

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR HELD IN THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
July 16, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davies-Dunhour at 4:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Judith M. Davies-Dunhour, Mayor
Emily Dillon, Borough Clerk

Manny Parada, Borough Administrator

PRESENT

Councilmembers
Frank Dallahan
Victor Foschini
Bunny Parzych
Robin Casper
Jennifer Gensemer
Tim Carney

Mayor Davies-Dunhour announced that the meeting was now open. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided by posting a copy of the time and place on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin board and mailing a copy of same to the Press and the Cape May County Herald on January 4, 2024.

FOR THE RECORD, THIS WORK SESSION WAS HELD VIA VIDEO/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE IN A ZOOM FORMAT AS WELL AS IN PERSON

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Presentation: NJDEP Real Rule Proposal, Reformation of Existing Land Use Regulations in the State of New Jersey

Peter Lomax, of Lomax Consulting, presents a synopsis and timeline of the NJDEP Real Rule Proposal, the full presentation is on file in the Clerk's office. Mr. Lomax explains there will be public hearings scheduled throughout this process and the County representatives will be available to meet with municipalities, at no cost, to discuss questions and concerns.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Public Safety Committee– Councilmember Dallahan

Fire Department

Chief Stanford provides a report for June 2024, the full report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Police Department

Chief Schutta provides a report for June 2024 as well as a brief personnel update, the full report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Beach Patrol

Mr. Bosacco provides a report for the month of June 2024 and states the beach patrol is fully staffed and all the lifeguards are thoroughly trained.

Office of Emergency Management

Mr. Vaul provides a report for the month of June 2024 and states he is meeting with Coastal Coalition Wednesday July 17th for an update and will report back to Council.

Recreation and Tourism- Councilmember Foschini

Recreation – Shannon MacPherson, Recreation Director

Ms. MacPherson comments on the Sandbag Challenge event in June and thanks the police department in their flexibility and assistance relocating the event due to weather. Ms. MacPherson states there was a good turnout for the Fourth of July events and thanks all the departments involved that made it possible. Ms. MacPherson mentions the HeyDay Softball Tournament on July 27th from 9AM-4PM on the 82nd Street field and this event will be benefiting the Wetlands and on the agenda for approval tonight. Ms. MacPherson also mentions the SHPOA Labor Day relay at 8AM on September 1st on the beach. Ms. MacPherson states the recreation staff is fully certified in CPR and thanks the beach patrol for the training. Ms. MacPherson comments on the recreation clinics and leagues and states there is still available for daily and weekly registration. Ms. MacPherson reminds the public that Family Nights are weekly on Monday nights at 5:30PM and the 97th Street bocce courts. Ms. MacPherson mentions the proposal submitted to the County Open Space Board for the 97th

Street playground and stated feedback and comments were received, and the project is moving forward.

Tourism Director – Jenny Olson

Ms. Olson states the Brown Family Castle Special Event is on the agenda for approval tonight due to time constraints and will take place on July 30th 11AM-6PM on 103rd Street. Ms. Olson mentions the Chamber of Commerce Savor September event will be September 20th and 21st. Ms. Olson states she received positive feedback regarding the relocating of the Fireworks to 81st Street. Ms. Olson reminds the public of the Tuesdays at the Tower Concert will be every Tuesday through September 5th except August 5th. Ms. Olson mentions the upcoming special events being the Go Green Fair July 18th and the Festival of Lights on August 3rd. Councilmember Foschini thanks Ms. Olson for her hard work and dedication to the weekly Farmer's Markets.

Natural Resource Committee – Councilmember Carney

Councilmember Carney provides a brief update on the bird nesting areas at the Point and the beach Stockton data.

Discussion:

-Proposed Ordinance adding handicapped parking spaces on the beach ends that have ADA compliant ramps (except 95th Street)

Mr. Parada mentions he has been approached by several residents regarding handicap accessibility and parking surrounding the beaches. Mr. Parada states he conducted an analysis of the beach access points and there is not enough spaces for handicapped at the street ends. Mr. Parada states this is a simple ordinance to draft and easily implemented with painting and signage. Council is in agreement to have the ordinance drafted and presented for introduction at the next meeting.

-Authorizing DeBlasio to prepare bid specifications for roof and HVAC repairs

CFO, Cynthia Lindsay, explains the borough received a proposal through AC Electric regarding their direct install program and it was thought to be grant funds. Ms. Lindsay explains the program covers two thirds of the cost but the Borough would be responsible for the remainder and Council needs to authorize to go out to bid for the services and will draft a resolution for the next meeting. Ms. Lindsay also requests a resolution be added to the agenda to extend the grace period for the August 1st tax payment as the borough is still awaiting the certified tax rate.

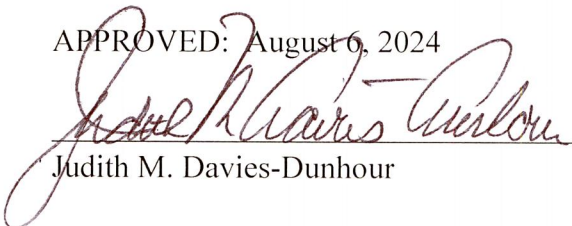
Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Dallahan **Second:** Foschini

Dallahan: Yes **Foschini:** Yes **Parzych:** Yes **Casper:** Yes **Gensemer:** Yes **Carney:** Yes

The Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council adjourned at 5:56PM.

APPROVED: August 6, 2024

 _____, Mayor
Judith M. Davies-Dunhour

 _____, Borough Clerk
Emily Dillon