

City of Red Bank
COMMISSIONERS AGENDA WORK SESSION
JOE GLASSCOCK COMMUNITY CENTER

Minutes
January 19, 2021
5:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met via ZOOM in a public and duly advertised Agenda Work Session on January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The date, time and location of the meeting were advertised in the Hamilton County Herald and on the City of Red Bank website together with instructions and an internet link to enable attendance and participation by the public. The purpose of the meeting was to receive information on upcoming business items. Those in attendance were Mayor Hollie Berry, Vice Mayor Stefanie Dalton, Commissioner Ruth Jenó, Commissioner Pete Phillips and Commissioner Ed LeCompte. Also present were City Manager Tim Thornbury, City Attorney Arnold Stulce, Jr., City Recorder Tracey Perry and those listed on Exhibit A.

City Manager Thornbury advised City Attorney would be late.

1. Mayor Berry proposed bringing the Citizen Comments to just after the City Manager's Report in the Agenda Order of Business instead of at the end in order to give citizens the option to bring a concern to the Commission before the Commissioners begin City business. Various comments pro and con were made.

The topic of the Invocation on the Order of business was touched on. Commissioner Jenó stated she has already made her feelings known about the Invocation. Commissioner LeCompte favors a concept of area pastors providing the Invocation and would prefer something more than a moment of silence. Commissioner Jenó advised a list could be comprised of neutral church leaders; confirmed by City Manager Thornbury. Vice Mayor Dalton stated her opinion referencing the First Amendment and best practices for the City. Suggested options: eliminate the Invocation in its entirety, a moment of silence with or without language that promotes self-reflection or content and identity neutral invocations by registered ministers or representatives of any faith in Hamilton County. Commissioner Phillips states any invocation should be led by local clergy, not an elected official (does not agree with changing the agenda unilaterally without getting input from the Commission. Various opinions were expressed and reference was made that City Attorney Stulce suggested 3 options: eliminate the Invocation all together, an open application for ministers of IRS-registered faith organization within the City limits, or continue the moment of silence. All to be discussed and dealt with in a future Commission meeting.

2. Current storm water fees may not be sufficient to cover maintenance and emergency repairs. Properties pay based on surface impermeability. Consultation with a MTAS storm water consultant is suggested. They can do a free consultation or a more intensive analysis with a small cost. City Manager Thornbury agreed with the need and will follow up MTAS.
3. City Manager Thornbury advised that the environmental study of 3113 Dayton Boulevard is complete, and no adverse issues were identified to facilitate the prospective purchase and that the water separator will be removed during demolition. City Attorney Stulce advised it was a "good, clean report". Commissioner Phillips stated that this property is a good idea for purchase. A resolution to approve the purchase contract is on the agenda tonight.
4. A Curb-side recycling program could be added for approximately \$3.00 per month per residence. City Manager Thornbury has prepared a survey to get input from citizens on the need. It will be a budget item if the Commissioners decide to move forward. The City would run the program, and a truck would be purchased for the program. One employee would be added to payroll. The current Recycling Center in Red Bank is a Hamilton County facility. Generally favorable comments to investigate further were made.
5. The concept and format of the previously referenced Tom Weathers "Day of Remembrance" and resolution were discussed. Is on the agenda for the Commissioners' Meeting tonight.
6. No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Mayor Date

City Recorder Date