

**Cape May Court House, New Jersey
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSESSION AGENDA
July 2, 2018 5:00 PM (prevailing time)**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor's Announcement: I hereby declare that notice has been given to the Herald Times, the Atlantic City Press and posted on the bulletin board of the Middle Township Municipal Building, stating the time and place of the following meeting, as required in P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 of the State of New Jersey. (Sunshine Law).

Notice of this meeting was properly given in Resolution No. 21-18 entitled "Establishing Work Session Meeting Nights" which was adopted by Township Committee of the Township of Middle on January 1, 2018.

Members present are Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor DeVico, and Committeemember Donohue

Business Administrator Elizabeth Terenik, Township Clerk Kimberly Krauss, Township Engineer Vincent Orlando & Municipal Solicitor Frank Corrado

FLAG SALUTE:**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:****ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

MELJIF Legislative Alert

Kimberly Krauss, Township Clerk:

- *Explained e-mail received regarding three bills; resolution urging legislation to amend said bills will be on regular meeting agenda.*

Committeeman Donohue:

- *Briefly discussed three bills that could increase Township's liability.*

Frank Corrado:

- *Added that the bills were also opposed by the League of Municipalities.*

Mechanic & Main Streetscape Improvements

Mayor Clark:

- *Thanked residents for attendance; read statement into the record.*
- *Discussed upcoming summer concert series.*

Committeeman Donohue:

- *Explained purposed of public hearing to seek input for grant application.*

Elizabeth Terenik:

- *Provided background behind grant.*
- *Discussed openings on traffic advisory board.*

Chief Leusner:

- *Shared crash statistics for Mechanic Street in Cape May Court House.*

Vince Orlando:

- *Provided overview of conceptual plan prepared by Engineering Design Associates.*

Chief Leusner:

- *Added that pedestrian safety was also discussed.*

Vince Orlando:

- *Presented proposal to audience.*

Ms. Westcott:

- *Voiced concern with traffic on Mechanic Street as well as speeding.*

Dina Ebner, 212 Mechanic Street:

- *Reiterated same concerns as Ms. Westcott.*

Vincent Orlando:

- *Asked residents to share their views on a one-way system.*
- *Discussed signage package that would be proposed with the change in traffic pattern.*

Howard Trout, Boyd Street:

- *Spoke of agreement with beautification.*
- *Also commented on speed on Church and Mechanic Streets; would like to see traffic calming in downtown area.*

Committeeman DeVico:

- *Discussed fact that roads were built years ago; community has grown.*
- *Committee understands problems with traffic.*
- *Also commented on statistics provided by Police Chief that need to be addressed.*

Rich Kaltenstein, Hand Avenue:

- Spoke of being a new resident; doesn't believe town needs too much beautification.
- Provided views on making one-way traffic and longer sidewalks.
- Recommended looking into traffic light at Hand Avenue.

Dale Tweed, Romney Place:

- Discussed concerns with one-way traffic on Mechanic Street.

Mark Sioni, Cape May Court House:

- Asked about master plan revisit; has outdoor dining been reviewed.

Vincent Orlando:

- Discussed administrator's desire to revisit various ordinances that could address various zoning considerations; enhancements on downtown areas.

Elizabeth Terenik:

- Mentioned wider sidewalks for downtown areas.

Connie Barry, Romney Place:

- Questioned if anyone has done overlays for enhanced parking; County employees use Mechanic and Boyd.
- Commented on additional parking behind Main Street and crosswalk on Route 9.
- Proposed idea for a 4-way stop sign at various intersections to assist with traffic calming efforts.

Elizabeth Terenik:

- Mentioned report provides occupancy levels for various local parking lots.

Mike Granigan, Romney Place:

- Also mentioned being weary of one-way option; drivers use higher rate of speed on one-way than 2-way.
- Asked of Baker study taken into consideration for new Parkway entrances.
- Commented on property owned by County in front of Board of Elections building.

Kayla Morsee, Stagecoach Road:

- Spoke of wanting to see the town become more family friendly.
- Provided examples of ability for local foot traffic to reach local businesses; would like to see more "walkability".

Dennis Roberts, Boyd Street:

- Provided comparison to Collingswood area with landscaping.
- Recommended that Committee listen to local residents; believes beautification will be great for town.

Susan, North Main Street:

- Asked Committee to consider looking past Mechanic Street and connect walkability down west on Mechanic Street.

Andrew Gavett, Crest Road:

- Questioned if there are any other plans being considered other than the 2 proposed; plans based on study from many years ago.

Mayor Clark:

- Commented on desire to see different proposals with different traffic patterns.

Andrew Gavett, Crest Road:

- Spoke of need for light on Hand Avenue.

Eric Rickards, Boyd Street:

- Said he likes beautification concepts; believes bumped out curbs slows traffics but not sure about one-way efforts to slow traffic.
- Spoke of possibility of more traffic in other locations; permit parking for residents.

Vincent Orlando:

- Discussed limiting parking to help local businesses.

Jim McGill, Woodview Lane:

- Asked how bikes and bike lanes fit in.

Vincent Orlando:

- Spoke of share the road campaign.

Bob Williams, Hugit's:

- Stated that he believes that the Township needs to get back to Mechanic Street being core of the town.
- Discussed parking and speed concerns; does not believe town should explore one-way roadways nor widen sidewalks.

Ann Lecore, Acorn Lane:

- Expressed concern with bump outs narrowing streets and various other safety concerns.

Sue Carraso, Romney Place:

- Spoke of limited parking on Mechanic and effect on neighboring roads.
- Also concerned with speed on Boyd Street.

Lorraine Nichols, Doctor's Inn:

- Asked for clarification on parking concepts.
- Voiced concern with jury parking.

Lillian Wade, Whitesboro:

- *Asked if Committee has walked down Mechanic to see if these concepts will work.*

Committee:

- *Responded that they have.*

Mayor Clark:

- *Thanked everyone for attending.*

Mike Granigan, Romney Place:

- *Asked how much the grant is for.*

Elizabeth Terenik:

- *About a million dollars.*

Committeeman DeVico:

- *Asked residents to draw up concepts for committee review.*

Committeeman Donohue:

- *Thanked everyone for their input; purpose to create more attractive and accessible business district; improve quality of life.*

Resident in Audience:

- *Provided example of Lewes, Delaware and their change in traffic pattern.*

Committeeman Donohue:

- *Discussed multiple factors to take into consideration.*

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES:

Administration:

Finance:

Public Works:

Engineering:

Legal:

Tax Collection:

Tax Assessment:

Construction/Planning/Zoning:

Recreation:

Police / Animal Control/ Code Enforcement:

Buildings and Grounds:

Sewer:

Economic Development:

Personnel:

Zoning:

Township Clerk:

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Motion to Adjourn Meeting –6:05pm

1st: Committeeman DeVico 2nd: Committeeman Donohue

Roll Call Vote: Committeeman DeVico, Committeeman Donohue, Mayor Clark

Kimberly D. Krauss, Township Clerk