

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015 – 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

Council President Mr. Gibson called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. Mr. Gibson offered a moment of silence for Joseph Bowen, SIC Beach Patrol Captain that recently passed. He then announced the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P. L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 7-1-15 Reorganization Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. Mr. Gibson next asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 7-10-15 Special Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed, except Mr. Edwardi abstained due to absence.

The Clerk read a notice of award of bond anticipation notes offered on 7/9/15. The principal amount of \$14,000,000.00 was awarded to TD Securities; net interest of \$0.507% for a one year term. The principal amount of \$12,100,000.00 was also awarded to TD Securities; net interest of \$0.2286% for a term of 2 months.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Gibson introduced Mike Tumolo who presented the results of the recent SICTA Survey. She explained that overall the responses were favorable, with most expressing support for SICTA to continue to monitor City spending. She added that with the City's permission, SICTA would like to put an alert on its website to direct people to take the current Sea Isle survey on the City's website. In conclusion, she said that the entire SICTA Survey done by the Stockton Polling Institute can be found at www.SICTA.org.

SICTA representative Seymour Burchman, 5600 Pleasure Ave, further explained that while the responses were overall favorable, the survey indicated there are still concerns with inadequate parking, fairness of water and sewer rates, a workable solution for biking, activities for teens and spending (salaries should be more in-line with other cities and what will happen with the school property).

Larry Evans, 15 43rd St added that most are very pleased with the progress going on and that the key to always get as much information as possible.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administration: Mr. Savastano provided a beach fill update, adding that the progress is updated daily on the website. He also reported beach tag revenue is up about \$5,000 over the same period in 2014; the project at 4426 Venician is moving forward; the master plan re-exam survey was launched on 7/13/15 with about 2000 respondents thus far. A Workshop has been scheduled for Saturday 9/12/15. Mr. Savastano's final report was that the County is getting \$7 - \$8 million in Federal grant funds for the roadway reconstruction of the T.I. Bridge on the Avalon side and that a meeting will be scheduled as requested by City Council prior to bids being received. Mr. Gibson said he wanted to be sure there was the opportunity to give input.

REPORTS-Council (continued): Mr. Divney reported that the Planning Board appointed Solicitor, Tom Hillegass at its last meeting and continued discussion regarding Floor Area Ratio (FAR).

ORDINANCE-Second Reading and Public Hearing: Mr. Gibson asked Mr. Baldini to address the Planning Board recommendations. Mr. Baldini said the requested language as highlighted in Section 26-46.6 and 26-47.6: "*Lots of 95 to 100 feet in depth with existing shower encroachments into rear yards as September 15, 2015 shall be permitted to continue, maintain and rebuild said shower stall, but not increase it in size*" is not considered a major change requiring re-advertisement as it does not change the intent of the ordinance as introduced.

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1580 for second reading and public hearing as amended. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1580 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapters 26 Entitled “Zoning” to Allow for Attached Enclosed Shower Structures to Encroach Within Required Rear Setbacks.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barbara Crowley-4510 Park Rd: Complained about an illegal shower on 46th Street that has a French drain that allows the water to run from the shower into the sidewalk and street.

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1580 as amended on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

John Fee-220 43rd St: Asked for an explanation of #128 and Mr. Savastano said the State Law increased the bid threshold for purchasing goods and services without bidding from \$36,000 to \$40,000.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

123 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

124 – Declaration of Emergent Condition – Sanitary Sewer Repair at 72nd and Central Avenue

125 – Authorizing Award of Emergency Contract for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction – 72nd Street & Central Avenue (*Garden State General Construction Inc. - \$14,484.00*)

126 – Authorizing Cancellation of Sewer Excess Charges

127 – Authorizing Various Refunds of Tax Overpayments

128 - Authorizing Adjustment of Public Bidding Threshold

129 – Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement Between the City of Sea Isle City and the City of Ocean City, Cape May County, New Jersey (UCC Plumbing Sub-Code services)

Mr. Gibson next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #123 to #129. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was no pending business.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Divney said on heavy turnover traffic peaks on the weekends there is a long delay at the Parkway interchange and the restricted SIC Blvd. and suggested reaching out to the County for a Sheriff Officer or State Police to help keep the traffic moving.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Steve Tyman-T-Shirt Crazy: Said that he called the County on several occasions and has not received a call back, as he believes there needs to be a light at the parkway entrance from the boulevard or a police presence.

Mike Crowley-4520 Park Rd: Complained that there is only 1 sign on Park Road designating 25 MPH and the 46th & 47th Place bulkhead replacement projects in the winter did not replace the designated “no parking”.

Alan Fisher-122 55th St: Agreed the Blvd. needs lighting and also requested a mobi-mat at 55th Street beach.

Christina Weiler-74th St: Asked if she should tell children not to play on the dunes and Mr. Gibson said he did not see a problem with letting people know there was no trespassing on the dunes. She then complained about the private fireworks on July 4th at her beach. Ms. Tighe said she should call the police if it is excessive. Finally, she said she was upset to learn there are Portuguese man-o-war at our shores and there is no information on the website or in the newsletter. She also said she supports putting a pool at the school site.

Joan Capella-124 33rd St: Asked that the yellow painted curb in front of her property be repainted as it is not large enough for a vehicle, but people still try to park there. Mr. Edwardi suggested it may be large enough for a golf-cart vehicle. Mr. Gibson asked the Administration to look at the spot.

Mr. Gibson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned 11:07 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk