

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Divney, Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Kehner, Mr. McHale and Ms. Tighe. Also attending was Mayor Desiderio, Administrator Mr. Savastano and Toni Blough from Solicitor Baldini's office.

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. She then announced that 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 12-28-2010 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio presented the 2011 Local Municipal Budget and the State of the City Address; proudly announcing a zero increase and compliance with the Governor's 2% CAP mandate; a budget unmatched in the State of New Jersey.

REPORTS-Council: Ms. Tighe announced that the Budget Workshops scheduled for Thursday and Friday will be combined to be done at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday as Auditor, Mr. Costello will be available. She added that the Friday workshop will not be cancelled pending the outcome of Thursday's meeting.

ORDINANCES-Second Reading and Public Hearing:

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up ordinance 1494 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1494 - A Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements of the City of Sea Isle City, In the county of Cape May, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$1,600,000.00 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,520,000.00 in Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof.** Ms. Tighe provided an overview of the projects included in the ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance 1494.

She then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1494 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up ordinance 1495 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1495 - A Bond Ordinance Providing for Improvements to the Water/Sewer Utility in and by the City of Sea Isle City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey Appropriating \$315,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$315,000 in Bonds or Notes of the City for Financing the Cost Thereof.** Ms. Tighe explained that the ordinance is for Inflow/Infiltration funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance 1495.

She then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1495 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up ordinance 1496 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1496 - A Bond Ordinance Providing for Improvements to the Water/Sewer Utility in and by the City of Sea Isle City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Appropriating \$3,200,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,400,000 in Bonds or Notes of the City for Financing the Cost Thereof.** Ms. Tighe explained that the funds will be utilized for the reconstruction of Central Avenue. She added that the work will be done in the fall as the City is hopeful to receive a \$750,000 to \$1 million grant and that decision will not be made by the Federal Government until March.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance 1496.

She then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1496 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT – Consent Agenda: There was no public comment on the resolutions.

001 - Rescinding Resolution No. 294 (2010) and Adopting the 2011 Temporary Budget

002 - Re-Appointing Shannon Romano as Deputy Clerk

003 - Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

004 - Amending Resolution No. 287 (2010) to Reflect Change in Corporate Name for Risk Management Consultant

005 - Designating the Official Newspapers for the City of Sea Isle City for 2011

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #001 - #005. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mayor Desiderio announced that a meeting has been set up with the Library Director, Project Architect and any members of the initial advisory committee as requested by Council. He indicated the meeting will be 2-22-2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the council Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. McHale requested an update on the City's COAH obligations as a new law was recently passed.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked what ad-hoc committees still exist and Ms. Tighe responded Financial Advisory and Beautification. Mr. Divney added that he reported on the dissolution of the boards last year and he will forward the list to her. She then asked if the City pays interest on Bonds and Mr. Savastano indicated only after the bonds are sold and usually low rates at 3% - 4%. Her final request was a date for the landlord hearings and Ms. Blough indicated the hearing officer has not responded to availability at this time.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked for the status of the trash fees and Ms. Tighe responded a report is due sometime in February. He then asked who will replace Mr. Manganaro and was advised Mr. Savastano is the acting director. His final question was the amount of revenue from amusement park and Mr. Savastano indicated none has been received yet. In conclusion, he complained about the poor snow removal during the last storm.

Carl Lingasso-9 67th St: Asked the City to join Town Watch/Town Pride's efforts to jump start its "Light Up Sea Isle" program to encourage property owners to use low-cost lights when homes are unoccupied in the off season. Mr. McHale suggested reaching out to the police to join in the National Night Out and Ms. Tighe indicated she will set up a meeting for Carl with the City Administration.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Expressed disappointment that the Central Avenue project is not being started until the fall.

Mr. McHale suggested a leveling course on some of the blocks to smooth out the bumps. Mr. Savastano responded that patching will not improve the conditions however he will get an estimate for any overlay to be done before summer.

George Marinari-222 55th St: Asked for consideration on future meetings to not conflict with AARP meetings. He also suggested solar lighting for the TW/TP "Light Up Sea Isle" program.

Irene Jameson-1500 Landis Ave: Asked for the status of the CRS program and Mr. Savastano responded that the application was submitted to FEMA, the City is awaiting a report from the district visit and then a visit to New York to meet with the FEMA representatives will occur. She then suggested re-visiting the request to the DEP for sewer extensions in the north end.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk