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MINUTES MARCH 11th, 2019 WORK SESSION START: 7:30 PM

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

ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Nicol announced that any member of the public wishing to audio or video record a Council Meeting must give notice to the Borough Clerk prior to the meeting being recorded.

Mayor Nicol opened the Work Session in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and recognized the Administrator who had no report, but he asked for permission to add a resolution "E" to the consent agenda to declare an emergency to cover a water main break that occurred over the weekend.

There being no questions from Council or the public, the work session was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan.

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MINUTES MARCH 11th, 2019 START: 7:33 P.M.

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

ABSENT: NONE

Following the announcement on recording devices, Mayor Nicol asked for a moment of silent, prayer, a salute to the flag and a roll call.

Mayor Nicol then asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 25th Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Gorham, all aye; no nays. Passed.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 19-29 for passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. To appoint Rebecca C. Gorham to fill the unexpired term of Shade Tree Commissioner Carol Eggret through 2019.
- B. To appoint Maren Clayton & James Ham as non-voting Associated Members of the Shade tree Commission
- C. (see insertion)
- D. To appoint IT Consultant, Robert Corman, as a Clerk Financial Services.
- E. To declare an emergency re: Water main Break Sunset Drive & Route 70.

Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte Gorham, Nolan Shaak & Visceglia; all aye, No nays. Passed. (Note: Councilman Gorham abstained on "A")

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced Resolution 19-30 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 March 11th, 2019, 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 & Visceglia: all aye. No nays. Passed

Mayor Nicol then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of "AN

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER FOURTEEN OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY".

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

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The Administrator explained that the ordinance exempted the Borough and the Elementary School from the requirement to have a "lock box" to provide entry to their respective buildings. Since the Police were first responders and had immediate access to both locations, the installation of the box seemed to be an unnecessary expense.

Councilman Shaak advised that he had discussed this ordinance with both the Fire Official and the Liaison to the Fire Company and, based on his experience as a member of the Fire Company for thirty years and the Chief for eight, he believed that the exemption was a reasonable compromise given the fact that the police are the first responders and can provide access to the Fire Fighters.

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

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 19-31 for passage on final reading of the foregoing ordinance. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gianforte introduced Resolution 19-32 to authorize publication of passage and adoption in the Coast Star according to law. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

The Mayor then called for committee reports and recognized Councilman Gianforte who had no report.

Councilman Nolan advised the public that the Library's delayed One Hundred Days Until the Centennial observance on March 5th had been a great success.

Councilman Garruzzo announced that the Police Department would be sending two officers to Child Safety Seat Installation Training. These officers will be certified to assist residents in the correct installation of child car seats.

In June, the Department will initiate a Street-Smart NJ pedestrian safety education program aimed at reducing pedestrian-motor vehicle crashes in Brielle. The program is a collaborative effort between public, private and non-profit organizations. Our Police will be enforcing pedestrian laws throughout the Borough while working with several partners to educate both pedestrians and motorists throughout the summer months.

The Department hopes to include Brielle Organizations in this effort by permitting the distribution of safety information and by allowing officers to speak on pedestrian safety during a meeting or event. Businesses can join in the event by permitting posters and flyers to be displayed at their locations. Police officers will be pleased to meet with a business's customers, and we hope that business will provide coupons that can be distributed to people who are observed being

safe on local streets. The effort is being coordinated by Traffic safety Officer, Sergeant Stephen Boyd and we urge local business to reach out to Sgt. Boyd and become involved.

Councilmen Shaak, Gorham & Visceglia having no reports, the meeting was open to public comment.

Ms. Virginia Lofton, 407 South Street, was recognized and Ms. Lofton voiced a concern over debris at two location in the Borough, Fisk Avenue and Cardeza Avenue in the vicinity of Debbie's Creek. She had approached the Environmental Commission concerning this issue, but they informed her that it was not within their jurisdiction. She asked what could be done about the unsightly condition of these areas?

Mayor Nicol directed her to Code Enforcement Officer James Langenberger and added that in the event she saw anyone littering she should notify the police. Ms. Lofton concurred, but noted that usually the malefactor was long gone.

Councilman Gianforte was aware of the area on Fisk Avenue and agreed that something should be done adding that when people saw a debris strewed area, they tend to contribute to the debris pile rather than seek to clean up the area.

There being no public comment, the meeting was closed on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan at 7:45pm.

Approved: March 25th, 2019

Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:19-29-C
Date: March 11th, 2019

Authorizing submission of application for Project Funding for Old Bridge Road Elevated Water Storage Tank and for identifying the Borough official authorized to execute the Application

WHEREAS, the Borough of Brielle documented the need for infrastructure improvements through the preparation of the several reports, assessments and inspections, prepared by H2M Associates, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, said assessments recommended various water system improvements; and

WHEREAS, the improvements were identified therein as the most pressing for implementation from utility operations and water quality standpoints; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Brielle intends to file an application with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust for the improvements consisting of the construction of a new 300,000-Gallon elevated water storage tank and miscellaneous site improvements at the Old Bridge water plant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Thomas F. Nolan, Borough Administrator be authorized to act as the Authorized Representative to represent The Borough of Brielle in all matters relating to the project undertaken pursuant to the above referenced New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Loan to be executed with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust. The Authorized Representative may be contacted at 601 Union Lane, Brielle, NJ 08730. Telephone (732) 528-6600.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Brielle Mayor & Council held on Monday, March 11th, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 12th day of March 2019.

Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk