

MINUTES

BOROUGH OF RARITAN REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024
6:15 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION
7 P.M. – REGULAR SESSION

This Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Raritan was called to order by Mayor Carra in the Meeting Room of the Raritan Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869 at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

Mayor Carra announced the Regular Meeting was called pursuant to applicable portions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate Notice of this Regular Meeting was posted in Borough Hall, on the Borough website and communicated to *The Courier News*, *The Star Ledger* and *The Breeze* on January 3, 2024.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Tozzi, Councilman Agrawal, Councilman Armahizer, Councilman Fritzingler, Councilman Patente
Also Present: Borough Administrator Colvin, Acting Borough Clerk Mathewson, Borough Attorney William Robertson and Borough Engineer Joseph Brosnan
Absent: Councilman DiGraziano

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Fritzingler

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 2024-08-135

Entering Executive Session

1. Personnel
Administration, Police, Court,
Construction
2. Attorney Client
Alpine Way
3. Shared Services
Municipal Court

On motion by Councilman Fritzingler, seconded by Council President Tozzi, Council moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-08-135.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Armahizer, Fritzingler, Patente
Nay: x
Absent: DiGraziano
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 5-0

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:17 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Council moved to reconvene in Regular Session unanimously.

Council exited Executive Session, and resumed Regular Session at 7:14 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Downtown Raritan Planning – Angela Knowles

Ms. Knowles who is a licensed professional planner in New Jersey, started off by introducing herself. She has previously worked with VanCleeef Engineering as well as Somerset County adding that she was the Consultant Planner for Raritan Borough from 2016 through 2022. She continued to discuss the proposal and scope for Area in Need of Rehabilitation Study for Downtown Raritan along with an Outreach and Communications Component. The proposal is to complete the projects in a series of phases or as a whole. The project is proposed over six months and for a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.

- Phase 1 – Area in Need of Rehabilitation Study
- Phase 1A – Begins once the Area in Need of Redevelopment Study is complete and adopted by Council. Finalizing the Redevelopment Plan, as outlined in the Borough’s 2021 Downtown Redevelopment Plan prepared by NJTPA and FHI Studio, to be completed within a one-month period.
- Phase 2 – Outreach and Communications effort that should be conducted in alignment with the preparation of the AINR study and continue once the Redevelopment Plan is adopted in Phase 1A. Proposed to conduct an outreach effort within the first 4 months of the project that will include a series of simultaneous discussions with Somerset County, NJTPA, and the Borough Engineer to ensure consistency across the various projects happening in and around the downtown and will assist the Redevelopment Advisory Committee on possible short-term projects to bring attention to the project.

Councilman Agrawal asked for more clarification on what the town would be getting for the proposed \$21,000.00. Ms. Knowles explained in more detail for Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

(In accordance with Section 29-1 of the Code of the Borough of Raritan, there shall be a five-minute limit per speaker)

Mayor Carra opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting for members of the public wishing to speak.

Cathy DeBellis, 17 Douty St: Ms. DeBellis asked Ms. Knowles for clarification regarding the \$300,000.00 she mentioned at the beginning of her presentation, to which Ms. Knowles responded that that was for the previous project that had been worked on. Ms. DeBellis then asked about the \$21,000.00 that Council referenced; Ms. Knowles responded stating the \$21,000.00 would be for what proposing what to do with the area in need of rehabilitation.

Heath Hoffmeister, 96 Anderson St: Mr. Hoffmeister asked Ms. Knowles for more explanation regarding the infrastructure and what that would look like in the study. Ms. Knowles replied that within the criteria it would be looking at the age and maintenance of the infrastructure. Mr. Hoffmeister then asked if the infrastructure was identified as needing to be rehabilitated, would the study aid in finding funding to improve it. Ms. Knowles responded, explaining yes, any rehabilitation plan or redevelopment project gets filed with the State and once the town was ready to engage in those projects, they could work with the State to find funding. She also added that there were many ways to do it but having the plan and it then being filed with the state means it is on record and can be used for funding.

Roger Copt, 1120 Rt 202: Mr. Copt stated that he read the master plan and the regional plan and thinks they are great plans but asked if any of the plans have been implemented, specifically the park for the County that has just become overgrown, Ms. Knowles nor Council could answer for the County. Secondly, Mr. Copt asked if the Agway property was going to be apartments and retail on the first floor, Mayor Carra stated that there was no final plan on that but the owner of the property has indicated that he does want retail, which would be in line with the plan Ms. Knowles presented.

Neither seeing nor hearing any additional member of the public, the Mayor closed Public Comment.

MINUTES

1. May 7, 2024
2. May 21, 2024
3. June 17, 2024 – Special Meeting
4. June 25, 2024

Mayor Carra asked for a motion to Approve the May 7, 2024 Minutes.

On a motion by Council President Tozzi, Seconded by Councilman Armahizer, Council moved to approve the May 7, 2024 Minutes.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Armahizer, Fritzingler, Patente
Nay: x
Absent: DiGraziano
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 5-0

Mayor Carra asked for a motion to Approve the May 21, 2024 Minutes.

On a motion by Council President Tozzi, Seconded by Councilman Patente, Council moved to approve the May 21, 2024 Minutes.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Armahizer, Fritzingler, Patente
Nay: x
Absent: DiGraziano
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 5-0

Mayor Carra asked for a motion to Approve the June 17, 2024 Minutes.

On a motion by Council President Tozzi, Seconded by Councilman Patente, Council moved to approve the June 17, 2024 Minutes.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Armahizer, Patente
Nay: x
Absent: DiGraziano
Abstain: Fritzingler
Motion Carried: 4-0

Mayor Carra asked for a motion to Approve the June 25, 2024 Minutes.

On a motion by Council President Tozzi, Seconded by Councilman Fritzingler, Council moved to approve the June 25, 2024 Minutes.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Armahizer, Fritzingler, Patente

Nay: x
Absent: DiGraziano
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 5-0

COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Armahizer – Councilman Armahizer reported that for the Environmental Commission registration is still open for the Rain Barrel workshop that will be conducted on September 7th, from 10 am to 12 pm at Frelinghuysen Park. Rain barrels will be provided to those that registered. Also, the commission will be having its 3rd Clean Communities cleanup event on Sunday September 28th; all residents are encouraged to participate.

Councilman Agrawal – Councilman Agrawal stated that the Finance Committee met a few weeks ago to review the first six months of financial results and stated that we are currently on track for capital spending for this year. He added that our CFO worked with the bank and was able to secure a better interest rate on our deposits, which has been a big gain for the Borough. The Councilman went on to state that over the last few years the Borough has been able to afford not to increase taxes due to the permit revenue; LabCorp and Johnson and Johnson were doing many construction projects. Unfortunately, that has slowed down and the Borough won't have that luxury starting next year. The Councilman stressed the importance of being judicious about money that is being spent and having a thorough process regarding Professional Services and their contracts.

Council President Tozzi – Council President reported for Property Maintenance from July 12th to August 12th there were 140 violations, 6 fines that were \$1,500.00. He added that there was some feedback about the difficulty in getting in touch with Mr. Blute as well as how easy it was to get in touch with him. The Councilman added Mr. Blute's phone number, 908-460-6850 and stated that he does not have a problem calling anyone back. If you do not hear back from him, residents can reach out to Vince, Director of DWP, who Brian reports to. He continued by adding that there has not been a change in the Borough's Code, it is just being enforced now. Since he has been out doing inspections, the Borough has been looking better and better. Second, the Councilman stated the report from the Police Department consisted of 1,265 calls, 284 stops, and issued 209 tickets; the report will be posted online for anyone that wants to take a look.

Councilman Fritzing – Councilman Fritzing reported for the Building Department permit activity from July 17th through August 16th: 13 building permits, 10 plumbing, 17 electrical, 7 fire, and 5 mechanical permits issued. The Borough collected \$17,189.00 in fees. He then went on to report for Public Works who have been very busy over that last month with pavement stripping on Thompson Street, pavement spot repairs on Second, trimmed the trees by Washington School, Sherman Ave., and Frelinghuysen Park. He continued by stating the bocci court has been repainted, installation of a stop signs at Robin Court, Alpine Way, and Melanie Court. Also new park signs were installed at Cardinal Woods and Kennedy School. Bulk pick up was on August 8th and the next bulk day will be September 12th. The issue with the Cardinal Woods pump station has been worked on and the second pump is getting repaired. The catch basin project on Prospect and Linwood has repaired a total of 54 catch basins. He added that with the help of Borough Engineer Joe Brosnan, the work on Arnold, Berwick, and Colby Avenue is going well and will hopefully be ready before school starts. Lastly, the Councilman added that the Historic Committee will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30 in Borough Hall.

Councilman Patente – Councilman Patente started off by saying how he has always thought Property Maintenance should be more pro-active compared to reactive and is happy to see that happening now. He

also urged residents to not believe everything that is posted on social media and encouraged anyone to come to or watch the meetings to know what is going on in the Borough. He then went on to report for Vital Statistics there were 5 marriage licenses issued, and 50 death certificate copies issued. He also mentioned there was a Public Health Clinic happening this week; the 21st from 2 pm to 5 pm and the 22nd from 4 pm to 7 pm at 500 North Bridge Street that is offering vaccines for anyone that is uninsured or not enrolled in New Jersey Care Plan. The Councilman continued his report for the Municipal Court stating there were 234 new cases, 276 cases were adjudicated totaling \$23,198.00 in fines and of that \$10,740.00 went to the Borough.

OLD BUSINESS

None

Mayor Carra mentioned that at a previous meeting Council agreed to table a resolution regarding Angela Knowles and asked Administrator Colvin if he wanted update Council on the status as the resolution was not listed on the agenda. Mr. Colvin stated that Ms. Knowles may narrow the scope and focus on a smaller portion of town. Discussion ensued amongst Council about the process and where the focus of her study should be. Council agreed the focus should be on the main street from First Avenue to Route 206.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Handicapped Parking – Somerset Street (NC)

Mayor Carra stated that a family member of a resident had reached out to him regarding the fact that there are currently no handicapped spaces on Somerset Street. The Mayor went on to state that he has reached out to the County and they are willing to allow the Borough to decide where handicapped spaces would be beneficial on Somerset Street. A suggestion was made to have one every block. Council President Tozzi suggested looking at what Somerville or other neighboring towns have implemented and work from there. The Mayor followed up stating he would be looking into this along with Borough Engineer Joseph Brosnan, and because Somerset Street is a County Road, they would have to pass an ordinance as well as Raritan Borough. The Mayor will be reporting back at the next meeting, September 3rd.

2. Brentwood Block Party (EC)

Administrator Colvin reported that we received an application for a block party that will be taking place October 12th from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This has been a reoccurring event with no issues in previous years. Mr. Colvin also stated that the Police Department has signed off on the event and he just needed approval from Council.

On motion by Council President Tozzi, seconded by Councilman Armahizer, Council moved to approve the Brentwood Block Party request.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Armahizer, Fritzinger, Patente

Nay: x

Absent: DiGraziano

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

3. Fire Department Requests (DT)

Council President Tozzi stated that on Saturday, September 7th, the Fire Department will be hosting a Food and Beer Truck Festival at Washington School from 11 am to 7 pm. They will be

having 16 gourmet food trucks, music, wine, beer, and pony rides. The event is to benefit the Relief Hose Company No. 2. Councilman Tozzi added that they are looking for two Police Officers for the event and added that because it is a town event, they should not be charged for the officers. Councilman Patente requested that we do the same thing for this fundraising event as the Borough has done with previous non-profit events which is to request that they pay for the administrative part of the fee. Council President Tozzi responded stating that the Fire Department does not ask for much but give the Borough a lot.

On motion by Council President Tozzi, seconded by Councilman Fritzinger, Council moved to approve covering the cost of two Police Officers from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the Fire Department's event.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Armahizer, Fritzinger

Nay: Patente

Absent: DiGraziano

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-1

Mayor Carra added that there has been some concern from residents, whose properties border Washington School Park, about the event on September 7th, that people may cut through their lawns. The Fire Department will be putting up a plastic fence to deter people from cutting through that way. Mayor Carra also mentioned he had received concerns about garbage being left behind after the 4th of July Fireworks and stated the Fire Department also promised to make sure they go around and pick up any litter that may be left behind on the streets after the event. He also stressed that if you live in the area and your driveway gets blocked, please notify the Police and it will be handled.

4. New CERT Member (DT)

Council President Tozzi stated that he was looking for a vote on approving a new CERT member who is fully certified, Ms. Joyce Melitsky. Ms. Melitsky asked if she could speak to let Council know that she has been qualified as a CERT member for about 12 years and just has never been a member of the Raritan Borough CERT Team; adding that CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team.

On motion by Council President Tozzi, seconded by Councilman Armahizer, Council moved to approve Joyce Melitsky being added as a new CERT member.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Armahizer, Fritzinger, Patente

Nay: x

Absent: DiGraziano

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

5. Christmas Tree on Nevius Street Bridge (DT)

Council President Tozzi stated that this was discussed at the last meeting; the Borough's first Christmas Tree lighting on the Nevius Street Bridge. Scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th from 6 pm to 8 pm. He went on to state that there will be a donation of 1,000 ribbons for residents to write names or messages on to then be hung on the tree for the event. He added that Dukes is going to provide electricity, so it won't cost the Borough anything.

On motion by Council President Tozzi, seconded by Councilman Armahizer, Council moved to approve the tree being put up on December 1st and then taken down on January 3rd.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Armahizer, Fritzinger, Patente

Nay: x

Absent: DiGraziano

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

6. Council Meeting Format (MP)

Councilman Patente recommends Council doing a new meeting process on a trial basis for about three months. He would like to set aside a portion of time at one of two monthly meetings where Council members, Administration, and members of the public gather and speak their minds and offer ideas and solutions on the ordinances, taxes, budgets, bonds, and other legislative matters. He added that this would not be part of the normal Public Comment portions of meeting. The Councilman continued by explaining that this may help create a solid information base, help prioritize keys values, identify a range of solutions, and help us make the best decisions possible. He is proposing that during a regular Council meeting, an hour or two would be devoted to open discussions. Discussion ensued amongst Council about the details of such a proposal. Mayor Carra stated that his concern would be the timing; if the meeting is advertised for and an hour or more was designated for the discussion and then there is not enough material for that time, the meeting would have to wait to proceed with the regular business. Councilman Patente stated he would like to come back and discuss this further at the next Council meeting.

7. Veterans' Advisory Committee (AA)

Councilman Armahizer stated that his proposal for a Veterans' Advisory Committee would provide further resources to residents regarding military and veteran affairs. The Committee would ensure our administrative offices have onsite informational resources for veterans, collaborating with local veteran organizations to promote military related observances. They would also work with the Somerset County Veteran Services on distributing handouts and updates from the New Jersey Department of Military and Veteran Affairs to include information regarding property tax reductions, free veteran transportation services, VA disability claim filing, educational benefit applications, etc. The Councilman continued by stating that by taking these initiatives, our municipality would become eligible to receive and maintain certification of the New Jersey Governor's We Value Our Veterans community award, which would solidify the Borough's commitment to supporting veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The proposed ordinance has been modeled off other similar ordinances in neighboring towns. Discussion ensued amongst the Council if this would overlap any other committee in the Borough as well as if the proposed committee would need to have a budget right away.

On motion by Councilman Armahizer, seconded by Councilman Patente, Council moved to approve an introduction of Veterans' Advisory Committee Ordinance for the September 3rd meeting.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Armahizer, Fritzinger, Patente

Nay: x

Absent: DiGraziano

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

8. Richard Street Drainage (JB)

Borough Engineer, Joe Brosnan, started off by reminding everyone that the Richard Street Drainage project is comprised of two different phases of DOT grants that were fully funded by the DOT for the improvements. The projects are to address the bypass stormwater runoff that is going down the hill so fast it doesn't enter the inlets. Mr. Brosnan continued by stating the recommendation is to create a physical impairment to stop the water from going down Columbus Street. He added they would also disconnect some of the side street runoff along Richard Street to Riverside. He continued by adding that it connects well with New Jersey American Water's pavement restoration that they are doing as a result of the trenches they dug and replaced. He went on to state that the plans are made and are awaiting DOT approval and once they are approved, he will be talking with the Administrator to make sure the project goes out to bid as soon as possible.

Joe DiVito, 10 Columbus Ave: Mr. DeVito voiced his concerns about what will happen to Riverside; the road flooded and a number of properties flooded. Mr. Brosnan responded stating that the plan he was referencing shows that right now the pipes will collect at Richard Street and the send it down to Riverside however, the plan is to actually cut off that pipe and send the water down Richard Street.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

Ordinance No. 2024-19

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, Somerset County, New Jersey, amending and modifying Chapter 305, Solid Waste, Article II removal and disposition, section 305-4 proper care of the Code of the Borough of Raritan

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Solid Waste Ordinance regarding mattresses and upholstered furniture

On motion by Council President Tozzi, seconded by Councilman Patente, Council moved to Introduce Ordinance No. 2024-19.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Fritzing, Patente

Nay: Armahizer

Absent: DiGraziano

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-1

Mayor Carra stated that the second reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 2024-19 is set for September 3, 2024

Ordinance No. 2024-20

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, Somerset County, New Jersey, Authorizing the conveyance of Raritan Borough property known as parcels 23a, 23b and sa23c on a map entitled “New Jersey Department of Transportation, Route 202 (1953) section 3, old York Road to Route 28 parcels 23A, 23B & SA23C, Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, May 2022” and also known as portions of Lot 1, Block 24 on the tax map of the Borough of Raritan

The purpose of this Ordinance is to convey properties to allow for the DOT project for the Route 202 jughandle expansion.

On motion by Councilman Fritzing, seconded by Council President Tozzi, Council moved to Introduce Ordinance No. 2024-20.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Armahizer, Fritzing, Patente

Nay: x

Absent: DiGraziano

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

Mayor Carra stated that the second reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 2024-20 is set for September 3, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

(Resolution No. 2024-08-136 through No. 2024-08-152)

Resolution No. 2024-08-136

Appointing David Myers – Electrical Inspector

Resolution No. 2024-08-137

Approving Change Order – Ben Shaffer Recreation

Resolution No. 2024-08-138

Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Equipment – Administration – Various Outdated Equipment

Resolution No. 2024-08-139

Approving Tax Sale Costs – 2024

Resolution No. 2024-08-140

Authorizing Execution of Discharge of Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Mortgage – 15 First Street

Resolution No. 2024-08-141

Authorizing the Execution of a Discharge of Affordable Housing Agreement and Repayment Mortgage – 12 Cardinal Way

Resolution No. 2024-08-142

Authorizing the Execution of Shared Services Agreement – Municipal Court

Resolution No. 2024-08-143

Authorizing Pedestrian Flag Agreement – Somerset County

Resolution No. 2024-08-144

Authorizing Abatement of Violations and Lien against property – 48 Orlando Drive

Resolution No. 2024-08-145

Authorizing Borough Attorney to proceed with Public Hearing – “Buildings, Unfit” – 48 Orlando Drive

Resolution No. 2024-08-146

Consenting to the Proposed Northeast, Upper Raritan and Lower Raritan/Middlesex County Water Quality Management Plan Amendment

2. DiFrancesco, Bateman et al. – Various Legal Services - \$16,579.50
3. Fire-Dex LLC – New turnout gear - \$24,715.35
4. Pharos Enterprises – Initial payment for work related to 9 W. Somerset - \$177,223.20
5. Pumping Services – Routine pump station maintenance and equipment repair - \$10,086.00
6. Statewide Insurance Fund – 2024 WC & AL assessments - \$350,168.00
7. Stalker Radar – Radar units, mounts, and hardware - \$26,331.00
8. Ben Shaffer Recreation – Frelinghuysen basketball court change order - \$16,500.00

Mayor Carra asked for a motion to approve the Certification of Funds together.

On a motion by Councilman Armahizer, seconded by Councilman Patente, Council moved to approve the Certification of Funds - CFO & Fire Prevention Shared Services, Various Legal Services, New turnout gear, Initial payment for work related to 9 W. Somerset, Routine pump station maintenance and equipment repair, 2024 WC & AL assessments, Radar units, mounts, and hardware, and Frelinghuysen basketball court change order.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Armahizer, Fritzingler, Patente

Nay: x

Absent: DiGraziano

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

(In accordance with Section 29-1 of the Code of the Borough of Raritan, there shall be a five-minute limit per speaker)

Mayor Carra opened the second Public Comment portion of the meeting for members of the public wishing to speak.

Cathy DeBellis, 17 Doughty St: Ms. DeBellis raised concerns regarding only having two Police Officers at the Fire Department's event on the 7th. It sounds like it's going to be a huge event, and two officers don't seem like they would be adequate. Mayor Carra responded that he would reach out to the Chief of Police and discuss the concern further.

Joyce Fritchie, 445 Vanderveer Road: Ms. Fritchie asked about resolution no. 141, the repayment of the mortgage of 12 Cardinal Way and what it was. Borough Attorney Robertson explained that there is a mortgage on for rehabilitation and if it's being sold, it is discharged and a new one is placed on. As they come on there are restrictions put on the house as a result of affordable housing. When they are sold or transferred, they are discharged and replaced by the new owners. They remain affordable units, they are not being eliminated. Second Ms. Fritchie wanted to thank the Tax Collector for all her help and efficiency when she inquired about the veteran tax relief.

John Murphy, 1009 Tysley Pl: Mr. Murphy made it known that as a motorist driving down Somerset Street, he noticed a lot of commercial trucks parked in the spaces by the crosswalks which makes it very difficult to see pedestrians. He suggested putting the handicapped spaces there to prevent the commercial trucks from parking there to allow easier visibility for motorists to see pedestrians.

Resident (inaudible): Resident stated that she did not agree with the way violation notices went out to home and business owners regarding maintaining their property while Borough Hall has numerous things that should be taken care of as well.

Bill Cunningham, Glazer Ave: Mr. Cunningham suggested to suspend the 5-minute limit on the first public comment which may help with what Councilman Patente had requested earlier about a change in the meeting format. He then voiced his concerns about the Deal Hub store over at the Raritan Mall and how there are headers holding the roof up. He suggested the property owner take a look at that as it does not look safe.

Roger Copt, 1120 Rt 202: Mr. Copt stated that he was incorrect at a previous meeting regarding Deal Hub; they have had a certificate of occupancy prior to moving into the building. He then went on to add that he thinks there should be a town meeting once a month at the end of a regular business with the Mayor and Council. Mr. Copt also stated that the presentation earlier was great, she explained everything that was going on. He suggested that the first town hall meeting be about fair share housing because the public has no idea what's going on with that.

Resident: Resident wanted to ask if anyone else has noticed more and more people on scooters; and asked if there was a law that helmets must be worn. They have noticed they are getting dangerous around town and suggested having bike lanes considered for the redevelopment.

Joe (inaudible): Joe stated he also agreed with Councilman Patente's idea of an idea generating session; it would greatly benefit the residents to know what is going on and they may have suggestions on how to handle it.

Neither seeing nor hearing any additional members of the public, the Mayor closed Public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carra entertained for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

On a motion by Council President Tozzi, seconded by Councilman Armahizer, Council moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Recorded Vote:

All in favor

Motion passed: 5-0

Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Kimberly Mathewson
Acting Municipal Clerk

Approved:

Eric M. Colvin
Borough Administrator

Date: _____

Next Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 3, 2024
6:30 p.m. – Executive Session
7 p.m. – Regular Session