

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022, 6:00PM, MAYOR/COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order in council chambers at 6:00pm with the Sunshine Statement and led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called roll and the following were present: Council President Beach, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Hanson, Councilman Ludwig and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Drumm was absent with prior notice. Also present were Clerk Shannon, Secretary Eileen Holcombe, Finance Officer Denise Moules and Solicitor Tim Higgins.

First Public Portion

On a motion by Councilman Hanson second by Councilman Beach, the first public portion of the meeting was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Hanson second by Councilman Beach, the public portion was closed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mayor Harris announced that Greg Evans could not be here this evening and she reported that the concrete work on Austin Avenue will be done this week and once we get the schedule for paving, we will let everyone know and the contractor will notify residents. The 2021 Roads Program is moving along and once we get the paving schedule for Oak, Pomona and Clinton, we will let everyone know. She added that Russell and Richards are both done and they did a great job. She got letters from residents thanking us for that work.

CLERK'S REPORT—Clerk Shannon reported on the following items

Vacant property registration ordinance—the ordinance we adopted earlier this year regarding vacant property registration was not in compliance with the new state statute so Tim has prepared a revision. This revision is now in compliance with the statute and will be on the agenda for introduction. The most we can charge for a foreclosure is \$500 but if it becomes vacant, we can charge another \$2000. Prochamps will have to notify us what is in foreclosure and we will have to notify them if we learn that the property is vacant. This applies to commercial and residential properties.

Renewal of inactive liquor license—the transfer of the license previously held by Time Out to Ordell, LLC, was finally processed by ABC and so was the renewal. Resolution to approve renewal of this license will be on the agenda. It can be a pocket license for two years and will then require a Special Ruling.

Wildlife issues in town—in addition to the ongoing rat problem, we are having a problem with skunks and foxes. We have received many calls from residents looking for help with skunks and we refer them to wildlife control specialists as our animal control officer does not deal with them. We have also done a Facebook post and put a lot of information on the website.

Shared Service with Runnemedes for EMS—Runnemedes is entering into a SSA with Barrington Ambulance for services. They will pay Barrington \$75,000 per year for EMS coverage from 3pm-6am seven days per week. The resolution for the agreement will be on the agenda and is attached hereto.

Council Agenda Review:

Ordinance for public hearing and adoption:

Ord. 1160 Amending the Cannabis Tax ordinance

Ordinance for introduction on first reading:

Ord. 1161 Amending Chapter 95, Property Maintenance (vacant property ordinance)

Resolutions:

Shared service agreement with Runnemedede for EMS services
Resolution to renew the inactive license held by Ordell, LLC
August bill list

CFO's REPORT

Mayor Harris reported that Denise is away, but she sent you her monthly report. If you have any questions, you can contact her directly.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Hanson—National Night Out was a great time, thank you to all departments. Civic Association movie night is next Thursday; Summer Nights is August 24 at Wish Upon a Star; Brews Beats and Eats is September 10. He asked Lt. Pawling to give the police report and Dave reported they are working on the SRO program for School Resource Officers. There will be one officer in each school. Mayor Harris added that we will pay for one and the school district will pay for the other. One will be retired officer Dan Bowman. The other has not yet been determined. Councilman Hanson added that the Civic Association will be doing a free basketball camp the last week of August at Woodland School. Mayor Harris thanked Councilman Hanson and the Civic Association for all they do for the town. Councilman Hanson then added that we will be recognizing 12U Little League at council for winning districts. I will get their names for a proclamation.

Councilman Beach—seniors are getting more active. They went on a cruise and it was a good turnout. All is good with Public Works—they are keeping up with town projects. Meg and Eileen are doing crafts and planning more events for the seniors now that they are back in-person.

Councilman Cerrito—National Night Out was awesome—great job by all. The Green Team is working on a community garden. Next week we will talk about it more and will keep you posted. We will be coming up with a location and the layout. We will look for sponsors for the plots to raise funds to help cover the costs of construction.

Mayor Harris—last night was great—everyone did a great job. There is definitely a skunk situation—thank you for handling that and getting information on the website. Last night, Mulhern and Hovern went over to Cody's house to bring him to National Night Out. They noticed on their own that he was not there and went out of there way to go and get him. That is the kind of think you get in a small town and I am proud of our officers.

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Hanson the second public portion was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Cerrito, the public portion was closed.

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Hanson, the meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

Approved: **Terry Shannon**
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC