

Borough of Surf City
Governing Body Meeting Minutes

Mayor F. Hodgson called the meeting to order, reading the following statement: in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Borough Council has been provided to three newspapers and published in the January 30, 2020 issue of the Beach Haven Times. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting took place on a remote platform called GoTo Meeting during the regularly scheduled time.

Roll call reflected the following members present: Councilman John G. Hadash, Councilman Peter Hartney, Councilman William D. Hodgson, Councilman James B. Russell, Councilwoman Jacqueline L. Siciliano & Mayor Francis R. Hodgson. Absent: none.

All present joined Mayor F. Hodgson in a salute to the flag.

Council President Klose lost his connection to the meeting.

Councilman Russell moved to approve the regular minutes from the May 13, 2020 regular meeting. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the minutes were approved as presented.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson moved to open the public hearing for the final adoption of Ordinance 2020-06. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, public comment was open. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose. There were no comments. Councilman Russell moved to close the public hearing for the final adoption of Ordinance 2020-06. Councilman Hadash seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, public comment was closed. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to

2.5%, unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate, as an exception, to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City in the County of Ocean finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2020 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% percent increase in the budget for said year amounting to \$62,292.87 in excess of the increase in final appropriations, otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized, hereinabove, that is not appropriated, as part of the final budget, shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council, of the Borough of Surf City, in the County of Ocean , a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body, affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2020 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Surf City shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by three and one half (3.5 %) percent, amounting to \$62,292.87, and that the CY 2020 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Surf City be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated, as part of the final budget, shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years: and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance, as introduced, be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction: and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

SECTION II

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION III

If any word, phrase, clause, section or provision of this ordinance shall be found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal, or unconstitutional, such word, phrase, clause, section or provision shall be severable from the balance of the ordinance and the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage, according to law.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent Mr. Klose.

Councilman Hartney moved to the approve Resolution 2020-88. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only, at the time of the public hearing, if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the Borough Hall, a copy has been posted on the official website and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requiring them; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget shall be read by title only.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent Mr. Klose.

Councilman Russell moved to open the public hearing for the final adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, public comment was open. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none. There were no comments. Councilman Russell moved to close the public hearing for the final adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, public comment was closed. Roll call reflected the following

votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano.
Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent Mr. Klose.

Councilman Russell moved to the approve Resolution 2020-89, adopting the 2020 Municipal Budget. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean that the budget, hereinbefore set forth, is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated, herein set forth, as appropriations and authorization of the amount of \$4,650,000.00 to be raised by taxation for Municipal purposes.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson moved to the approve Resolution 2020-90. Councilman Hadash seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the application(s) for probationary membership in the Surf City Volunteer Fire Co. as submitted by Jessica VanPelt, Alexis Driscoll, & John A. Gofus are hereby approved:

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose. Mr. Russell and Mr. Hartney recused themselves.

Councilwoman Siciliano moved to the approve Resolution 2020-91. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City wish to recognize those individuals currently serving as active members of the United States Military; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Governing Body to allow those individuals access to the Surf City Beaches at no cost for the year 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that active Military personnel and their immediate family shall be granted access to Surf City beaches during the year 2020 without the necessary beach badge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said persons shall be required to provide the necessary military identification in order to qualify.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator be and is hereby given authorization to set forth any procedure which may be necessary in order to administer this

process.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

Councilman Russell moved to the approve Resolution 2020-92. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ordinances 04-09 and 04-11, a performance guarantee may be posted with the Borough for permanent curb installation at the time of exchange of ownership; and

WHEREAS, the below listed person(s) posted a guarantee in the corresponding amount prior to the exchange of ownership; and

WHEREAS, The Zoning Official made a final inspection and approved same to be in conformance with the Borough ordinances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the following guarantees may be released.

- Rowland Goodman & Priscilla Ardrey of 2106 Long Beach Boulevard in the amount of \$700.00.
- Gina Liard for 13 N. 11th Street in the amount of \$3,000.00.
- Patricia Fialkovich for 44 Division Street in the amount of \$3,000.00.
- Anita Zangrilli for 27 N. 2nd Street in the amount of \$4,4760.00.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

Councilman Hartney moved to the approve Resolution 2020-93. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the attached resolution was approved.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the State of New Jersey Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project 4264-0005, the Borough of Surf City secured professional guarantees from grant recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has certified that all invoices have been satisfied; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that the following guarantees be released to the Borough of Surf City for payment of professional services.

Michon, et. al. of 204 N. 1st Street in the amount of \$5,607.36
Richard & May Savianeso of 362 N. 4th Street in the amount of \$3,091.20
Daniel & Suzanne Mele of 106 N. Central Avenue in the amount of \$3,091.20
James & Jennifer Finnerty of 326 N. 6th Street in the amount of \$3,848.47

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

Mayor F. Hodgson presented the April reports from the Municipal Court and the Chief Financial Officer for the minutes.

Councilman Hadash presented the sanitation report for the Department of Public Works. He also moved to approve Resolution 2020-94. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following resolution was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following part-time laborers be appointed in the Department of Public Works on an as needed basis at the corresponding rates, effective June 3, 2020 terminating September 30, 2020, as follows.

Joseph Frazier at \$12.50 per hour
Michael McCarthy at \$12.50 per hour
Richard Zennario at \$13.00 per hour
Kaelee Gross at \$13.00 per hour
Jason LaVoie at \$13.00 per hour

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

Councilman Russell commented that there will be a full complement of lifeguards. The playgrounds are ready to use when the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted by Governor Murphy. The pickleball courts are also ready to use with no restrictions. Councilman Russell moved to approve Resolution 2020-95. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following listed individuals are appointed as employees in the Lifeguard Department effective as of this date at the corresponding weekly rate of pay, pending satisfactory approval of a physical and all eligibility requirements have been met prior to start date. Said appointments shall terminate on September 19, 2020.

1ST YEAR \$430.00

Gabby Kovaly
Paige Menegus
Kieran Hyland
Sean White
Matthew Sivo
Matthew Adams
George Kalargheros
Alexis Jackson
Ryan Fitzpatrick
Lauren Rummler
Hope Neil
Ryan Fitzpatrick
Parker Ballingall
Trevor Ballingall
Jared Kowalik
Emma David

2nd YEAR \$440.00

Gianna Antinora
Madalyn Gibson
Ava Ruff
Joshua Styler-Tracy
Matthew Verbeke
Jake Westpy
Tom White
Kristen Ritter

3rd YEAR \$470.00

Michael Adjedj
Adam Clay
Natalie Davis
Liam Dougherty
Zachary Girgenti
Lukas Goldberg
Luke Guaracino

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Connor McGeary
Katelyn Romanovich
Ashley Sojak
Isabella Turner
Isabella Medina

4th YEAR \$490.00

Daniel Adjedj
Alyssa Gesek
Patrick Reardon
Dillon Rice

5th YEAR \$510.00

Patric Hyland
Louisa Kolman
Julia Rothstein
Max Guadoso
Charlie Osborne
Taylor Guaracino

6TH YEAR \$530.00

Dorsey Grieve

Craig Turner

Scott Meggitt

7TH YEAR \$550.00

Eric Gilley

Gabriella Hartney

Kelsey Hyland

Kristiana Osborne

Alexis Turner

8TH YEAR \$570.00

Anna Esposito

Caitlin Lavery

9TH YEAR \$590.00

Emily Rothstein

Mitchell Guadoso

11TH YEAR \$610.00

Lauren Rothstein

12TH YEAR \$610.00

Christopher Bigos

13TH YEAR 3RD LIEUTENANT \$750.00

John (Connor) McMenamin

14th YEAR \$610

Kyle Gronostajski

16TH YEAR 2ND LIEUTENANT \$750.00

Ryan Bonanni

20TH YEAR \$610

Laura Ashley Morris LIT Instructor

Jenn Welc LIT Director

23rd YEAR \$610.00

Ross Reynolds

24th YEAR 1st Lieutenant \$800

Collette Prete 1st Lieutenant

37th YEAR

Mark Dileo Captain \$1,350.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mark Dileo be paid an hourly rate of \$22.00 for off-season and preparatory work effective January 1, 2020. Lauren Rothstein, Ryan Bonanni, Kyle Gronostajski, Conner McMenamin, Collette Pretre & Jenn Welc shall be paid an hourly rate of \$15.00 off-season preparatory work, all hours to be approved by the Administrator and shall terminate on October 15, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LIT Director shall be paid at the rate of \$5 additional per hour that those lifeguards working as LIT Instructors shall be paid at the rate of \$2.50 additional per hour when working in that capacity.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson provided the May 2020 statistical report for the Police Department. He expressed gratitude to all our residents and visitors for showing courtesy and adhering to social distance. Councilman Wm. Hodgson moved to approve Resolution 2020-96. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following listed individuals are appointed as seasonal/on call employees in the Police Department effective as of May 23, 2020 at the corresponding hourly rate of pay. Said appointment is on an as needed basis, and shall terminate on December 31, 2020:

Keyan Cody Cusick - Class I Special Officer \$11.75/per hour

Damien J. Marrone - Class I Special Officer \$11.75/per hour

Troy Albert Luongo - Class I Special Officer \$11.50/per hour

John B. Hudson - Class I Special Officer \$11.25/per hour

Mark D. Errico, Jr. - Class I Special Officer \$11.25/per hour

Jacqueline Unger - Class I Special Officer \$11.25/per hour

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson also moved to approved Resolution 2020-97. Councilman Russell seconded the motion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Tracey Figueiras be and is hereby appointed full time in the Municipal Offices and a violations clerk in the Municipal Court at the rate of \$29,000 per year with benefits, effective June 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sandi Gomez be and is hereby appointed as the Zoning Officer without benefits, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective May 29, 2020.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

Councilwoman Siciliano reported that Public Works is continuing the cleaning of street ends at both bayside and oceanside. She also explained that the N. 5th and N. 6th Street road project has a couple of “laundry list” items including placing extensions on man hole covers to raise them a bit, as well as, a final inspection she will attend with the engineer. The Borough of Surf City is applying for a 2021 Federal DOT grant. Notification of awards will be by way of letter in the late winter or spring of 2021.

Councilman Hartney reported that the beaches are in good condition and clean. He provided the report for the beach badge sales. Councilman Hartney also advised everyone that the environmental program will continue after July 7th. And regretfully, he announced that the July 4th annual pancake breakfast was canceled.

A letter received from Kenneth J. DeFranco, Jr. requesting to place a bench in memory of his mother, Teresa Alice Tucci, on the bayside of S. 3rd Street. Councilman Russell moved to approve the request with oversight from the Borough Superintendent. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request was approved. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

A letter received from Charles Blatz requesting to place a memorial bench to honor his aunt, Patricia Burkart, on the bayside of N. 20th Street. Councilman Russell moved to approve the request with oversight from the Borough Superintendent. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request was approved. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

Councilman Russell moved to pay the bills. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the bills were approved to be paid.

BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, N.J. that the appurtenances known as "Scheduled Payment Reports" containing vouchers to be paid in the total amounts of:

Water & Sewer	\$63,136.06
Current	\$769,989.94
Payroll Account	\$188,336.52
Dog License Account	\$4.20
Ice Cream Vendor Account	\$0.00
Escrow Release	\$10,760.00
Tax Certificate Account	\$0.00

are hereby ordered paid and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to draw an order upon the Borough Treasurer for same.

Approved by: Councilman Hartney
Council President Klose
Councilman Russell

Dated: June 10, 2020

/s/ Francis R. Hodgson, Mayor

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

Mayor F. Hodgson called for any comments from the public. There were no comments.

Councilman Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hadash seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Hannemann, RMC/CMR/QPA
Borough Clerk/Administrator