

MINUTES October 12th, 2020

START: 6:00 PM

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN VISCEGLIA

Mayor Nicol convened the work session at 6:00pm, but as the Administrator reported that as per the new requirements public comments on the agenda items could be received via mail and e-mail up until 3:00pm of the date of the meeting. The agenda was posted on Friday, but no comments were received. There are no comments from council or the public, the work session was adjourned on a motion by Councilman Garruzzo, seconded by Councilman Nolan at 6:02pm.

Mayor Nicol announced that this was a virtual meeting and is being recorded. The Mayor read the compliance statement and the Regular Council Meeting was opened in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Mayor Nicol asked for a roll call.

Mayor Nicol then asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 28th Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Garruzzo, all aye, no nays. Passed. (Note: Councilman Shaak abstained)

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gianforte introduced Resolution 20-71 for Passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. (see insertion)
- B. To establish an hourly rate for the private employment of Off-Duty Police Personnel in accordance with Chapter 7 Section 7.9 of the Code of the Borough of Brielle.

Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Shaak; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced Resolution 20-72 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 October 12th, 2020 as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Council Members Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Shaak: all aye. No nays. Passed

Mayor Nicol announced that the time had arrived for the introduction and passage on first reading of a ‘ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER ONE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED “GENERAL”.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 20-73 for passage on introduction and first reading. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Shaak; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Nolan, introduced Resolution 20-74 to authorize publication in the Coast Star for a virtual hearing to be held on October 28th, 2020, at 6:00pm. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Shaak; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Mayor Nicol announced that the time had arrived for the introduction and passage on first reading of ‘AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER THREE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED “POLICE REGULATIONS”.

Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Garruzzo introduced Resolution 20-75 for passage on introduction and first reading, Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Shaak; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Gianforte introduced Resolution 20-76 to authorize publication in the Coast Star for a virtual hearing to be held on October 28th at 6:00pm. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Shaak; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Mayor Nicol then announced that the time had arrived for the introduction and passage on first reading of “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER NINE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED “BUILDING AND HOSUING”.

Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Garruzzo, introduced Resolution 20-77 for passage on introduction and first reading of the foregoing ordinance. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Shaak; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Nolan, introduced Resolution 20-78 to authorize publication in the Coast Star for a virtual hearing to be held on October 28th, 2020 at 6:00pm. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Shaak; all aye. No nays.

The Mayor then called for committee report. Councilman Gianforte having no report, Councilman Nolan reported that the public bathrooms at both the park and Library were now opened and were cleaned daily. The Library was also continuing with the curbside pick-up and return of Library Books and was now engaged in the Annual Appeal. Councilman Nolan hoped everyone would support the Library in this endeavor and noted that once again the Brielle Library had been voted “Best Library” by the Asbury Park Press.

Councilman Garruzzo informed the public that, in light of nearly thirty vehicles being stolen in Brielle since 2018, Automated License Plate Reader cameras (A.L.P.R.) are being permanently mounted at six strategic locations. While the data is anonymous, as per Federal Driver’s Privacy Protection Act (DPPA), it can, with a permissible purpose, be connected to an individual by accessing other local, state, and national criminal justice databases.

The Brielle Police have employed two such cameras since 2008 for mobile application and they have proved a valuable investigational tool in both criminal and non-criminal cases. However, since the cameras are mounted in a police vehicle the officer had to be in the right place at the right time to apply them. The new cameras will enable the police to gather a higher volume and more reliable amount of data. The system will also permit the deployment of additional license plate readers at both stationary and non-stationary locations.

National crime statistics indicate that more than 70% of crimes in the United States involve a motor vehicle. The ability to read up to 900 license plates per minute, per ALRP camera will assist in investigations and quickly identify criminals. This is part of the Department's aggressive and proactive approach to keeping the Brielle Community safe.

Councilman Garruzzo also cited the actions of Patrolman Dante Brown on October 9th, when, having been advised of a missing person's alert for a 77-year-old male suffering from dementia, he observed a male matching the description provided. Patrolman Brown was able to ascertain that the male was indeed the missing person and transported him to Headquarters where he was ultimately turned over to the State Police and reunited with his family.

Patrolman Brown acted in a professional manner that demonstrated his awareness that nothing is ever simply routine. Patrolman Brown is an asset to the Brielle Police Department and to our community.

Councilman Shaak advised that construction of the Old Bridge Road Water Tank was underway and on schedule as were the ADA improvements at Borough Hall. Councilman Shaak also noted that the Glimmer Glass Bridge was again closed. The problem was mechanical, and parts were difficult to find and may have to be fabricated. The estimated time for reopening was three to four weeks, but there were no guarantees.

The meeting was opened to the public and Virginia Lofton, 407 South Street, asked for an explanation of ordinance introduction.

The Administrator explained that the ordinances were not discussed on introduction, the Council was simply agreeing to post the ordinances for discussion. The ordinance would be available on the website and were posted at Borough Hall. The public could read the full text and then participate in the public hearing that would be held at the next meeting.

Ms. Lofton also voiced a concern that applications of lawn product were being made at Brielle Park without public notice. She referenced a notice on Facebook for September 11th but advised that additional applications had been made since then.

The Administrator stated that he was unaware of any additional applications, but he would look into it.

Councilman Nolan advised that a better effort would be made to keep the public informed.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm on a motion by Councilman Gianforte, seconded by Councilman Visceglia.

Approved: October 12th, 2020

Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:20-71-A
Date: October 12th, 2020

WHEREAS, there is an escrow account where the work is completed at the following property and a refund can be issued:

Block 56, Lot 4, 404 Leslie Avenue, Quincy Homes, Escrow a/c 7170, balance \$1,832.50

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the amounts be refunded, and a check be drawn as shown above to officially close out this account.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Brielle Mayor & Council held on Monday, October 12th, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 13th day of October 2020.

Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk