

BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

JULY 27, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

A Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the Meeting Room at 701 Main Street, Bradley Beach, New Jersey on the above date and topic.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fox opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Sunshine Law

The meeting has been noticed publicly according to the Open Public Meetings Act requirement for the “Annual Notice” and posted on the official Municipal Building bulletin board.

ROLL CALL 6:00 p.m.

Present: Council: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
Borough Administrator, Kimberly M. Humphrey
Chief Financial Officer, Sandra Rice
Borough Attorney, Gregory Cannon
Municipal Clerk, Erica Kostyz

Council Standing Committee Implementation

Mayor Fox stated this workshop will cover the Standing Council Committee concept.

Mayor Fox continued after meeting twice with the professionals (the Administrator, the CFO, the Clerk, the Borough Attorney and one Councilman) all have decided to workshop this concept to get Council input and thought.

Administrator Kimberly Humphrey and CFO Sandra Rice explained how the Standing Committee process would work.

Ms. Rice stated her prior experience with committees allowed Council members to create good communication and provide a platform to discuss issues together providing it is two Council members at a time with a Department Head or Administrator to avoid breaking the OPMA rules.

Councilman Sexsmith asked to discuss the process flow if a resident brings up an issue to either Council or Administration or if Council has an idea or issue to discuss.

Ms. Humphrey explained how the proposed process would work.

Councilman Sexsmith asked what the advantages are of this process.

Ms. Humphrey responded multiple advantages would include Council input, knowledge/insight, and improved communication.

Ms. Rice added this process would also provide a sense of empowerment and confidence and give all of Council more awareness and input of meeting agenda items.

Councilman Sexsmith asked what the disadvantages are with this process.

Ms. Humphrey replied change and stated the current liaison system in effect now is harder and continued now would be a good time to try this with a new Administrator. Ms. Humphrey suggested testing this process and starting with passing a resolution and if this works, move forward to adopting an ordinance.

Ms. Rice added all the Committees would be set by ordinance and in her experience the Committee members change yearly by resolution.

Mayor Fox mentioned several ideas for the types of Committees to form.

Ms. Rice stated two Council people would be the standing members of each committee.

Councilman Gubitosi stated he is in favor of creating a better process and asked if the committees would also include the Mayor.

Ms. Rice replied because of the form of Government in Bradley Beach and because of the number of Council members, the Mayor would be unable to attend the committee meetings unless it is a statutory committee (ex. Finance).

Councilman Gubitosi mentioned the current liaison system goes beyond the Department Heads and inquired if Council members could continue to be liaisons to organizations outside of the Borough (ex. Sylvan Lake Committee, Fletcher Lake Committee).

Ms. Humphrey replied yes and stated there is no standard model for this plan, it can be built several different ways.

Further discussion ensued between Ms. Rice, Ms. Humphrey, the Governing Body and the Borough Attorney regarding the types of committees, number of meetings, relaying information, the efficiency of this plan, and prior experiences.

Councilman Gubitosi stated he is in favor of trying this plan.

Ms. Rice gave suggestions based on prior experience to simplify the ordinance process and its relation to the Standing Committee process.

Mr. Cannon also mentioned the advantages to Standing Committees in relation to ordinances.

Councilman Bonnell stated he is in favor of the Standing Committee process.

Councilman Weber stated he is in favor of the Standing Committee process.

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to open the Workshop to Public Comment.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Public Comment on this Workshop Discussion:

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for this workshop.

Fox/Gubitosi moved to adjourn
Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Erica Kostyz
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Municipal Clerk