

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015 - 10:00 A.M.  
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 2/10/2015 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. Vote: Mr. Kehner, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Divney – aye. Mr. Edwardi and Mr. Gibson abstained due to absence.

**REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:** Mayor Desiderio announced that due to the extreme cold weather, many pipes are breaking and encouraged residents to check their properties.

The Mayor next presented the 2015 Local Municipal Budget and the State of the City Address. He announced a zero tax increase and no increase in Water & Sewer Utility for 2015.

**REPORTS-Council:** Mr. Gibson reported that he attended a recent JIF Safety breakfast where Public Works employee, Mike Rutledge was recognized for his suggestion to have warning signs for the back of trucks.

Mr. Gibson next said he received a parking ticket in Florida and when he went to pay he learned it was a sliding scale based on how quickly it was paid, the lowest at \$37 to the highest of \$102. He suggested it be considered for Sea Isle. He also presented a brochure he picked up that gives information regarding parking and explanation for using kiosks and suggested the City consider creating the same.

**ORDINANCE-Second Reading and Continuation of the Public Hearing:** Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1575 for second reading and continuation of the public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1575 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 6 Entitled “Alcoholic Beverage Control” Relating to Regulation of Distance for Licensing Premises Upon Notice to Properties Within 200 Feet.** Mr. Divney explained the Ordinance will allow Council to waive the 1,000 ft. distance requirement between licensed alcohol premises and other licensed premises or churches.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Ken Merson-120 84<sup>th</sup> St:** Said he felt it was a bad idea to amend the Ordinance as it was changed to address quality of life issues such as noise, density and parking.

**Mike Monichetti-213 43<sup>rd</sup> St:** Strongly opposed the Ordinance as he does not feel another alcohol establishment is good for the City. He also expressed concern about distilleries for vodka and rum being opened around the State.

**Lynn Shirk-209 54<sup>th</sup> St:** Opposed the Ordinance as she expressed concern about giving the Government control over residents rights.

Mr. Edwardi said he agreed with Mr. Monichetti that it is not just beer and the laws are constantly changing or how breweries can operate.

Mr. Divney then made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1575 on second reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. Vote: Ms. Tighe and Mr. Divney – aye. Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Kehner – no. The Ordinance failed 2-3.

**ORDINANCE-Second Reading and Public Hearing:** Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1576 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1576 – A Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and by the City of Sea Isle City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,580,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,501,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost.** Mr. Divney said the Ordinance was a follow-up to the adopted Capital Plan for various items.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment on Ordinance No. 1576.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1576 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed.

**CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:** There was no public comment on the Resolutions.

Mr. Gibson asked that Resolution No. 039 be removed from the consent agenda

**RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:**

**034** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

**035** – Authorizing Use of Tennis Fee Trust Funds (\$6,451.39)

**036** – Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the City of Sea Isle City, The Borough of Avalon and Borough of Stone Harbor for Utilization of the Comcast Local Access Channel

**037** – Amending Resolution No. 014 (2015) Entitled “Authorizing the City’s Cooperating with the Sea Isle City Chamber of Commerce and Expenditure Not to Exceed \$19,845.00 for Advertising Space in the Chamber Visitors Guide and Map in Order to Publicize City Services and Events”

**038** – Authorizing a Contract Amendment for the Award of Emergency Contract at 39<sup>th</sup> (+\$100,000)

**040** – Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations

Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #034 to #038 and #040. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

**039** – Amending Resolution No. 214 (2014) “*Designating Bank Depositories*”

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #039. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed except Mr. Gibson abstained due to a conflict.

**PENDING BUSINESS:** Mr. Divney announced a Budget workshop on March 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Savastano reported that the Venician Road flooding issue is mostly resolved so that construction can begin next month. He also reported that the T.I. Bridge reconstruction remains on schedule to be completed by Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Edwardi asked about the status of the Cell Tower and Dealy Field and Mr. Savastano said it should be completed before summer recreation programs. He also said there is sand at the base of the SIC Bridge that needs to be cleaned.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Divney announced the free rabies clinic to be held on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in City Hall.

Mr. Divney next asked about the decision to change the route for the Peyton’s Promise Run in June. The Mayor asked that it be discussed at the next Council meeting when the Chief of Police will be present.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Steve Tyman-T-Shirt Crazy:** Suggested parking on Landis be changed from 3 hours to 1 or 2 hours as it doesn’t promote parking turnover for the businesses. He added that the 2015 Polar Bear Plunge was one of the best.

**Dustin Larricks-4720 Park Rd:** Said he was there to discuss his Peyton’s Promise Run and that changing the route onto the beach will be a big problem, but he will wait until the next meeting to hear the Chief’s explanation.

**Frank O’Brien-229 37<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked why 36<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup> Streets were on the project list in the newsletter in the past and now have been removed. Mr. Savastano said he would check and call Mr. O’Brien.

**Chris Glancy-4009 Landis Ave:** As President of the SIC Chamber of Commerce, he thanked everyone for a successful 2015 Polar Bear Plunge.

**Ken Merson-120 89<sup>th</sup> St:** Reiterated his previous request for Council to adopt a resolution opposing off shore oil drilling.

**Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave:** Opposed the plan for a brewery and asked why the beach replenishment is done in the summer and Mr. Divney explained it would not be the City’s choice either, but it is the best time to have it done.

**Bill Topley-5004 Central Ave:** As the proposed brewery proprietor he thanked the Council for all its efforts and for being respectful through the process.

**Mike Monichetti-4222 Park Rd:** Said while he was sad that the Autism Walk/Run was cancelled, he was happy to report that all of the food was donated to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn and go into closed session. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed and the open meeting adjourned into closed session at 11:30 a.m.

At 1:03 p.m. the closed session adjourned into open session and Mr. Kehner made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Tighe seconded the motion. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.