

City of Red Bank

Eddie Pierce
Mayor

COMMISSIONERS AGENDA WORK SESSION RED BANK CITY HALL

Tim Thornbury
City Manager

Minutes

December 3, 2019

5:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in a public and advertised Agenda Work Session on December 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to receive information on upcoming business items. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Pierce, Vice Mayor Ruth Jenó, Commissioner Tyler Howell, Commissioner Ed LeCompte and Commissioner Carol Rose. Also present were City Manager Tim Thornbury, City Attorney Arnold Stulce Jr., Police Chief Dan Seymour, Finance Director John Alexander and City Recorder Ruth Rohen. There were no citizen attendees.

1. Mayor Pierce advised that there is an ordinance on the agenda tonight for first reading to suspend the Design Review Ordinance for a time period of up to one year. He explained that the overall intent of the standards are to increase the quality of life and livability of citizens, but that in some instances there has been and continues to be inconveniences and hardships placed on current and potential commercial property owners and in some cases may have resulted in losses of potential business expansion or new businesses. Commissioner Rose cited several concerns she has if the Design Review Standards are suspended relating to sidewalk construction, parking lots and lighting, landscaping, building materials and screenings. City Manager Thornbury advised that there are regulations within the zoning ordinance that will address these items. It was also noted that if the ordinance is approved, the moratorium will be for a period of one year, or until an amended Design Review ordinance is adopted, whichever occurs earlier.
2. Mayor Pierce advised that there is an ordinance on the agenda tonight to place a moratorium on and to suspend the operation and enforcement of the sign ordinance with respect to the removal of existing pole signs. He explained that this will allow businesses with existing pole sign to continue use of the pole sign for a period of time that is yet to be determined, possibly seven years or longer. He advised that the intent of the city is to eventually have all pole signs removed. He advised that businesses and property owners where pole signs are located will be notified of Public Hearings regarding this subject. Commissioner Howell asked other Commissioners to reconsider the section of the sign ordinance that regulates wall murals and suggested that businesses be allowed to advertise on a wall mural.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor

City Recorder