

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

Mr. Divney called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. 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 7-22-14 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano reported that beach tag revenues are up approximately \$20,000 over the same time period for 2013.

Mr. Savastano next provided an update on the 100% funded Federal Beachfill project scheduled to begin in early 2015. He explained that the beaches will generally be about 200 to 300 feet wider at high tide and all access pathways will have a hard packed gravel access with a new stair walkover at 12th Street.

Mr. Divney asked about mobi mats and Mr. Savastano said they will not be necessary over the dunes due to the hard gravel pathway, but they may be needed to extend onto the beach towards the water. Mr. Edwardi asked if the City will have to maintain the pathways and Mr. Savastano said yes. Mr. Kehner suggested every beach have a mobi mat and Mr. Divney asked the Administration to be prepared to make a mobi mat recommendation during the capital plan discussion.

The City Clerk read a Bond Anticipation Note award announcement for the CFO in the principal amount of \$18,600,000.00. The note was awarded on July 15, 2014 to Jeffries LLC for the net interest cost of 0.345%.

REPORTS-Council: There were no Council reports.

CITIZEN COMMENT~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

John Fee-220 43rd St: asked for an explanation of #133 & #134 and Mr. Savastano explained that a private bulkhead deteriorated and it affected the storm drainage pipe that is on the property with a City Easement. The resident is getting the bulkhead repaired, the City is declaring an emergency to repair the storm drain at the same time.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 129** – Authorizing Approval of Vouchers
- 130** – A Resolution Whereby the City of Sea Isle City, as Grantor, Conveys a Grant of Conservation Restriction Easement to the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection
- 131** – Authorizing Execution of a Deed of Dedication and Perpetual Storm Damage Reduction Easement Required for the Great Egg Harbor Inlet to Townsends Inlet, New Jersey Project, Providing Easements for the City Properties Identified as Block 95.02 Lots 22, 23, 24 and 51 on the Official Tax Map for the Project
- 132** – Authorizing Use of Tennis Fee Trust Funds (\$35,547.01)
- 133** – Declaration of Emergency at 4426 Venicean Road – storm drainage in conjunction with private bulkhead replacement
- 134** – Authorizing Award of Emergency Contract at 4426 Venicean Road (\$23,225.00 *Walters Marine Construction*)
- 135** – Authorizing Award of Contract for the Purchase of 2015 Peterbilt Refuse Truck (\$175,750.00)
- 136** – Authorizing a Review of Compliance with Prior Annual Continuing Disclosure Obligations and Participation in Securities and Exchange Commission’s Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative
- 137** – Authorizing Cancellation of Sewer Excess Charges

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to approve Resolutions #129 to #137. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Baldini presented a draft ordinance that would allow the Planning Board to waive requirements for site plan review under certain circumstances and as long as all standards are met, the application could request the zoning officer review or the Planning Board review. Mr. Divney indicated that the guidelines requested were to be about non-food to food business. There was much discussion regarding new construction site approvals and if food establishment were approved vs. older establishments going from retail to food or vice-versa. Ms. Tighe felt that all non-food to food should go to the planning board so that the neighbors have opportunity to express concerns, but all agreed that the process can be stream-lined especially if it is new construction. Mr. Kehner also suggested requiring a 200 ft notice even if the Zoning Officer is reviewing the application. In conclusion, Mr. Divney said he will meet with Mr. Baldini and draft a new

ordinance. Mr. Gibson asked that the site plan review application checklist be placed in Council mailboxes for review.

Mr. Divney asked for an update on the Administration's traffic committee. Mr. Savastano said the committee is looking at issues in the north end of Landis Avenue, Pleasure Avenue and Venicean Road. The goal is to ensure safety and any changes will require the elimination of parking. He said he would keep the Council updated as the Committee meets.

Mr. Divney asked about beach signs and Mr. Savastano said that a report will be presented in September regarding beach signage.

Mr. Divney questioned if a decision has been made regarding a request for cross-walks on Central, Landis and Pleasure Avenues and Mr. Savastano said a recommendation will be ready for the Capital Plan discussion.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Kehner complained about bicycles having the same rules as vehicles and due to safety issues, the rules need to be amended or enforced.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Mike Davis-361 46th Pl: Asked if new construction requires notice of residents within 200 ft. and Mr. Divney said only if the application had to go to the Planning or Zoning Boards. Mr. Davis next complained that radar enforcement needs to be done on Park Road and Pleasure Avenue as there is too little enforcement on speeding.

Dina Korber-121 90th St: Agreed with Mr. Kehner that bikes are a problem. She also complained that parents do not pay attention to their children and asked about the hard pack gravel pathways on the beaches and Mr. Divney said they will be like the ones in Avalon if she wanted to check them out.

Allen Fisher-122 55th : Complained that people rent their properties without rental permits and there is no enforcement and suggested the street sweeper be put on a schedule so that cars could be off the street and Mr. Divney said it had been reviewed in the past and it is not feasible.

Joe Meier-117 92nd St: Asked about debt service and Mr. Divney said it is approximately \$100 million for both general and water & sewer funds. He next asked the Council's position on Governor Christie's pension reform and if Sea Isle is seeking additional shared services agreements. Mr. Divney said that pension reform is an individual, political opinion and Ms. Tighe said this Council has been supportive of pension reform since evidenced by the reduction of staff since 2007. Mr. Edwardi and Mr. Gibson added that the Governor has not identified what his plan for reform is and what he is recommending. Mr. Savastano said the City is always seeking shared services.

John Henry-119 45th St: He reiterated his concerns that Sea Isle does nothing to promote water conservation. He also suggested signs be placed on the jetties and better pedestrian signs for the crosswalks. Mr. Henry then asked if the beach exercise class has a permit and was told yes. In conclusion, he complained that police cars drive too fast and parking is such a problem, he would be opposed to any plan that removes it.

Dolly Mount-114 33rd St: Agreed with Mr. Kehner that mobi mats should be placed at every beach.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk