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**ZIPPRICH, HORGAN, YNGSTROM: DO COUNCIL-MEMBERS SCHWABENBAUER  
AND TAYLOR SUPPORT WHELAN'S PARKING PLAN?**

RED BANK -- Red Bank Council-Members Zipprich, Horgan, and Yngstrom are calling on Councilwoman Linda Schwabenbaur and Councilman Mark Taylor to join fellow Republican Councilman Michael Whelan in announcing their positions on proposals submitted to redevelop the White Street parking lot.

Whelan announced his support for the proposals in an article published on May 18th in the Tri-City News. He has been the driving force behind the redevelopment plan, which includes proposals up to 12 stories in height with several hundred additional housing units.

Councilman Mark Taylor has been mum on the issue, refusing to support or oppose his running mate Michael Whelan's plan. In a statement released on Facebook, Councilwoman Schwabenbaur said, "we still need to work through all the options" and appeared to defer a decision to the Parking Committee, which she is not a standing member of. The proposals were received by the council on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Schwabenbaur and Taylor are the only two members of the governing body who have not provided the public with their position on the matter in the eight weeks since the proposal deadline.

In an effort to limit the over-development of historic downtown Red Bank, Democratic council-members Zipprich, Horgan, and Yngstrom announced their opposition to the proposals in a press release dated May 24th. Zipprich, Horgan, and Yngstrom cited a number of concerns including added pressure on the borough's aging infrastructure, the potential for additional students to enter the borough's severely underfunded school system, and the negative impact a 12-story high rise could have on the character of the town. Council-members Zipprich, Horgan, and Yngstrom have consistently voted against measures to advance the process relating to these proposals.

"Council-members Schwabenbaur and Taylor need to stop playing politics with the parking garage proposals and tell the residents of Red Bank whether or not they plan to move forward with a Jersey City-style high rise in our historic downtown," said Zipprich. "This sort of waffling is what frustrates people about national politics. We don't need that here in Red Bank."

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