

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013 – 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. She then announced the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P. L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Resolution No. 146. Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Pending Litigation {Retirees vs. SIC – Docket No. CPM-C48-10 – Cape May County Superior Court and SIC vs. Weesie Corp and Louise Clemente – Docket No. CPM-C-27-10 – Cape May County Superior Court}

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 146 and go into closed session. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

At 10:00 a.m. Council President Tighe called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. She then announced the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P. L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 9-24-13 Regular Meeting. Mr. Gibson asked that the minutes include the reason he left the meeting was to attend a back bay dredging meeting in Ocean City. The clerk noted the change. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: CFO, Paula Doll provided a projected 2014 budget increase of approximately 1.5 cents or \$730,000. She explained that the contributing factors are increases in debt service, health insurance and contractual obligations. Mr. Divney expressed concern that the increases between taxes and water and sewer could be about \$4 million in a year and that now is the time to tighten the belts.

REPORTS-Council: Ms. Tighe announced that the ceiling height and % of glass ordinance will be introduced at the 10/22/13 meeting and the Police Chief will provide an update on violations, enforcement and accreditation at the 11/12/13 meeting. She also reported that she will be meeting with the Administrator and the lines/sign staff to address various concerns.

ORDINANCES-Introduction and First Reading: Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up ordinance 1555 for introduction and first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1555 – 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 \$3,100,000.00 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,945,000.00 in Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof.** Mr. Savastano provided a breakdown of the projects included in the ordinance representing the remainder of the 2013 capital plan.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1555 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be 11/12/13 at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up ordinance 1552 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1552 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 29 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Entitled “Land Use Procedures” To Reflect Necessary Changes to Conform With Current Law.** Mr. Baldini explained the State statute changed from 65 days to 20 days to appeal the decision of the zoning officer and this ordinance conforms with the statute.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on ordinance 1552.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1552 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT-Resolutions on Consent Agenda – There was no citizen comment on the resolutions.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

147 – Authorizing Approval of Vouchers

Ms. Tighe announced that the total for Resolution 147 is \$1,031,697.57. She then asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 147. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Divney asked the status of the commercial zoning ordinance committee and Ms. Tighe said she was having difficulty getting everyone available for a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe said that the Council received a letter requesting a change in the start time for construction. Currently it is 7:00 am Monday through Friday and 9:00 am on the weekends. Mr. Divney added that the complaint also was about starting prior to 7:00 am and that needs to be enforced. There was much discussion with Mr. Edwardi and Mr. Divney opposed to a change and Mr. Kehner suggesting the construction official and police provided a recommendation and Mr. Savastano agreed.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Dan Tumolo-SIC School Board: Reported that an incident with a school bus driver that concerned parents was resolved with the help of the police, the Mayor and Council.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked that the walls be painted in the council chambers/court room. She also asked that the City consider a schedule for street cleaning to ensure cars can be moved.

John Fee-220 43rd: Asked about the mixed use zoning and Ms. Tighe said she has an ad-hoc committee but is having difficulty getting a meeting scheduled. He then asked about a parking committee and Ms. Tighe said she will be meeting with the Police and past parking committee Chair, Mr. Kehner in November.

Tony Costello-92nd & Pleasure: Asked if the purchase of the load-n-pack would eliminate 3 public works employees and Mr. Savastano said no, that this is a replacement vehicle that the City has been using for some time. He then asked about the replacement of snow fence in the south end and Mr. Savastano said it will not happen until the next beach replenishment is completed.

Dina Korber-121 90th St: Asked about the closed session items. Mr. Baldini said it was regarding the litigation over the height of a gazebo and a lawsuit by retirees regarding health insurance.

Jack Moore-41 74th St: Suggested Landis Avenue should have been temporarily paved before the contractor left and the gas company opened the street on Landis at 56th & 57th after it was done and it has not been restored properly. In conclusion he complained about the lack of parking and suggested the City purchase the building next to the old City Hall and make a parking lot.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Agreed with the lack of parking and feels the 7:00 am construction start time is too early as it is inconsiderate to residents and visitors.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked what the retirees vs. SIC litigation is about and Mr. Baldini said health insurance benefits.

Irene Jamison-1500 Landis Ave: Suggested the lack of parking will kill Sea Isle. She suggested creating parking in the north end by moving sand and allowing free parking and use of the jitneys.

Mr. Savastano responded to Mr. Moore that the street opening was not the gas company it was the contractor and it will be fixed.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk