

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

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

The Board of Commissioners met via ZOOM in a public and duly advertised Agenda Work Session on January 5, 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 and Commissioner Pete Phillips. Commissioner Ed LeCompte was absent. Also present were City Manager Tim Thornbury, City Attorney Arnold Stulce, Jr., former City Recorder Ruth Rohen and those listed on Exhibit A.

1. Mayor Berry advised there are Public Hearings on the agenda for rezoning 3348 Easton Ave, first reading, and the Plasma Center regulations, second reading. City Manager Tim Thornbury gave an overview and information on each for clarification, including Planning Commission recommendations.
2. Next item is Appointments to the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. Commissioner Phillips advised he wants to appoint Becky Browder to the Planning Commission. Mayor Berry indicated she would defer her appointment until an online application process is available. Vice Mayor Dalton will defer as well. Vice Mayor Dalton asked about the WWTa Board appointment and if that will be on the agenda soon.
3. Beer and Liquor Ordinances – Commissioner Phillips wants to go over these ordinances to update the hours of operations and days of operation regulations. Mayor Berry states that current regulations limit business and tax opportunities. Vice Mayor Dalton concurred. Commissioner Jenó stated that adopting zero distance would not be received because of the multiple churches in the City. City Manager Thornbury asked each commission member to email his/her preferences to him. City Attorney Stulce advised a Public Hearing would not be required to amend the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Dalton and Commissioner Phillips want to look at the screening process for outdoor patios, and Commissioner Phillips wants to look at the Special Event fees and permits.
4. An ordinance to allow chickens on lots of less than 2 acres was discussed. Vice Mayor Dalton advised that she has spoken with several citizens and most would like the ordinance changed. Concerns were expressed about potential diseases and who will regulate this ordinance. Various options were expressed about minimum lot sizes. Vice Mayor Dalton would like more committees and boards for citizen involvement. She feels citizens would have more pride in our community if they had a way to make themselves heard. Commissioner Jenó spoke of some citizen comprised committees that used to operate in the City. Commissioner Phillips spoke of boards that divide into teams, and that teams will “fizzle out” if they don’t have strong leadership. Vice Mayor Dalton will make further recommendations.
5. Mayor Berry advised the City is working on a new Facebook page which could be used for soliciting citizen involvement in many settings. Commissioner Jenó said that many citizens have approached her regarding former Coach Tom Weathers and honoring his passing with an honorary day. She requested that a Resolution be drafted to do so. Vice Mayor Dalton asked about researching alternate website service providers and the status of the old middle school property RFP’s. Mayor Berry requested that an overview map of each proposal be made available to the public. Vice Mayor Dalton asked if the Dog Park, and its mud issues, had ever been addressed. City Manager Thornbury advised that the plan is to move the leaking faucet to the outside of the fence and place mulch. Commissioner Phillips has spoken with several citizens

about the Moment of Silence versus the Invocation, and that changing it should have been discussed first. Mayor Berry advised that topic is on the January 19 agenda for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Mayor Date

City Recorder Date