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BUDGET MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, MARCH 7, 2020 AT 9:01 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BOROUGH HALL.

Mayor Edward Donovan read the statement re: Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that adequate notice has been provided by transmitting the Resolution of Annual Meetings to the Asbury Park Press and the Coast Star, by posting it in the Borough Hall on a bulletin board reserved for such announcements, and by posting it on the official website of the borough.

Mayor Donovan welcomed the audience and invited them to join in a moment of silent prayer and a salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Jason Bryant, Jeffrey Lee, Michael Mangan, Gregg Olivera, Rich Read, and James Walsh.

Absent: None

Also present was CFO Amy Spera and Borough Administrator Thomas Flarity.

BEACH UTILITY BUDGET

Council Member Mangan thanked everyone that put this budget together. He turned it over to CFO Amy Spera.

Ms. Spera presented the beach budget on the big screen. She stated that there is a 3.5% increase over last year. She went over use of surplus, anticipated revenue, expenditures, changes in minimum wage for seasonal employees, vehicle repair, updating signage, increased lifeguard training, DEP permit fees, new water bottle filling fountains, and remote locks for bathrooms. She went over capital improvement items which included a new rake, a tractor, and she went over debt for the year.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council Member Walsh made a motion to open the meeting up to the public, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

Al Sauer, 109 First Avenue inquired about the anticipated revenues and how much is attributable to the increase in beach increase.

Ms. Spera stated about 2%.

There was discussion with Mr. Sauer and Ms. Spera regarding increase to anticipated revenues.

Mr. Sauer inquired about signs on First Avenue where people cross the road to get to the beach.

Mayor Donovan stated that the signs would be in the police budget.

There was discussion on the signs.

Ms. Sauer inquired about an upgrade or repair to a camera system being included in the budget.

There was discussion on proposals received and the upgrade to the camera system.

Mary Ryan, 113 Beachfront thanked everyone for their involvement in getting the budget together. She thanked the CFO and Beach Superintendent for meeting with her to answer her questions. She inquired about the go bags for first responders that were mentioned.

There was discussion on what would be in the bag.

Ms. Ryan inquired about the DEP permit.

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There was discussion on the purpose of the permit and the amount of time it is good for.

Ms. Ryan voiced her opinion on the water bottle filling station and the Sea Watch property as it relates to awarding the contract.

There was discussion on procurement and RFP's as it relates to lowest bidder and the process that the town takes.

Council Member Read made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Mangan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m., seconded by Council Member Olivera. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Ilaria
Municipal Clerk

DATE APPROVED 5/7/2020