



## MINUTES OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2005

A Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands was held on April 13, 2005 in the public meeting room of Borough Hall, 100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ.

Mayor Donoghue called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. After a silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, the following roll call was taken: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan and Spatola. Borough Attorney Miller, Borough Engineer Elliott, and Acting Municipal Clerk Harris were also present.

Acting Clerk Harris stated that notice of this meeting has been transmitted to the Courier, continuously posted in the Borough Hall on a bulletin board reserved for such announcements and filed with the Municipal Clerk of Atlantic Highlands, on April 5, 2005. He read the "Open Public Meetings Act" compliance statement and stated that formal action would not be taken.

Mayor Donoghue began the meeting by explaining that its purpose was to receive a presentation on future visions on the Harbor and traffic flow.

Council member Nolan introduced the presenters who are members of the DOT's planning consultants, McCormick and Taylor and Helen Rubin from the NJDOT.

A meeting was February 9<sup>th</sup> with various leaders of the town, Chamber of Commerce, the Harbor Commission this Council and Engineers. After that meeting the presented original concepts. After taking our comments they have tweaked those concepts. What we are looking for here is to find ways for all of the business down at the Harbor to function properly. By revamping and reconfiguring the way the parking lot is set up that we can have a melding that is good for everyone down there, both the boaters and the commuters and the fisherman and those who dock down there. This is concept stage. They are making this presentation to the Governing Body. From there they will go to the public and the public will have an opportunity to weigh in on these things.

McCormick outlined the three main objectives of this project,

1. To see what type of parking needs, from a demand standpoint, for the various businesses. To look at the waterfront area to see how the circulations exists currently and try to figure a better way for parking. To arrange the parking and maybe look more at a grander scheme without the hindrances of the existing layout of the Waterfront.

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2. How does traffic get to and from Highway 36 and what we can do with First Ave, looking at the safety and capacity conditions along First Ave as well as the roads that connect with First Ave? Then also West and Hennessey and if this can be utilized as an alternate route.
3. What we can do in the near term to move the plan forward and get things started in the DOT pipeline process.

In May they plan to set up a Public information Center and make a final report to the Governing Body.

**ADJOURN** - There being no further business before the Mayor & Council, Councilmember Nolan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM the motion was seconded by Councilmember Ladiana, unanimously approved.

The Governing Body approved these minutes at their meeting on May 25, 2005.

Dwayne M. Harris  
Acting Municipal Clerk