John Roberts
Mayor

City of Red Bank

COMMISSIONERS AGENDA WORK SESSION
RED BANK CITY HALL

Randall G. Smith
City Manager

Minutes
September 19, 2017
5:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in a public and advertised Agenda Work Session on September 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to receive information on upcoming business items. Those in attendance were Mayor John Roberts, Vice Mayor Eddie Pierce, Commissioners Ed LeCompte, Terry Pope and Carol Rose. Also present were City Manager Randall Smith, City Attorney Arnold Stulce, Fire Chief Mark Mathews, Police Chief Robert Simpson, Public Works Director Tim Thornbury, Finance Director John Alexander, City Recorder Ruth Rohen, and those listed on Exhibit A.

1. Bob Colby, Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Board, was present to give information related to a draft ordinance that would amend the red bank air pollution control ordinance and update provisions in the existing ordinance, principally related to fees and other misc regulations. After several questions by Commission members and City Attorney Stulce it was determined that further review of the ordinance by the City Attorney was needed prior to moving forward.

2. City Manager Smith advised that there is an ordinance on the agenda tonight to amend the budget for the TML Safety Grant for $2,000 related to the fire department. He explained that this is the first reading and funds will be used by the Fire Department to purchase protective vests.

3. City Manager Smith explained that there is a resolution on the agenda tonight to approve a five year purchase agreement with Taser International for the purchase of twenty new Tasers, holsters, batteries, cartridges and replacement cartridges for the Police Department. He advised that Taser International is a single source vendor for Tasers and the total purchase price is $35,200.00 and will be paid for using the Drug Fund.

4. City Manager Smith advised that there is a resolution on the agenda tonight to approve the purchase of playground equipment for the Redding Road Playground renovation project. He advised that the only bid meeting the specifications was from Columbia Cascade Company in the amount of $96,610.00. Mr. Smith also explained that the equipment will be partially funded by grants received the Red Bank Soddy Daisy Foundation and the Redding Road Playground Foundation.

5. City Manager Smith advised that there is a resolution on the agenda tonight to extend the moratorium on new permanent sign permits in the C2 zone and billboards sign permits in all zones. Mr. Smith requested a one year extension of the moratorium. Commissioner Rose suggested that the moratorium should extend to permanent signs in all commercial zones, not just the C2.

6. City Manager Smith advised that there is a Beer Board Meeting tonight to act upon an application from Kathy Schein, as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce Red Bank Council, for a single day special event beer permit on October 26th between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.. He advised that the Chamber is requesting the permit in conjunction with their annual silent auction fund raising event.

7. Mayor Roberts suggested that the Planning Commission review the concept of changing the zoning regulations to require a minimum square footage of new homes in the R-1 zone .of 1,400 and in the R-1A zone of 2,000, with no allowances for adjacent home sizes, as is currently in the ordinance.

8. City Manager Smith advised that it has come to the City's attention that there are several AIRBNB properties operating within the city. He advised that city personnel will be working to identify them and more information will be forthcoming.

9. City Manager Smith advised that the Planning Commission has recommended changes to the flag lot ordinance that among other things would allow the Planning Commission sole discretion over flag lot issues. It was suggested that that provision be removed from the ordinance prior to the Commission consideration.

10. After inquiry by City Manager Smith, City Attorney Stulce advised that an ordinance is required to close portions of the roadway on Bank St. and on Ashmore Ave., even though the city is not abandoning property at the two locations. (The city attorney later advised that the street could be closed but not abandoned by resolution.)

11. City Manager Smith advised that he signed, upon advised of the city attorney, a Power of Attorney for the city's insurance company. He advised that it was necessary in order for the insurance company to dispose of a city owned vehicle that was totaled in a recent motor vehicle accident. He also advised that the city has received insurance recovery funds for the vehicle and that the insurance company has possession of the vehicle.

12. Commissioner Rose inquired about the definition of lawful business hours and at what point the design review standards have to be followed when businesses are moving into existing buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Recorder