

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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 Solicitor Mr. Baldini.

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 2-8-11 regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio reported that the 2010 amusement park receipts to the city will be \$41,964.00; the waiver of the yard sale fee request from revitalization for the city-wide event on 6-4-11 will be waived; the requested crosswalks at 43rd & Park Road will be installed along with the requested crosswalks on Landis Avenue in the north end and the light at JFK and Central has been re-set for a longer time period. The Mayor then announced that a meeting will be held with TI residents (87th – 93rd) on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the T.I. Firehouse to discuss a request for a one-way street. He next reported that the SIC Fire Company has been turned back to the leadership; however, Det. Rohrer continues to work with them on the updating of the bylaws. The Mayor announced that the re-scheduled Library meeting will be Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers. SJ Economic Development District Executive Director, Gordon Dahl presented the City with a check in amount of \$179,700 for improvements at Excursion Park. The Mayor proudly accepted the grant funds. The final report was the Mayor recognizing all those that participated in the successful polar bear weekend. He then left the meeting as he was invited by Gov. Christie to attend the budget address at the State House.

Mr. Savastano reported that Mrs. Feeney is looking into the State grant for tourism received by Avalon. He also addressed questions from the last meeting regarding the DEP visit to the JCP & L site due to the odor and he indicated the DEP did take samples and determined it was within the allowable parameters and not dangerous; and the promenade best case scenario will be opened mid-May. He then announced the City was awarded the Gold Safety Award by the JIF and reminded everyone about the 1:00 budget workshop later in the day. On a sad note, he announced the passing of Pattiann Ponichtera's father.

Mr. Savastano then presented the solid waste and recycling report requested by Council. He provided comparison costs to Avalon and Ocean City, both use outside contractors and discussed how the hiring freeze has reduced manpower as full time retirees have been replaced with part time permanent employees; the cost of the extra business collections, while cost effective Monday – Saturday as it is part of the normal routine, the Sunday pick-up may need further consideration of the rate structure. He did, however, agree with the resident recommendation to eliminate 2 days a week beginning the 1st weekend after Labor Day, but not the recommendation to use the trucks for plows as they are too large for the size of the streets and that as the acting director, he will continue to look at the possibility of staggered schedules to reduce overtime costs and the possibility of reducing the number of recycling pickups in the winter. He provided a hand-out that generated much discussion among council members. Mr. Edwardi reminded everyone that many of the volunteer fire and ambulance corps members are DPW employees that could be lost if contracted and the city has better control over the CDL drivers than outside contractors. Mr. Divney asked for a breakdown of the hourly costs and suggested reducing the zones from 3 to 2 in the winter, however, Mr. Edwardi cautioned that the MUA closes at 4:00 and they may not be able to finish. Mr. Kehner suggested contacting Upper Township to discuss a shared service for SIC to pick-up in Strathmere.

Mr. Baldini provided an update on the successful landlord hearings.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Divney reported that the Strathmere Ensemble concert on Sunday was very well attended.

Mr. McHale reiterated the Library meeting was rescheduled for March 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

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

018 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

019 – Authorizing the Extension of a Professional Services Contract for Ocean & Coastal Consultants

- 020 – Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee – Bend in the Bay Condos
- 021 – Authorizing Transfers of Overpayment
- 022 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Boat Ramp Reconstruction
- 023 – Authorizing the Issuance of a License to Conduct Amusement Games – Uncles Mike’s Arcade
- 024 – Authorizing the Refund of Payment for a Rental Bond
- 025 – Authorizing Use of Tennis Fee Trust Funds
- 026 – Authorizing Advertisement of Bids for 43rd Street Paving – Landis to Park, PA System on Promenade and JFK Park Improvements
- 027 – Authorizing Approval of a Raffle Application ~ St. Joseph Catholic Church
- 028 – Authorizing the Purchase from State Contract {*Playground Equipment - \$106,506.70*}

Ms. Tighe removed #027 due to a conflict of interest.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #018 - #026 & #028. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt resolution #027. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed, except Mr. McHale abstained due to a conflict.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. McHale indicated the “pink tree” on JFK in front of the public safety building has not been lit.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. McHale requested a report from the Administration on the Rental Permit inspections and enforcement process.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

John Fee – 220 43rd St: On behalf of Sea Isle Revitalization, he thanked the City for waiving the yard sale permit fee for the city-wide yard sale on 6-4-2011 and also thanked all of the city employees who assisted with the polar bear plunge weekend. In conclusion, he stated that as a realtor, he frequently gets complaints regarding the requirement of lids for trash cans and asked if there was another solution.

Don Boyle-5909 Central Ave: Suggested the City consider an independent trash study to consider outside contracting so that it can get an unbiased result. He also asked if the city has a plan in the event employees strike like what is occurring in Wisconsin and Mr. Kehner responded that municipal workers are not permitted to strike in New Jersey.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk