

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015 – 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY HALL – 233 JFK BLVD.**

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

Council President Gibson called the meeting to order and announced the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. Mr. Gibson then asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and to remain standing for a moment of silence for long-time Sea Isle Resident and past Public Relations Director, Dr. Irene Jamison who passed away earlier in the day.

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 9-22-2015 Regular Meeting and approve the 9/22/2015 closed session for content only. Motion moved by Ms Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administration:

Administrator Mr. Savastano reported that the dredge for the beach fill has been returned after repairs and began operations at 88th Street on Sunday heading South. He added that the impact of the recent storm is being reviewed by the Army Corps for possible sand replacement.

He next announced that there will be a Capital Plan Workshop on 10/27/2015 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers. Mr. Gibson asked if projects could be brought to the table by Council members at the workshop rather than in advance and Mr. Savastano said yes.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Divney announced that the Master Plan survey received about 3,600 responses and the results will be presented to the Planning Board at a Special Meeting on Thursday, 10/15/2015 at 7:00 pm. Additionally, the survey will be discussed at the 10/24/15 workshop at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Lodge.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

John Henry-119 45th St: Asked for an explanation of #166 and Mr. Savastano explained that the City, along with many other municipalities, filed a declaratory judgment regarding COAH and this will be Sea Isle's cost for amending its fair share element.

Mike Davis-46th Pl: Regarding Mr. Savastano's report on the beach fill, he asked if the contractor could be held accountable for the late completion and Mr. Gibson said no, that they are still within the contracted completion time.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 162** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 163** – Certifying the Governing Body Reviewed the 2015/2016 Best Practice Inventory
- 164** – Authorizing Refund of Unused Escrow Monies
- 165** – Authorizing Award of Contract – 80th Street Bulkhead Return and 93rd Street Bulkhead
{*Colonnelli Brothers, Inc. ~ \$199,880.00*}
- 166** – Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Shared Service Defense Agreement for the Purpose of Retaining a Common Expert in the Declaratory Judgment Action and an Amendment to Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement to Retain an Alternate Expert Between and Among the Members of the Municipal Group to Provide a Realistic Opportunity for its Fair Share of the Region's Affordable Housing Needs in Accordance with the Mount Laurel Doctrine (*not to exceed \$2,000*)
- 167** – Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Make a Deposit into "Fitzgerald & McGroarty, Mt. Laurel Litigation Escrow Account" the Sum of \$2,000 as so Ordered by the Court in the September 28, 2015 Initial Case Management Order Executed by Judge Nelson C. Johnson
- 168** – Authorizing Participation in the National Co-Op Purchasing Agreement with Houston Galveston Area Council "H-GAC" for the Remaining 2015 Calendar Year and the Calendar Year 2016
- 169** – Authorizing the City's Participation in the "H-GAC" of Governmental National Co-Op Purchasing Program for Contract #FS12-13, Acquisition of One (1) Ferrara HD77 Rear Mount Aerial Ladder Truck for Use by the Fire Department

Mr. Gibson next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #162 to #169. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was no pending business.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Divney reiterated the communications concern regarding the Avalon closing of the T.I. Bridge during the storm. Mr. Savastano said that both Avalon and Sea Isle police put it on their facebook page and encouraged residents to call the police if there is a question. He added that, unfortunately, reverse 9-1-1 takes too long to launch. Mr. Divney suggested putting those instructions in the e-newsletter.

Mr. Divney next asked about a complaint regarding the 8600 Landis Avenue construction and Mr. Savastano said that a lawsuit has been filed against the City. Mr. Divney then asked for a closed session to discuss and Mr. Gibson suggested that Mr. Divney may be able to have his questions answered by the Administration without a closed session.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Asked for a clarification of the upcoming meetings and Mr. Gibson explained on 10/24/15 at 10:00 at the lodge, there will be a Master Plan re-exam workshop and on 10/27/2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers there will be a Capital Plan Workshop. She next complained about the flooding at 46th and Central and after the storm the beach sand at the 55th street entrance was at least 2 ft. high.

John Evans-237-79th St: Suggested residents giving exact address may be a privacy issue. He then explained that the skunk problem in Sea Isle is threatening the turtle population as they are eating the eggs and calls to the Police/Animal Control have been advising they will not trap them. He next addressed the T.I. Bridge Closing and in particular when it will be closed this winter for an extended time frame as he does not use facebook and asked why the information will not be put on the website. All agreed that the closing will be announced on all media outlets available to the City. Mr. Evans then expressed concern that Council is not addressing the Floor Area Ratio zoning issue until the Master Plan Re-Exam to be completed next year as he feels the need is immediate due to the applications coming before the Boards. In conclusion, he asked how members of the public can access minutes of closed sessions and Mr. Gibson said they are kept in the Clerk's office in a book.

Barbara Crowley-4520 Park Rd: Regarding the turtle eggs, she said the Wetland Institute will provide a wire mesh to put over the nest for protection.

Mike Crowley-4520 Park Rd: Suggested the storm drain at the new bulkhead at 46th Place needs to be cleaned or adjusted as the water now backs into the street.

Dick Weiner-4000 Pleasure Ave: Suggest the 25mph along Pleasure Avenue be enforced all the time, not just in the summer.

Mr. Gibson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All eyes followed and the meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk