

MINUTES: November 28th, 2022

START: 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR NICOL, COUNCILMEN GARRUZZO, GIANFORTE, GORHAM, NOLAN, SHAAK & VISCEGLIA, ATTORNEY MONTENEGRO & ADMINISTRATOR NOLAN.

ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Nicol opened the meeting in compliance with the Open Public Act and asked for a salute to our flag, followed by a moment of silent prayer, and a roll call.

There being no need for a Work Session, the Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14th, 2022, meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Shaak, seconded by Councilman Gianforte, all ayes. No nays. Approved.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 22-97 for passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. (see insertion)
- B. To hire Cory Byrant of Brielle, as a Public Works Employee with an effective date of 11/28/22.

Motions:

A. To accept with regret the resignation of Thomas Murphy from the Department of Public Works.

Vote: Council Members Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced Resolution 22-98 For Payment of Bills Be It Resolved that the following bills be paid, and that the Mayor or President of Council be authorized to draw orders on the Chief Finance Officer for payment of the bills of November 28th, 2022, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Mayor then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER TWENTY OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED "LAND USE PROCEDURES".

The hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Visceglia.

The Administrator explained that the ordinance required all outstanding taxes and water/sewer payments be current prior to any application being made to the Planning Board.

The hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Gianforte.

Councilman Garruzzo, seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 22-99 for passage on second and final reading of the foregoing ordinance. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Nolan seconded by Councilman Visceglia, introduced Resolution 22-100 to authorize publication of passage and adoption of the ordinance in the Coast Star according to law. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Mayor then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER TWENTY, SECTION SIX, SUBSECTION SEVEN (20-6.7) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED “LAND USE FEES”.

The hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Gianforte.

The Administrator explained that the ordinance increased certain planning board fees to ensure that sufficient revenue was raised to offset the cost of processing an application.

The hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Visceglia.

Councilman Nolan seconded by Councilman Gianforte introduced Resolution 22-101 for passage on second and final reading of the foregoing ordinance. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gorham, introduced Resolution 22-102 to authorize publication of passage and adoption of the foregoing ordinance in the Coast Star according to law. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak and Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Mayor Nicol then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of ‘AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO, 1113 “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES & COMPENSATIONS OF THE VARIOUS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE”.

The hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Shaak.

The Administrator explained that the ordinance establishes salary ranges for municipal employees. Everyone fell within the range, but the actual salary amount appears in the Salary Resolution that is promulgated at the last meeting in December.

The hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gorham.

Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Shaak introduced Resolution 22-103 for passage on second and final reading of the foregoing ordinance. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced resolution 22-104 to authorize publication of passage and adoption in the Coast Star according to law. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Mayor Nicol then called for committee reports and recognized Councilman Gianforte who had report.

Councilman Nolan advised the public of the December 3rd Holiday in the Park which will include music, a choir, characters and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. The Library's Special Craft Fair will also be on Saturday, December 3rd, with a Winter Coat Drive December 5th and a series of programs on discovering the Library's Digital Services.

Councilman Garruzzo, Shaak, Gorham and Visceglia having no reports the meeting was open to the public.

There being no public comment the public portion was closed on a motion by Councilman Nolan seconded by Councilman Garruzzo.

The meeting was closed on a motion by Councilman Gianforte, seconded by Councilman Nolan at 7:06pm.

Approved:

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 22-97-A
Date: November 28th, 2022

Resolution: To Award Construction Contract for NJDOT Municipal Aid Project for Green Avenue Improvements – Phases I & II

Whereas, the Borough of Brielle received funding through the NJDOT Municipal Aid Program for Improvements to Green Avenue in two phases; and

Whereas, upon completion of the combined project design and consent by NJDOT, the Borough advertised the combined Phase I and Phase II project for public bid in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, the Borough received bids from four (4) contractors for the work of the combined project; and

Whereas, the lowest responsible bidder was identified as Meco, Inc. for their total combined bid for Phases I and II of \$310,473.50; and

Whereas, the bid provided by Meco, Inc. for the Phase I work totaled \$109,008.25; and

Whereas, the bid provided by Meco, Inc. for the Phase II work totaled \$201,465.25; and

Whereas, the bids for both phases are respectively within the Engineer's Estimates and the available funding.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Brielle hereby award a construction contract to Meco, Inc. in the total amount of \$310,473.50.

Be It Further Resolved that this award is subject to the consent of the NJDOT Municipal Aid Program.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Brielle Mayor & Council, at a meeting held on November 28th, 2022.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 29th day of November 2022.

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk