

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2019**

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May was called to order by Deputy Mayor Burke at 7:00pm. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Deputy Mayor Burke who then led those present in the flag salute. Deputy Mayor Burke and Commissioner Francis answered roll call. Also in attendance: Municipal Clerk Suzanne Schumann and Solicitor Chris Gillin-Schwartz. Mayor Sabo was absent.

WORK SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Commission – Amendment to Fence Guidelines:

Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz reviewed the proposed changes to prohibit vinyl fence in the rear of the property, in addition to the front of properties which is already regulated. Deputy Mayor Burke stated that he does not live in the Borough's Historic District but understands the reason for this proposed change so that corner properties or street view properties do not visualize any vinyl which they may have in the rear of their homes. Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz stated that this would only apply to new applications and there would be a provision to grandfather-in properties which currently have vinyl material installed. Commissioner Francis stated that he has no opposition to the changes. Deputy Mayor Burke stated that he would like to discuss this further at the next meeting when Mayor Sabo is present.

PUBLIC PORTION

Eileen McDonald, 141 Eldredge Avenue, stated that she is in the historic district and spoke of newer products which would be considered vinyl, but have different textures and finishes to make them look more like wood and could be better than wood options. Ms. McDonald expressed concerns in that eliminating vinyl materials would also eliminate the use of these newer materials and that properties can be preserved with other materials which are a better product than wood.

Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz stated that he would reach out to Elan from the Borough's Historic Preservation Commission to discuss the intentions of eliminating vinyl and the Commission's opinion on the newer synthetic materials. Commissioner Francis stated that he would like the Historic Preservation Commission to consider the use of these synthetic materials. Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz indicated that he would further discuss with Elan and have more information available for discussion at the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

The Work Session concluded at 7:16pm.

REGULAR MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Commissioner Francis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke, the following Consent Agenda was unanimously approved on roll call vote.

Minutes:

October 9, 2019 Work Session and Regular Meeting

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication:

- 572-19 An Ordinance Amending Section 4 of the Borough Code Regarding Tents
(Reintroduced, As Amended)
- 573-19 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Borough Code to Add Restrictions
on Single-Use Carry-Out Bags

Resolutions:

- 159-19 Approving Catering Permits – Chamberlain Hospitality Group, Inc. – Chili
Campfire Dinners
- 160-19 Bill Payment

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinances for Second Reading and Public Hearing:

NONE

Resolutions:

NONE

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Francis stated that the Green Chip E-Waste Event held by the Borough’s Environmental Commission brought in approximately \$331 for a collection of over 7,200 pounds of electronic waste.

Deputy Mayor Burke thanked the Chalfonte and their staff for hosting the Christmas Parade fundraiser event on October 20th. Deputy Mayor Burke mentioned the upcoming Christmas Parade fundraiser event on Monday, October 28th at Exit Zero.

PUBLIC PORTION

No public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm on motion of Commissioner Francis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Schumann, RMC
Municipal Clerk