

Richard C. McCarthy Commission Chamber, City Hall  
Millville, New Jersey  
February 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in a **WORK SESSION** with Vice Mayor Parent presiding. The members present included Commissioner Pepitone, Commissioner Udalovas, and Commissioner Cooper. Mayor Santiago was absent. City Solicitor, Brock Russell and Administrator, Regina Burke were also present. Vice Mayor Parent led the salute to the flag.

Vice Mayor Parent made the statement required by the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975.

“This meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, was advertised, posted and made available to the public as required by Statute. The Municipal Clerk is directed to include a statement in the minutes of this meeting.”

### **Review Changes to the Agenda**

Vice Mayor Parent asked if there were any review changes to the agenda. City Clerk responded there were two (2) changes to the agenda being:

1. The removal of the Closed Session Resolution due to a scheduling conflict with Labor Counsel for Administrative Audit.
2. The addition of a Closed Session Resolution to discuss 200 G Street under Attorney/Client Privilege and Contract Negotiations.

### **Presentations**

#### **Millville Development Corporation 2019 Annual Report presented by Marianne Lods, MDC Executive Director**

Marianne Lods thanked the Commission for the CDBG funds for facades which helped local business owners improve their buildings. She also explained the difficulty in finding investors when dealing with the old large buildings. Ms. Lods explained the various events hosted by Millville Development Corporation (MDC) and thanked the City and the Recreation Department for their partnership with many of their events. She stated that they have received a \$15,000.00 grant for various projects on High Street. She continued that she hopes for another grant this year from the State of New Jersey. Ms. Lods stated that the Summer Arts program has been going strong for 20 years and they are looking forward to their 21<sup>st</sup> year this July.

Ms. Lods stated that this is the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Downtown Arts District. She announced that they are planning a festival for June 20<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with live bands, food vendors, wineries, breweries, and crafters. She added that they intend to honor former Mayor James Quinn for his support in the establishment of the Arts District and Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts. She stated, “He went the extra distance for this to happen.”

#### **Millville Public Library Year in Review by Courtenay Reece, Library Director**

Courtenay Reece, Library Director thanked the Commission, Samantha Cruz and Brian Prohowich. She stated that the library serviced over 80,000 residents this past year. She added they also had 109 children’s programs. Ms. Reece stated that Play Streets has been extremely successful with a high turn-out.

Ms. Reece explained the expansion intentions with the desire of an elevator and classes for students to get their diploma. She stated that this would happen with a grant from the State of New Jersey that would also help pay for laptops and state of the art equipment. Ms. Reece explained the desire for an autonomous conference room, teen room, etc. She thanked the Commission for their continued support.

Commissioner Cooper asked for clarification on the status of the bond. Ms. Reece answered that they are currently working with Triad Associates, a professional grant writing company and are looking to submit everything by March. Commissioner Cooper thanked Ms. Reece for her due diligence. Commissioner Pepitone stated that diploma idea is exciting.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only**

Vice Mayor Parent stated that we have now reached the Public Comment on Agenda Items Only portion of the meeting and asked if anyone would like to be heard.

Seeing nobody come forth, Vice Mayor Parent closed the Public Comment Portion on Agenda Items Only.

**Old Business**

City Clerk reported that there is no Old Business to discuss this evening.

**Discussions of Commissioners****Commissioner Cooper**

Commissioner Cooper stated he has nothing to report at this time.

**Commissioner Pepitone**

Commissioner Pepitone stated he has nothing to report at this time.

**Commissioner Udalovas**

Commissioner Udalovas stated she has nothing to report at this time.

**Vice Mayor Parent**

Vice Mayor Parent stated he has nothing to report at this time.

**New Business**

City Clerk informed there is no New Business this evening.

**Public Comment Portion**

Vice Mayor Parent opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Seeing nobody come forth, the Public Comment Portion was deemed closed.

**Resolutions**

City Clerk read Resolution 61-2020 authorizing a Closed Session regarding the following matters:

1. 200 G Street  
Contract Negotiations/Attorney/Client Privilege

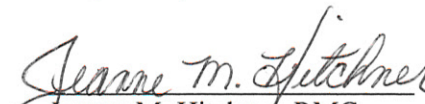
Commissioner Pepitone moved seconded by Commissioner Udalovas to authorize the Commission to go into Executive Session which was carried by the following vote: Yeas: Commissioner Pepitone, Vice Mayor Parent, Commissioner Udalovas, and Commissioner Cooper.

The City Commission left the Commission Chambers and proceeded with the Executive Session in the 4th Floor Conference Room. Upon completing the discussion, the Commissioners returned to the dais.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Commissioner Pepitone moved, seconded by Commissioner Udalovas to adjourn the meeting, subject to the call of the Chair. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jeanne M. Hitchner, RMC  
City Clerk