

MARCH 5, 2018
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, NJ

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the Collingswood Community Center, 30 W. Collings Ave. Collingswood, NJ, on the second floor, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor M. James Maley, Jr. *called the meeting to order*, with Commissioner Joan Leonard *present* and Commissioner Robert Lewandowski *present*.

Mayor Maley read the Sunshine Notice stating that the Borough has complied with provisions of the Sunshine Law by adopting by January 10 of this year, a resolution prescribing the dates, times and locations of all regular meetings of the Commission. Mayor Maley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Tax Collector, Treasurer, Municipal Court and Zoning Official reports were approved and seconded.

The Commissioners called for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of

Ordinance No. 1634

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT
REGULATIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD**

I. Purpose: Pursuant to Borough Ordinance §141-102, the Historic Preservation Commission ("Commission") shall, among other responsibilities, provide advice and make recommendations to the Borough's governing body, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment, regarding the designation of historic sites, updating the Borough's Master Plan and review permit application affecting designated districts and sites and to provide written reports to the Borough's Construction Official. Borough Ordinance §141-107(A) establishes standards to be considered by the Commission for all applications and the Borough Commissioners wish to amend §141-107(A) to provide additional guidance to the Commission and provide it with the authority to consider the time, resources and costs to an applicant when proposing additions or alterations to properties and balance such considerations against their responsibility for preserving the historical integrity of any property located with a historic district.

II. Enactment: BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood that Chapter 141, Section 107 (A) shall be amended by adding the following:

(11) Efforts to preserve the architectural features and historical integrity of a property or specific feature of that property should be consistent with the intent and purpose of the Borough's Development Regulations and the Borough's Master Plan. The time, resources, and costs determined to be necessary to preserve the architectural features and historical integrity of a property located within a historic district shall be considered by the Commission and balanced against the market value of the property and any substantial economic hardship that may be sustained by an applicant. In rendering its decision, the Commission shall consider an applicant's proposed use of alternative and less expensive materials and methods of preservation. Commission members shall provide reasons for their decision which shall be memorialized in the Commission's resolution.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

SECTION 2. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE ARE HEREBY REPEALED. FULL TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH SHALL IN ADDITION TO THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED FOR HEREIN, SHALL RECEIVE LONGEVITY PAY, WHICH SHALL BE PAYABLE ONCE YEARLY OR AS SET FORTH IN LABOR CONTRACT, RATIFIED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 3. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

SECTION 4. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON ITS PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

Mayor Maley moved the ordinance be approved on first reading, published, and the second reading and public hearing to be held on April 3, 2018 which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll:

***Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.
Aye: Joan Leonard
Aye: Robert Lewandowski***

The Commissioners called for the First Reading Salary Ordinance of Ordinance 1637

**CALENDAR YEAR 2018
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood in the County of Camden finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2018 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$119,473.15 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Mayor and Commissioners hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood, in the County of Camden, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2018 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Collingswood shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 1%, amounting to \$ 119,473.15, and that the CY 2018 municipal budget for the Borough of Collingswood be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in

either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption

Mayor Maley moved the ordinance be approved on first reading, published, and the second reading and public hearing to be held on April 3, 2018 which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll:

Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.

Aye: Joan Leonard

Aye: Robert Lewandowski

The Following Resolutions were Approved without a Dissenting Vote

50. Appointing Brian Stovall as a Class II Police Officer

Oath: Brian Stoval

51. Introducing and Approving the 2018 Municipal Budget

52. Appointing Part Time Employees for the Collingswood Public Library

Corrina Barnett

Virginia Brown

Alex Hughes

53. Establishing Salaries for Certain Employees in the Borough of Collingswood

54. Appointing

Tara Riley as Collingswood Municipal Court Violations Clerk

55. Reappointing Gretchen Kolecki as Zoning Officer

56. Authorizing Compensation Amount for Property Located at 691 Haddon Avenue

57. Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment

58. Authorizing a Refund of Water / Sewer Payment

59. Authorizing To Advertise For Sealed Bids Water Plant Monitoring System

60. Authorizing a Small Business Revolving Loan Program

61. Authorizing the Acceptance of Federal Funds and Participation in the Federal Grant Program –Safe and Secure

62. Approving the Payment of Bills as Presented by the Treasurer

Commissioner Lewandowski thanked the Department of Public Works for the work they have been doing getting town cleaned up from the recent snowstorms. Commissioner Lewandowski said we will be moving into pothole season. He advised residents to report any potholes to DPW.

Commissioner Leonard said she hopes that we are done with the snow and that spring will be here soon. Commissioner Leonard invited residents to join the green team and be part of the Green Festival taking place in April. Commissioner Leonard also talked about trees and some upcoming planting scheduled for the spring.

Mayor Maley thanked Borough Hall employees Sandy Powell, Bette Jo Pigliacelli and Keith Hastings for the work that was done getting the Budget in order. Mayor Maley reminded residents to vote in the upcoming school board election.

Mayor Maley opened the meeting to the Public:

Heidi Fraley 800 Belmont Ave, said her home had a history of housing chickens per s historical map of her property. Ms. Fraley mentioned the Woodbury Backyard Chicken Pilot program,

The discussion continued about Collingswood also having backyard chicken and the need for community feedback and having an open dialogue with neighbors.

Gwen Baile Haddon Township resident expressed the support of the program.

Jenn Rossi, 114 E. Palmer Ave said she had some concerns in reference to the election signs for the school board. Mayor Maley advised her to contact the Camden County Board of Elections and ELEC

Kate Delany 126 E Palmer Avenue, asked about possible Pop Up Library efforts. Commissioner Lewandowski said there is nothing being done by the Borough. Commissioner Lewandowski explained it is a wonderful program and he could put her in touch with Tom Martin who runs a Pop Up library in Camden if she would like to start one.

Marlene Granitz, Stiiles Ave reminded residents about the Proud Neighbors House and GardenTour. She added that host homes and gardens were still needed.

With no further comments, Mayor Maley moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 PM, which was seconded.

K. Holly Mannel
Borough Clerk