

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Kehner, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Divney. Also attending was Mayor Desiderio, Administrator Mr. Savastano and Solicitor Mr. Baldini.

Mr. Divney called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. He then announced the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P. L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 9-9-14 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence for the troops being sent to the Syrian conflict.

The Mayor next announced that he recently spoke at a SICTA meeting; the beach fill bids have been moved to October 7, 2014 with work beginning in January/February of 2015. His final report was about the all volunteer Ambulance Corps. He explained that for over 50 years it has been voluntary, but the City is now looking at all possibilities to continue and it may include charging for runs.

The Clerk read a statement that CFO, Paula Doll certified the award of Bond Anticipation Notes that were offered on September 4, 2014 in the amount of \$7,900,000.00 to Jeffries, LLC at a net interest cost of 0.477%.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Divney announced that discussions will begin at the October 14, 2014 meeting regarding the use of the school facility after the new City Hall is complete.

ORDINANCES ~ Introduction and First Reading: Mr. Divney asked for a motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 1573 on First Reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the clerk read the ordinance by title: **1573- An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Chapter 30 Entitled “Site Plan Review” to Further Clarify When Site Plan Review May Be Waived.** Mr. Baldini explained that this will require non-food establishments changing to a food establishment go to the Planning Board for site plan approval.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1573 on first reading and forward to the Planning Board for its review. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. Mr. Divney announced second reading and public hearing will be October 28, 2014.

CITIZEN COMMENT~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

John Fee-220 43rd St: Asked about #153 and why the NJDOT is involved on Pleasure Avenue and Mr. Savastano said there is specific requirements for NJDOT aid projects and Pleasure avenue meets them.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked what is being purchased with #150 and Ms. Tighe responded mostly it includes fireworks, nails, bolts sand fence and lumber. She also asked about #149 and Mr. Savastano said it was a change in the name of the vendor.

Frauke Vogel-4405 Venicean: Asked about #151 and Mr. Savastano explained it is required for the grant we will be receiving for Landis Avenue Streetscape project.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 147 – Authorizing Approval of Vouchers
- 148 – Authorizing Release of a Performance Guarantee – Project at 4310 Central Avenue
- 149 – Amending Resolution No. 132 (2014); Authorizing Use of Tennis Fee Trust Fund (Change in Vendor – No Change in Amount)
- 150 – Authorizing the City of Sea Isle City to Enter Into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the City of Ocean City for the Purchase of Various Items
- 151 – Authorizing the City to Enter Into a Sub-recipient Agreement with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) – for Landis Avenue Streetscape from 39th to 43rd
- 152 – Authorizing Award of Cape May County Co-Op for Rock Salt
- 153 – Authorizing the Submittal of the Grant Application and the Execution of the Grant Agreement for the FY2015 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Road Program Application for the Reconstruction of Pleasure Avenue, JFK Boulevard to 53rd Street

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to approve Resolutions #147 to #153. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Savastano gave an overview of the traffic committee’s consideration of congestion issues on Pleasure Avenue, Venicean Road and the north end of Landis Ave. He said the police monitored the areas and letters were sent to the residents of Venicean for input. He went on to say that

everyone recognizes there are problems on many streets, but it is mostly limited to summer and weekends. He then outlined the recommendations; no elimination of parking on Pleasure, reduce to 15 mph and change to one-way heading south from 85th to 93rd. On Venicean, reduce to 15 mph and put a stop sign at the exit from Venicean onto 44th; the response from the residents was 3 to 1 against eliminating parking on one side. At this time there is no recommendation for Landis as there will be a meeting with the County and Upper Township.

Mr. Edwardi expressed concern with the one-way on Pleasure as it will leave only one road exiting especially during the busy turnover weekends in the summer. Mr. Kehner suggested speed limit reduction signs be put on both roads to let motorists know. Mr. Divney asked what the next step would be and Mr. Savastano said final recommendations would be made next month. Ms. Tighe suggested it be put in the newsletter.

Mr. Gibson said he agrees with 15 mph and the stop sign at 44th & Venicean, but it may require painting lines to control traffic entering from 44th. He also suggested painting parking spaces to identify where cars can be parked.

Mr. Divney asked if any other areas were going to be reviewed and Mr. Savastano said not at this time. Mr. Divney agreed that the neighborhoods are jammed and prior to the library, that area was used to put cars to ease congestion on the streets. He said he would like to find another area in the City for that purpose. Ms. Tighe suggested a \$200 parking permit allows unlimited parking anywhere. She also suggested increasing the residential parking requirements on new construction and consider re-designing the driveways. All agreed and Mr. Divney and Mr. Edwardi agreed to meet with the Administration to discuss further.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Rodney Greco-115 49th St: Said that new construction on his street has created debris that needs to be cleaned. Mr. Savastano said he would look into it, but the best way to get a street cleaned is to call public works. He then said he agreed with increasing the parking requirement on residential properties.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked if Ordinance 1573 will allow restaurants to become living spaces and Mr. Divney said no. She then said she agreed with Mr. Gibson about the stop sign entering 44th & Venicean and suggested it be both ways. She then suggested considering the “paint chip” lot on Landis be used for parking and Mr. Divney said the Company rents the space from the City.

Dick Wachter-113 59th St: Said that construction on his street left debris that needs to be cleaned and repaired. Mr. Savastano said he has been in contact with the County to get it complete and the Mayor added that he would reach out after the meeting.

Ron Del Orefice-114 53rd St: Asked why residents cannot be notified when the TI Bridge is closed and Mayor Desiderio said he is working on a way to make that happen. He also suggested alternating one-way streets on the number streets and that the no turn on red sign on Landis is too small.

John Burke-143 44th St: Suggested that the size of the units being built are the reason for the parking problems.

Dina Korber-121 90th St: Asked if it was permitted to park cars across your private driveway and Mr. Baldini said it is prohibited by State statute. She then suggested allowing for 2 spaces on the street in front of duplexes.

John Henry-119 45th St: Said that a recent AC Press article had incorrect information regarding SIC water rates and he reiterated his concerns with water conservation and asked why the old City Hall lot is overwatered so much it runs down the street. He went on to ask how the 30,000 gallon limit was developed and Mr. Divney said he would like to meet with him and discuss further. He next suggested the old City Hall parking lot is lit unnecessarily and Mr. Divney said he would look into it. His final comment was a request to allow parking at the Library when it is closed.

John Evans-237 79th St: Suggested cameras be placed on the bridges as he had two kayaks stolen and if there were cameras he may be able to identify the thieves. The Mayor said there were cameras and he will talk with him after the meeting for more details. He then asked for wind breaks at the tennis courts and complained about skunks, especially for protecting turtle eggs. Mr. Divney said animal control will set up traps and remove them. Mr. Evans next said that at the end of 79th Street at the Bay super storm Sandy knocked down a fence behind a flower box and it is now being replaced against the wishes of the neighborhood. Mayor Desiderio said there is an agreement about what can be placed there and he will check to be sure there is a fence permit issued.

Jack Sweeney-219 45th St: Said that the one-way sign at 45th & Central is behind a tree and unable to be seen.

David Cohan-5100 S. Marine Pl: Asked that more beaches be designated for volleyball after the beach fill project and suggested the City put up posts and nets.

John Burke-143 44th St: Agreed with increasing volleyball beaches and suggested the number of residential development is creating a safety problem.

Denny Kee-146 40th St: Asked if the new City Hall will have Michael Culinane’s name on it and Mayor Desiderio said yes at the Police Department.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.