

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Minutes
December 2, 2020
6:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order** –Acting Mayor Jenó called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
In order to accommodate social distancing, the meeting was held at the Joe Glasscock Community Center. The date, time and location of the meeting had been duly advertised in the Hamilton County Herald and on the City of Red Bank website.
- II. **Roll Call** – City Manager Thornbury called the roll. Acting Mayor Jenó, Commissioner LeCompte, Commissioner Howell and Commissioner Rose were present. Also present was City Attorney Arnold Stulce, Police Captain John Wright, City Recorder Tracey Perry and those listed on Exhibit A.
- III. **Invocation** – Commissioner Howell gave the Invocation.
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance** – City Manager Thornbury led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. **Consideration of the Minutes for approval or correction:**
 - A. **November 17, 2020 Commission Meeting**
Commissioner LeCompte made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Commissioner Howell. The minutes were approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.
- VI. **Communication From Outgoing Commissioners**

Commissioner Tyler Howell thanked his fellow Commissioners and expressed being honored to have been allowed to serve Red Bank. He spoke of all the accomplishments of the City during his term such as the paving of 23 roads, installation of sidewalks on Ashland Terrace and on Dayton Blvd. from Signal Mountain Rd. to the Stringer's Ridge tunnel, City revenues are up, property values are up, \$5 million dollars in recent sewer upgrades and \$20 million dollars in funding while he served on the WWTB board. He then thanked Rufus Smith for serving as his appointee on the Planning Commission, City Manager Tim Thornbury for advancing the City, City Attorney Arnold Stulce for his advice and knowledge, retired City Recorder Ruth Rohen for being the “glue that held the City together”, both the Fire and Police Chiefs for their leadership and all of the City staff for keeping Red Bank running smoothly.

Commissioner Carol Rose first expressed her gratitude to the citizens for the opportunity to serve, and then her appreciation to the City staff for a job well done. She spoke of the tremendous job that former Mayor John Roberts did while in office because he believed that when the City looks good it brings in business and families. She expressed pride in the C3 Business District. She noted that the new Jack's Restaurant at the corner of Dayton Blvd and Ashland Terrace is a good example of Red Bank's Design Standards. She spoke briefly of the rumors and talk about planned changes of the new commission and advised against it, saying not to change things that work. She concluded with wishing the incoming Commissioners Best of Luck.

- VII. **Installation of Newly Elected Commissioners**
 - A. **Election Commission Results**
City Attorney Stulce presented the certified election results of the November 3rd, 2020 election. Elected to four year terms were: Pete Phillips (At Large) and Stefanie Dalton (District 2). Elected to two year term to fulfill Commissioner Terry Pope's term (deceased) was: Hollie Berry (District 1). Copy of Certified Election Results is attached as Exhibit B.

B. Oath of Office – Judge Gary Starnes

Hamilton County General Sessions Court Judge Gary Starnes administered the Oath of Office to the three newly elected commissioners, Pete Phillips (At Large), Stefanie Dalton (District 2) and Hollie Berry (District 1).

VIII. Election of Mayor – City Attorney Arnold Stulce

After explaining the nominating and voting procedures, City Attorney Stulce opened the floor for nominations for the office of mayor. Commissioner Dalton nominated Hollie Berry. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Jenó made a motion to cease nominations, the motion was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

Roll Call Vote for election of Commissioner Hollie Berry as Mayor: Commissioner LeCompte “yes”, Commissioner Dalton “yes”, Commissioner Phillips “yes”, Commissioner Jenó “no”, Commissioner Berry “yes”. Commissioner Hollie Berry was elected to the position of mayor for a period of two years by a 4 to 1 vote. Judge Starnes administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Berry.

IX. Election of Vice Mayor - Mayor Berry Deferred to City Attorney Arnold Stulce

After reminding all of the nominating and voting procedures, City Attorney Stulce opened the floor for nominations for the office of vice mayor. Commissioner Jenó nominated Commissioner Ed LeCompte. Mayor Berry nominated Commissioner Stefanie Dalton. Commissioner Jenó made a motion to cease nominations. Motion to cease nominations was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes:”

Roll Call Vote for election of Commissioner Ed LeCompte as Vice Mayor: Commissioner LeCompte “yes”, Commissioner Jenó “yes”, Commissioner Dalton “no”, Commissioner Phillips “no”, Mayor Berry “no”. Motion to elect Commissioner LeCompte as vice mayor failed by a 3 to 2 vote.

Roll Call Vote for election of Commissioner Stefanie Dalton as Vice Mayor: Commissioner LeCompte “no”, Commissioner Jenó “no”, Commissioner Dalton “yes”, Commissioner Phillips “yes”, Mayor Berry “yes”. Commissioner Stefanie Dalton was elected to the position of vice mayor for a period of two years by a 3 to 2 vote. Judge Starnes administered the Oath of Office to Vice Mayor Dalton.

X. Communication from Mayor Hollie Berry

- Thankful for the opportunity to serve as Mayor
- Red Bank Community Food Pantry at Red Bank United Methodist Church will be distributing food boxes on Thursday, Dec 3, between 4:30 and 6:00, volunteers are needed.

XI. Commissioners Report

- **Vice-Mayor Stefanie Dalton**
 - Thanked the citizens for voting.
 - Thanked the Commission for electing her to serve as Vice Mayor.
- **Commissioner Ruth Jenó**
 - Thankful to have stepped in for Mayor Eddie Pierce and finishing his term as mayor.
 - Thanked City Attorney Arnold Stulce, City Manager Tim Thornbury, and retired City Recorder Ruth Rohen for their help during the past year.
 - Thanked former Commissioners Carol Rose and Tyler Howell – said it was an honor to have served with them
 - Expressed that she hoped the rumors and hurt feelings during the election cycle could be put aside
 - Thanked Public Works for the Christmas decorations
 - Vintage & More is a donation location for the Red Bank Food Drive and volunteers are needed and welcome

- Congratulated Ruth Rohen on her retirement
- **Commissioner Ed LeCompte**
 - Welcomed all
 - Expressed enjoying working with former Commissioners Carol Rose and Tyler Howell
 - Welcomed incoming Commissioner Pete Phillips, Vice Mayor Stefanie Dalton and Mayor Hollie Berry
- **Commissioner Pete Phillips**
 - Stated that Red Bank is a jewel
 - Home values are up
 - He has worked a lot in and for the City of Red Bank
 - Looking forward to the next 4 years

XII. City Manager Report –

- City Manager Tim Thornbury congratulated Ruth Rohen on her retirement
- Announced that curbside leaf collection has begun

XIII. Unfinished Business – No unfinished business

XIV. New Business

A. Agenda item #20-851 – APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

City Attorney Arnold Stulce explained the process for each new Commissioner to nominate an appointee to the Planning Commission, and if the nomination is approved, his/her term will be the same as the nominating Commissioner's term. Mayor Hollie Berry nominated Kate Skonberg. The nomination was approved with all Commissioners voting "yes". Vice Mayor Stefanie Dalton nominated Nigel Luther. The nomination was approved with all Commissioners voting "yes". Commissioner Pete Phillips deferred his nomination to a later date.

B. AGENDA ITEM #20-852 – APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

City Attorney Arnold Stulce explained the qualifications and terms. Mayor Hollie Berry and Vice Mayor Stefanie Dalton deferred their nominations to a later date on the advice of City Attorney Arnold Stulce. Commissioner Pete Phillips nominated Rufus Smith. The nomination was approved with all Commissioners voting "yes".

XV. Citizen Comments –

- David Hafley – 4621 Hunter Trail – Advised that he was having a hard time hearing the Mayor and asked her to speak louder.
- Bates Reed – 3915 Oakland Terrace – asked about the old Red Bank Middle School property future development and if it would have green space
- Mayor Hollie Berry made a motion to suspend the Request for Proposals for sale and development on the old Red Bank Middle School property. After extensive discussions, the Mayor called for a Roll Call vote. Roll Call Vote to suspend the Request for Proposals on the old Red Bank Middle School property: Mayor Berry "yes", Vice Mayor Dalton "yes", Commissioner Jenno "no", Commissioner LeCompte "no", Commissioner Phillips "no". The motion was to suspend the Request for Proposal was denied with a 2-3 vote.
- David Hafley – 4621 Hunter Trail – expressed that the Red Bank Middle School property was not on the agenda, but should have been if it was going to be discussed
- Lauren Bruce – 210 Keith St – works for both Red Bank Middle and Red Bank High Schools, is really excited about the "grass roots" mind set she sees now and the community involvement in schools

- Terri Rankin – works at Dawn School, congratulated the Commission on a great environment and hopes that Red Bank continues the beautification
- Kathy Lennon – 401 Crisman St – congratulated the Commission, told about a proposal Red Bank High School students did in the past for the old Red Bank Middle School property and that it was phenomenal, we need to listen to our kids
- Nigel Luther – 115 Brentwood Dr – introduced himself to the Commission as one of the new Planning Commission appointees
- Daniel Cotney – 4514 Crestview Dr – asked if the Request for Proposals is visible to the public
- Molly Johnson – 5350 Hunter Tr – we have green spaces in Red Bank, they just aren't that visible
- Rudy Elizondo – 2910 Martin Rd – says he, as a person involved in responding to RFP's, would rather know sooner than later if a Request for Proposal may be changed
- Phillip Rose – 4717 Hunter Tr – asked development concepts for the old Red Bank Middle School property, he asked why we need more green space
- Kim Swanson – 4213 Tacoma Ave – asked about the Christmas parade and if we could utilize the art we have in Red Bank to make ornaments to sell in lieu of the parade
- Kenny Patel – 221 Ashland Terr – said he was happy to see change

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor

City Recorder Tracey Perry