

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May was called to order by Mayor Sabo at 7:00pm. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mayor Sabo who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Sabo, Deputy Mayor Burke and Commissioner Francis answered roll call. Also in attendance: Municipal Clerk Suzanne Schumann, Solicitor Frank Corrado, Engineer Ray Roberts and Chief Dekon Fashaw.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

WORK SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 - Coronavirus Discussion:

Mayor Sabo mentioned the continuing challenges with vaccination scheduling and reminded everyone to continue with the necessary precautions. Commissioner Francis stated that he received his first vaccination at the Atlantic City Megasite. Chief Fashaw stated that 16 members from the Cape May Police Department and the Cape May Fire Department received the vaccinations and some experienced adverse side-effects to the second vaccination. Chief Fashaw stated that the Deputy Mayor in Cape May is assisting residents who need help with registering for the vaccine and scheduling appointments.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Principal Uses:

Solicitor Corrado stated that the Borough's Zoning Officer received an inquiry about the local florist shop adding a second principal use to their building, to add a second retail store within their current building. Mr. Corrado stated that the current Zoning Ordinance does not prohibit the request, but suggested amending the Ordinance to provide clarification as to the process, which would include an application to the Planning Zoning Board for a revised site plan.

Amending Noise Regulations:

As a follow up to previous concerns before the Board of Commissioners, Solicitor Corrado confirmed that there is a "Disturbing the Peace" Ordinance which can be used to regulate noise concerns, without the need for decibel reading. Mayor Sabo stated that noise and outside music is permitted before 10pm and that the Ordinance could be regulated after 10pm.

Doug Carnes, Wilbraham Mansion, expressed concerns with rental properties having new tenants each week and no enforcement on the property owner. Mr. Carnes stated that his property has contacted the police department on several occasions and there are still issues with noise after 10pm. Solicitor Corrado mentioned the option for the Borough to adopt an

“Animal House” Ordinance which would incorporate a loss of license consequence for property owners who have repetitive noise complaints on their property. Solicitor Corrado stated that he will prepare an Ordinance for the Commissioners to consider.

PUBLIC PORTION

NONE

The Work Session concluded at 7:45pm.

REGULAR MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes:

January 27, 2021 – Work Session and Regular Meeting

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication:

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| 592-21 | An Ordinance Amending Section 27-36 of the Borough Code Regarding Landscaping and Vegetation |
| 593-21 | An Ordinance Amending Section 30 of the Borough Code Regarding Trees |

Resolutions:

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| 49-21 | Authorizing a Tax Refund for Block 2, Lot 6 (Park Boulevard) |
| 50-21 | Bill Payment |

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinances for Second Reading and Public Hearing:

NONE

Resolutions:

NONE

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Francis reminded everyone to continue to wear masks, social distance and wash hands.

Deputy Mayor Burke mentioned the next American Red Cross Blood Drive has been scheduled for March 11, 2021 from 12pm until 5pm at the West Cape May Fire Hall.

Mayor Sabo mentioned that budget planning has started for the year and the budget review meeting is scheduled for March 10th. Ms. Sabo stated that she is being proactive with the planning and considering the long term plans for capital improvements and purchases.

PUBLIC PORTION

NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm on motion of Commissioner Francis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Schumann, RMC
Municipal Clerk