked when in person meetings will resume.

Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue, requested the status of the green acres application and the intent of purchasing 432 Talmage Avenue. She further requested the Economic Development Committee minutes and PILOT reports.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jasmine D. Mathis
Borough Clerk