

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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 1-25-11 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio presented 3rd Grade Sea Isle City student, Rebekka Bretzke with the honor of "Jr. Citizen of the Year". Rebekka has been chosen as the "face" of the 2011 Girl Scout Cookie Campaign and will be on billboards throughout the State. He also presented a plaque from the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The Mayor next reported that he took the "Friends of Tracey Hottenstein" around to various locations for a memorial plaque and was inspired by the Fean Sister's suggestion to place a pavilion at the marina. He then announced that the City received notification from the State that it will be receiving \$205,000 grant for the paving of JFK to Central Avenue. Mayor Desiderio next announced that the "Sit and Be Fit" program has requested another day and he will be asking recreation to facilitate that. His final reports were that after urging from the City, JCP & L has discontinued the cleansing process that was creating the strong odor, the Fire Company interviews are complete and the leadership will be restored and the end of the week.

Mr. Savastano announced that he will be providing the trash and recycling report at the next meeting and that a new website design will be launched this week.

REPORTS-Council: Ms. Tighe asked for the status of grant funds for the entertainment complex and the Mayor indicated radio station 98.7 will be broadcasting live and advertising during the week at no cost to the City as they will get sponsorships.

Mr. McHale indicated Avalon received a grant from the State Tourism department and asked if the City is seeking those funds. Mr. Divney indicated it was the chamber of commerce and the Mayor responded if funds were available, the city will go after them. Mr. McHale next asked about the status of the State Forestry grant for \$30,000 and Mr. Savastano responded that a Forestry Management Plan must be prepared and there is money in the 2011 budget to do that before any grant funds can be applied for. Mr. McHale next announced that the beautification committee has provided a design to the administration for the North End entrance.

Ms. Tighe announced that she and Councilman Kehner will be meeting with the Chairs of the Planning and Zoning Boards on March 29th to discuss various issues and to set an agenda for a public workshop sometime in April. She then stated that while the "Friends of Tracey Hottenstein" have resolved the memorial issue, she is continuing with the plan for a committee to discuss other memorial ideas to be headed by Mr. McHale and Mr. Edwardi. Ms Tighe went on to announce that a budget workshop has been scheduled for 1:00 pm on 2/22/11, the polar bear plunge on 2/19/11 and the Strathmere Ensemble will perform at 4:00 pm on 2/20/11 and that during the week of June 4, Revitalization and the Chamber will sponsor restaurant week and the Fish Alley Festival.

Ms. Tighe also asked about the status of the retiree's lawsuit and the Muller lawsuit. Mr. Baldini indicated the retiree's suit has been approved for mediation and are awaiting a date and that Frank Cook has completed his report and if council wants to review it, it is available in city hall.

Regarding the Polar Bear parade, Mr. Kehner provided an explanation of the route and the placement of signs for the event.

RESOLUTION #010 – Introduction of the 2011 Local Municipal Budget. The clerk read the resolution by title. Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt resolution #010 and introduce the 2011 budget. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be 3-15-2011 at 6:00 pm.

ORDINANCES-Introduction and First Reading: Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 1497 for first reading. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1497 - Calendar Year 2011 Ordinance to Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limit and to Establish a CAP Bank.** CFO, Mrs. Doll explained that since the budget appropriates less than the 2% allowable CAP, the State allows municipalities to "bank" the unused portion.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1497 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be 6:00 pm on 3-15-2011.

CITIZEN COMMENT – Consent Agenda:

Dave Helfrich – 21 36th St: Requested an explanation of #013 and Ms. Tighe read the list of entertainers that will perform.

- 011** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 012** – Amending the 2011 Temporary Budget
- 013** – Authorizing Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Entertainment Performance Agreement *{ \$79,900.00 }*
- 014** – Authorizing Cancellation of Utility Billing
- 015** – Authorizing the Advertisement of Bids – Printed Sports Clothing, Ice Cream/Water Franchise (2years), Beach Concession Area #3 (2 years), Kayaks Franchise Areas 1 & 2 (2 years each area), Landscaping at Base of JFK Bridge
- 016** – Amending Resolution No. 253 (2010) Entitled “Accepting the Recommendation of the Tourism Commission and Department of Community Services to Enter into Agreements with Certain Vendors for Advertising commercials and Promotional Media for the Year 2010/2011”
- 017** - Authorizing the Award of Contract for 47th Place Bulkhead Reconstruction *{ \$133,644.03 }*

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #011 - #017. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe announced that there will be a Library meeting at 9:00 a.m. on 2-22-11 in Council Chambers.

Mr. McHale asked when the promenade will be opened and Mr. Savastano responded it will be before Memorial Day; however, he will get a definite date. Mr. McHale next asked about the status of the Maser I/I study and Mr. Savastano indicated City Engineer, Mr. Previti has indicated it should be within the next month, and will got out to bid soon after. Mr. McHale also questioned the result of the soil testing at the landfill for dredge disposal and Mr. Savastano explained the DEP is doing the testing and that he has not received any results, however the city is moving ahead on correcting the erosion problem and doing the environmental work prior to 4/1 when all work must stop due to nesting birds. Mr. McHale’s final question was if the Frank Cook report was received and Ms. Tighe said yes and that council may read it in city hall.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

John Fee – 220 43rd St: On behalf of Sea Isle Revitalization, he announced that it is planning a city-wide yard sale on 6-4-2011 and asked the city to waive the yard sale permit fee. He next asked the status of the information center design and Mr. Savastano indicated conceptual planning is moving forward, however this year it will be the same locations.

Dottie Fean-350 44th St: Presented a petition with 165 signatures opposing the information center at the community lodge.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Stated the DEP tested the water at the JCP&L site and asked if the city knew of the results and Mr. Savastano indicated he would find out.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked if the cost of the extra trash pickups will be included in the trash study and Ms. Tighe said yes. He also asked if the landlord hearings are still scheduled for 2/17 and was advised yes. His final question was the amount of the amusement park revenues and Mr. Savastano indicated the city has not received anything in writing, but he understands it should be around \$40,000.

Steve Hansbury-5712 Central: Regarding the paving of Central Avenue, he requested residents be kept informed, an additional stop sign be installed at the Dealy Field playground and complained that the light at JFK and Central is too short. Mayor Desiderio indicated he would discuss the timing of the light with the County engineer.

Irene Jameson-1500 Landis Ave: Announced that she and Jim Bennett will be on the Pinky Show Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. Regarding the north end issues, she asked if the meeting with the DEP is being set up regarding sewer installation and Ms. Tighe said Mr. Savastano is working on that, however, the residents must be made aware of the cost per household and she agreed. She next reiterated her request for pedestrian crossways at 4th, 10th, 16th and 22nd on Landis and Mr. Savastano said he would have the police chief follow-up with the County Engineer. Her final request was removal of the mobi-mats in the north end over the dunes as step walk-overs are better due to the height of the dunes.

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 11:12 a.m.