

Sea Bright, New Jersey
Smart Growth Workshop
September 27, 2007
6:40 P.M.

Mayor Kalaka-Adams called the meeting to order and requested those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Borough Clerk Smeltzer read the following statement:

THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW FOR THIS MEETING HAVE BEEN SATISFIED; A COPY OF THE NOTICE WAS SENT TO THE COURIER, THE LINK AND THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, POSTED IN BOROUGH HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH CLERK ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2007.

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Long, Scriven, Mayor Kalaka-Adams, Borough Clerk Smeltzer, Attorney Arnette (arrived at 6:55 P.M. after roll call).

Absent: None.

4. INTRODUCTION: Councilman Keeler said there are three main objectives for a Smart Growth All Hazards Mitigation Plan. The Governing Body would reach agreements for identifying hazards facing Sea Bright, identifying mitigation steps Sea Bright should pursue and the best way for the Governing Body to interact with the various professionals.

5. DISCUSSION: SMART GROWTH MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PLAN and DOWNTOWN & OCEANFRONT PLAN

Councilman Keeler said regarding Smart Growth related projects the Architect/Engineer is working on an evaluation for Sea Bright's Borough Hall, Police, First Aid and Fire Department facilities.

Councilman Scriven said that the Beach Committee met with Acacia, a financial company hired to do a financial feasibility study for a Municipal Pool Facility. After the Beach Committee receives Acacia's feasibility report there will be discussions as to whether this will be a year round or seasonal Municipal Pool Facility. This study would show how much revenue Sea Bright would receive and the costs involved in building the facility. Three different architects would do schematic designs of the Municipal Pool Facility.

Councilwoman Fernandes advised that Hatch, Mott, McDonald an engineering firm said it was not advisable to run power lines from the riverfront across Ocean Avenue to Borough Hall's generator. The engineers could install a generator and pump on the right of way and another on Center Street. There would have to be an easement from Center to Beach. The Governing Body needs to decide the location for the pumps and generator. She said that it would be more appealing if the pump station was enclosed and the engineers said this was possible.

Councilman Keeler said that Sea Bright needs a Hazard Mitigation Plan to insure its resident's safety and property protection.

FEMA requires a Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible for grant money. They have specific requirements for pre-storm or post storm grant eligibility standards. Some of Sea Bright's property owners have suffered repetitive losses to their property. The National Flood Insurance has notified several property owners with repetitive losses that they will allow only one more occurrence for coverage, and then they will no longer be eligible for the National Flood Insurance plan. The state and county also have requirements for grant eligibility.

Councilman Keeler said that the 1992 storm devastated Sea Bright. If Sea Bright were to be severely damaged by back-to-back storms, the Federal and State governments may abandon the town or portions of it as in the case of the Katrina hurricane tragedy in New Orleans.

Councilman Keeler said that the Plan Creation Process would assist the Governing Body in reaching a consensus regarding all aspects of risk and mitigation.

The Council Committees would meet with the professionals of FEMA, NFIP, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Environmental Protection, Engineers, Police, Fire Department, First Aid, Emergency Management, Building Department, Planning/Zoning Board, Public Utilities, JIF, Public Works, and Department of Transportation

Councilman Keeler said that high winds, heavy waves, super high tides, snow/ice storms, thunderstorms, heavy rains, lightening are core hazards. The most dangerous consequences occur when two or more of these hazards happen within the same storm.

Councilman Keeler said that the plan's mitigation possibilities may include a Sand Replenishment Program, the Dune Grass Maintenance Program, Sea Wall Maintenance, the placement of Utility Lines underground, the strengthening of Utility Poles and or Wire Hangers, the Elevation of Properties with back fill, the Elevation of Structures, revising the building codes.

Councilman Keeler requested that the Governing Body review and recommend any changes to this plan. The next meeting for a Smart Growth Workshop would be Thursday, October 25th 7PM.

6. REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: No one wished to be heard.

7. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Governing Body Councilwoman Fernandes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 P.M. Second by Councilman Keeler and approved upon unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryann M. Smeltzer
Municipal Clerk