

JULY 28, 2020  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, NJ

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held remotely, at 11:00 A.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 before January 10 of this year, a resolution prescribing the dates, times and locations of all regular meetings of the Commission. The Mayor stated there was a change in meeting format from in person to remote-conference. Written advanced notice of the change in format of at least 48 hours was supplied to two local newspapers. Mayor Maley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**The Commissioners called for the First Reading of Ordinance 1687**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2020  
MODEL 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 Council of the Borough of Collingswood in the County of Camden finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2020 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 Council hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$420,160.79 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 Council 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 Council 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 2020 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 3.5%, amounting to \$420,160.79, and that the CY 2020 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 August 26, 2020 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**

128. Certifying that Hiring Practices are in Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Guidelines  
 Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.  
 Aye: Joan Leonard  
 Aye: Robert Lewandowski

129. Introducing and Approving the 2020 Municipal Budget

Mayor Maley talked about the impact COVID had on our budget, the accreditation of the Police Dept., Best Practices, and the average tax increase of \$54.00 this year.

Commissioner Lewandowski thanked the Department Heads and CFO for the work on the budget.

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

Mayor Maley opened the meeting to the public.

Kate Delany 126 E Palmer, asked where and when the budget can viewed by the public. Mayor Maley said the budget will be on the website today. Ms. Delany expressed her support of the Police Advisory Committee. Ms. Delany asked that some changes be made to the application. She asked the requirement of a background check and question of ethnicity be removed. Mayor Maley said the application was from the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General and the questions are for making sure we have a good mix of people, a diverse group on the Board.

With no other comments, Mayor Maley moved the meeting be adjourned at 11:15AM, which was seconded.

Approved: November 2, 2020

Commissioners	Present	Absent	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mayor M. James Maley	X				
Commissioner Joan Leonard	X				
Commissioner Lewandowski	X				