

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012 – 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. McHale, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Kehner. Also attending was Mayor Desiderio, Administrator Mr. Savastano and Solicitor Mr. Baldini. **Absent:** Mr. Divney & Mr. Edwardi.

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

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 4-24-12 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio announced today is Community Day and will begin with the bike auction at 10:00 a.m. followed by activities at the Lodge 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. He also announced that beach tag sales are up \$177,000 over the same time last year, the Turtle Party will be at the Lobster Loft on 5/20, and the Memorial Day celebration will be at 10:00 a.m. The Mayor also complimented the various new bike racks around town and suggested there be more to encourage bike use.

The Mayor then requested an ordinance regulating flyers, phone books etc. that are left at unoccupied homes.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Kehner announced that NJ Transit will discontinue service in Sea Isle effective today. Mr. Savastano added that the problem is the weight limit on the TI Bridge and that once the work is completed, NJ Transit has indicated it would be using the route again.

Mr. McHale added that the Environmental Commission Turtle Party will be from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. He also announced that Bob Thibault provided a report regarding the beach cleanup that identified the number of items that were found.

Mr. Kehner announced that Jim Bennett hosted a “Hero Campaign” yesterday that included all of the Tavern Owners and sponsored by the NJ Licensed Beverage Association. He also announced the Garden Club Flower Sale is today at the school and the turtle sculpture should be here this week.

ORDINANCES – Introduction and First Reading:

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 1521 on first reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1521 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinance of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 4 Entitled “General Licensing” to Further Regulate Jitney, Taxicabs and Limousine Services Within the City.** Mr. Baldini explained that adds a \$4.00 fee after 11:00 pm and removes the DOT requirement that the City learned was unnecessary.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1521 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda: There was no public comment on resolutions 088-097.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 088** Authorizing Change Order – Excursion Park, Phase II
- 089** Authorizing Award of Contract for Pipe & Fittings
- 090** Authorizing the Approval of a Raffle Application for VFW Post 1963
- 091** Authorizing Release of Rental Bond Money
- 092** Authorizing Change Order No. 2 – Sea Isle City Marina Site & Landscape Improvements
- 093** Appointing Shannon Romano Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics
- 094** Authorizing Various Refunds of Overpayments
- 095** Authorizing Change Order No. 1 – Sea Isle City Public Marina Phase II, 42nd Place- Lighting Improvements
- 096** Authorizing Use of State Contracts for Purchase of Police Radio’s & Narrow Banding
- 097** Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adopt resolutions #088 to #097. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was no pending business.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe announced that she spoke with the Administrator regarding surf chairs and she learned the City has nine (9) chairs, hoping to purchase a couple more and are reviewing the policy for using as they are very popular.

Mayor Desiderio thanked the VFW for the flags along Landis Avenue.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Francis McDonnell-124 – 34th St: Reiterated a previous complaint regarding what he believes as illegal stairs on his neighbors property. He was before council about 7 weeks ago and has not been contacted as promised. Mr. Savastano indicated he believed the issue was resolved and that he will make sure he is contacted.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Suggested the flag in Council Chambers be cleaned. He also complained about the overgrown property at 44th and Landis and asked when the Gazebo matter will be heard. Ms. Tighe said she gave code enforcement a list of unkempt properties and that was included and Mr. Baldini said the Judge changed the 5/9 date to 5/30/2012.

Dina Korber-121 90th St: Stated she had a over-grown property on her street and asked who she should call. Mr. Kehner said Brien Teefy or call the police dispatch.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Suggested increasing the number of signs regarding pedestrian crossing.

Joe McDevitt-25 66th St: Provided an overview of the recent SICTA survey highlighting a few issues such as the website only indicates recyclables (i.e. not trash too) can be dropped off at the transfer area, the City should consider uniform trash cans that can be used by a trash truck with an arm to pick-up. Also city-wide WIFI was suggested, but Mr. McHale informed him that the Library considered it, but it was too complicated and expensive. Regarding Cable, it was suggested considering other options and one member asked to come before council to make a presentation and all agreed to have him come to the next meeting.

Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave: Complimented the Central Avenue contractor on the clean-up after work was completed for the summer.

George Marinari-222 55th St: Regarding cable, he advised that Comcast will negotiate the cost.

Michelle Klacik-204 46th St: As a neighbor of the school she asked what will happen to the property now that it is closing. Mr. Savastano said the school will be done 6/30/2012 and the City will get the property and continue to use the gym and other activities such as lifeguard muster. The plan is to do a facilities study to determine the best use of the property along with public meetings. She requested Saturday or Night meetings as most of the neighbors are non-resident taxpayers. Mr. Kehner added that questions and concerns can always be e-mailed to Council or City representatives.

Chris Donohue-225 56th St: Complained that the information booth where she works on the promenade is in need of an update.

George Marinari-222 55th St: As President of AARP, he asked that the group be allowed to meet at the Lodge and not be moved to the school.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk