

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015 – 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

Council President 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 6-9-15 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano said that the City Engineer, Mr. Previti will present information regarding the affects of Floor Area Ratio (FAR) which was removed in 2010 with Ordinance 1489. Mr. Previti then gave a presentation regarding the sizes of the currently constructed buildings. He explained that the lot coverage (35%) and setbacks have not changed, but the additional height gives the perception that it is bigger, when it is really only higher. Mr. Baldini explained that the 2010 Ordinance addressed the FEMA requirements to build flood resistant structures and to remove illegal “bonus rooms” from below base flood. The Ordinance added additional height to accommodate that habitable space, but still have the City compliant to receive the 25% flood insurance discount for the residents.

There was much discussion regarding Floor Area Ratio, residential parking problems, height, mass/size and the impact on the neighborhood. In conclusion the majority of the Council recommended the issues be addressed in the Planning Board Master Plan re-examination. Mr. Divney felt that action should be taken sooner as the data indicates an average of 30 structures are built every year.

CITIZEN COMMENT: Floor Area Ratio:

Joe Meier-117 92nd St: Said that he doesn't see the relationship between FAR and FEMA requirements. The structures are much bigger and have more bedrooms, not just higher to accommodate FEMA. He also believes it de-values the existing properties.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Agreed with previous speaker and feels it's time to control the size of the buildings.

Phyllis Evans-15 43rd St: Asked if foundations must be deeper to allow for the additional height and Mr. Previti said not necessarily.

Mr. Divney asked the Administration to provide the size of the bonus rooms before FAR and Mr. Savastano said he would get the information.

Mr. Savastano continued with reports announcing the T.I. Bridge was scheduled to be open Friday 6/26/15; the beachfill operation has been completed in Strathmere and moved to Avalon. The scheduled return to the north end of Sea Isle is the second week of July. He also explained Resolution No. 111 will address the issues on Venician Road, the work will begin after 7/4/15 and should take about a week to complete.

Mr. Savastano's final report was a response to a Council request at the last meeting regarding baseball field lights at Dealy field. He said it was estimated to be \$175,000 to \$200,000 and it would be in the Capital Plan for discussion in the Fall.

REPORTS-Council: Ms. Tighe thanked the Administration for putting out the mobi-mats.

Mr. Gibson asked for a FEMA reimbursement update and Mr. Savastano said the remaining total was about \$1.2 million and \$600,000.00 is expected by the end of this year.

ORDINANCE-Second Reading and Public Hearing: Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1581 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1581 - An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 7 Entitled “Traffic” Designating Bus Stops and Making 93rd Street One Way West Bound.** Mr. Divney said the Ordinance is as the title explains.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance No. 1581.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1581 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

John Henry-119 45th St: Asked if the zoning board members in Resolution #112 are new and was told they were existing board members being re-appointed.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked for an explanation of #107 & #108 and Mr. Divney explained they were the annual Alcohol establishment license renewals.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked about #106 and Mr. Savastano explained it is the 3 year renewal of the membership in the insurance fund and the premium is based on the past claim performance.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

105 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

106 – Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Renewing Membership in the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

107 – Requesting the State to Issue Conflict of Interest ABC Licenses

108 – Authorizing the Issuance of ABC Licenses

109 – Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Service Agreement–Tennis Camps

110 – Authorizing Cancellation of Excess Sewer Charges

111 – Authorizing Award of Contract – Emergency Storm Sewer Replacement Within Easement at 4426 Venicean Road (*Garden State General Construction, Inc. \$35,852.00*)

112 – Re-Appointing Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustments

113 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Kayaks (To Follow – Bid Opening 6/19/15)

Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #105 to #113. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Divney announced the next meeting will be the re-organization on July 1, 2015 at 12:00 noon at the Excursion Park Bandshell.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Divney said that he understood the T.I. Bridge will again close this winter to do the roadway repair on the Avalon side. He suggested a meeting with the County and Avalon to discuss ways to reduce the amount of time it will be closed. Mr. Gibson agreed and Mr. Savastano said he would make the arrangements.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

John Henry-119 45th St: Regarding building height, he said his home is over 100 years old at elevation 7ft and in the 1962 and 2012 storms he did not get water damage. He also agreed that FAR would help reduce the size of the structures because everything is being built to rent out, no families are moving into the City.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned 11:35 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk