

City of Rockaway Beach City Council Meeting Minutes



Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Rockaway Beach City Hall, 276 HWY 101 -Civic Facility or by Zoom:

CALL TO ORDER – Sue Wilson, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

[Mayor - Sue Wilson: Present](#)
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Present](#)
[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Present](#)
[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Present](#)
[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Present](#)
[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Present](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

Hayes asked what was purchased under emergency equipment, Chief Hesse stated it was the repair of the pump on a fire vehicle.

Walhood made a motion seconded by McGinnis to approve the October 13th minutes and October 2021 check register; motion carried.

[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Motion](#)
[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: 2nd](#)
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)
[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)
[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve](#)
[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve](#)
[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve](#)

CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PRESENTATIONS, GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Undersheriff, Matt Kelly discussed the breakdown of calls during the month of September. Kelly stated that the Deputy the Sheriff's Department hired a couple of months ago is currently at the academy and the goal is to have him working by summer 2022. Kelly mentioned the department is bringing back Deputy Chris Rondeau to Rockaway Beach. Hayes asked why addresses were redacted from the run report. Kelly explained that it was done for the privacy of the residents and/or victims. So, it is a common practice not to include the addresses.

Fire Chief, Todd Hesse stated the department has focused on training this month. Hesse said 5 out of 15 of the department's air packs did not pass inspection and will determine if they are repairable or if they need to be replaced. Hesse stated Santa would be at the Fire Department on December 11th. Hesse mentioned the department would be coming up with a schedule for who will be on call during the week.

Public Works Lead, Dan Emerson stated the county awarded funding to the city for the wayfinding plan. Emerson said the improvements to the main pump station are almost complete. Emerson mentioned the department would start decorating town for the holidays on November 16th.

City manager, Luke Shepard stated City Hall would open back up to the public on November 22nd. Shepard said the city is testing the new audio and video system called the OWL. This system will allow the citizens to provide testimony and public comments remotely during public meetings. Shepard also stated the city has not received any applications for the Public Works Director/City Engineer position, but that the city was fortunate that Dan Emerson is willing to continue supervising the department through December. Shepard added that he would be reevaluating the Public Works Department staffing structure and would keep the City Council informed. Shepard said that the city is on solid footing and has an opportunity to look towards the future. He said he looked forward to working with the City Council later that night on goal setting for the next budget year.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 21-441 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ROCKAWAY BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 34 RELATING TO TRANSIENT LODGING TAXATION

Wilson opened the public hearing at 6:35pm

Wilson closed the hearing at 6:36pm

1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-441 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ROCKAWAY BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 34 RELATING TO TRANSIENT LODGING TAXATION

Hayes asked if this topic was discussed at the October meeting, Shepard said yes.

McGinnis made a motion, seconded by Martine to approve the first reading by title only Ordinance No. 21-441; motion carried.

Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Motion

Position #2 - Tom Martine: 2nd

Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Abstain

Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve

Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve

Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve

Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve

SECOND READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-441 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ROCKAWAY BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 34 RELATING TO TRANSIENT LODGING TAXATION

Cheek made a motion, seconded by Martine to approve the second reading by title only of Ordinance No. 21-441; motion carried.

Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Motion

Position #2 - Tom Martine: 2nd

Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Abstain

Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve

Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve

Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve

Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve

ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-441

Martine made a motion, seconded by Walhood to adopt and approve Ordinance No. 21-441; motion carried.

Position #2 - Tom Martine: Motion

Position #4 - Terry Walhood: 2nd

Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Abstain

Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve

Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve

Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve

Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve

APPROVAL OF TRANSIENT LODGING TAX COLLECTION INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Walhood made a motion, seconded by Hayes to approve the transient lodging tax collection intragovernmental agreement; motion carried.

[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Motion](#)
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: 2nd](#)
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)
[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)
[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve](#)
[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve](#)
[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve](#)

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 21-972 A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF TERRI MICHEL, A VOLUNTEER, RESIDENT AND EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH, TO THIS COMMUNITY AND DEDICATING THE OLD GROWTH CEDAR BOARDWALK TO HER MEMORY

Hayes made a motion, seconded by Walhood to adopt Resolution 21-972; motion carried.

[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Motion](#)
[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: 2nd](#)
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)
[Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve](#)
[Position #1 - Mary McGinnis: Approve](#)
[Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve](#)
[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve](#)

NEW BUSINESS

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON GOAL SETTING FOR THE 2022/23 BUDGET YEAR

Shepard discussed topics he felt the City should prioritize during the next budget year. The council discussed these topics and their own ideas. Shepard stated he would compile a summary for further discussion at their next meeting.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

McGinnis stated she talked about broadband with Luke and wanted to let people know it is being discussed. Walhood stated they are starting to prepare for the tree lighting ceremony and would be decorating the train soon. Wilson stated there will also be a mailbox for letters to Santa. Martine stated he saw in a magazine that Rockaway is a place to boogie board and he does not think rockaway should be advertised as a place to do that.

MAYOR'S REPORT


ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 8th
DAY OF DECEMBER 2021



Mayor, Sue Wilson



City Manager, Luke Shepard