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Regular Meeting Agenda

STOCKTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

April 9, 2018

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY A NOTICE MAILED TO THE HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT AND THE TRENTON TIMES, POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT BOROUGH HALL AND FILED WITH THE BOROUGH CLERK AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

1. Flag Salute/Roll Call
2. Open Public Comments (please state your name and address)
Motion to close meeting to the public
3. Minutes – February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting
4. Resolutions:
2018-33 Appointment of Tax Collector
2018-34 2018 Salaries
2018-35 Submission of 2017 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application
2018-36 Temporary Emergency Appropriations
5. Claims for Payment
6. Open Public Comments (please state your name and address)
Motion to close meeting to the public
7. Mayor's Report
8. Council Liaison Reports
9. Next Meeting: April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting (7pm)
10. Adjournment

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED:**

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

Minutes – the meeting minutes for the January 3, 2018 Reorganization/Regular Meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried, with Mr. Bergquist abstaining.

Ordinance No. 18-01 – Second Reading/Public Hearing
Parking Amendment in the CR Zone

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance by title and explained the ordinance amends the parking requirement for non-residential applications in the CR Zone to be based on additional gross floor added only and that new structures or additions to existing structures would be unaffected by the change. Ms. Hovan stated that the ordinance was referred to the Planning Board and read the response as provided by the Planning Board Secretary aloud:

“At last night’s Planning Board meeting a motion was made and approved finding Ordinance 18-01 not consistent with the Master Plan because as proposed it does not meet the purpose of reducing street congestion and doesn’t take public safety into consideration. It was also expressed that as written, the ordinance may actually worsen the current limited parking situation in the Borough.”

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. Norm Torkelson, Risler Street, said that residential units are permitted in the CR Zone. He then asked to read comments prepared by Planning Board Chairman Tom Manning, as follows:

1. “The majority of the Planning Board determined that the proposed ordinance is inconsistent with the Master Plan.
2. The Master Plan is a Borough document and it’s the (Planning) Board’s responsibility to review the proposed ordinances for consistency with the (Master) Plan.
3. The Master Plan has sections that specifically address parking and the need to address the problem of insufficient parking in the Borough core.
4. The proposed ordinance can’t do anything to alleviate parking problems in the core, but it can make them worse. (Steve Giocondo’s example of converting a residence to a restaurant is an illustration.)
5. Is rescinding parts of the parking ordinance really the best way to attract new businesses?
6. The Planning Board is willing to work with Council to come up with solutions for parking and
7. To consider ways to make the Borough more business friendly”

In response to Mr. Lipsen’s question about the Board’s suggestions to remedy the parking concerns, Mr. Torkelson suggested that time-restricted parking be added downtown, noted that Bridge Street could have traffic calming features added, suggested striped or managed parking be considered and said that alternative ways to park on Bridge Street could be considered.

Discussion ensued regarding past attempts to identify solutions and concerns regarding development at the Stockton Inn. Mr. Vandegrift said that desirable spaces will always be taken

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Resolutions – the following Resolution, as listed below and as filed in the Borough Clerk's office, was adopted on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried unanimously:

2018-30	Personnel – Deputy Borough Clerk/Utility Clerk
2018-31	Cancellation of Appropriation Balances
2018-32	Budget Transfers

Mayor Nemeth and Mr. Lipsen stated that the pending retirement of Donna Griffiths will be a huge loss for the Borough, even as they welcomed her replacement. Ms. Hovan credited Ms. Griffiths for many positive changes in the Borough's operations and said she will certainly be missed.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bergquist, Juncosa, Lipsen, Mann, Messina, Vandegrift
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

Claims for Payment – On motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried, the claims for payment were approved.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bergquist, Juncosa, Lipsen, Mann, Messina, Vandegrift
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

Meeting Open to the Public – Hearing no comments or questions, motion to close the meeting to the public was set forth by Mr. Messina, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried.

Council Liaison Reports

Mr. Lipsen said that an expansion of the parking area in the park could alleviate some of the concerns expressed during the ordinance discussion. Ms. Hovan said that the gravel could be included in the 2018 budget costs and discussion followed regarding park plans and the open space referendum. Mr. Lipsen and Mr. Vandegrift discussed landscaping needs and tree work. Mr. Lipsen said there was still some wood available. Mr. Vandegrift said that a landscape architect is needed for the park plan. Discussion continued regarding trees and ash borer disease and treatment costs that the subcommittee will review and recommend. Mr. Vandegrift inquired if the PO was issued for the crosswalk planters and Ms. Hovan said she believed it was.

Mr. Butler announced that the cemetery acquisition was complete and that the Borough now owned a cemetery!