

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015 - 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

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 2/24/2015 Regular Meeting and 2/24/2015 closed session for content only and the Budget Workshop of 3/2/2015. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio reported that he met with the organizers of the Peyton's Promise Run as discussed at the last meeting and the route will remain the same for 2015.

Savastano announced that the beach fill mobilization of equipment will begin this week. He added that as information is updated, it will be posted on the website. He next reported that the Venician Road issue has been resolved and a resolution to award the contract will be on the 3/24/15 agenda. Mr. Savastano also said that the CMC Engineer has confirmed that the T.I. Bridge will be opened by mid-May. Mr. Divney suggested changing the sign that indicates 4/30/15.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Edwardi thanked the Mayor for having the sand at the base of the bridge cleaned, but suggested the curb area be painted yellow instead of using the orange cone.

ORDINANCE-Introduction and First Reading: Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1577 for introduction and first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1577 - Calendar Year 2015 Ordinance to Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank.** Mr. Savastano explained the annual ordinance allows municipalities to "bank" CAP dollars that are unused.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1577 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed. Mr. Divney announced second reading and public hearing will be 4/14/15.

RESOLUTION #040 – Introduction of the 2015 Local Municipal Budget. The clerk read the resolution announcing the amount to be raised by taxation is \$15,807,189.36 and that the second reading and public hearing will be 4/14/2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Divney announced there was no tax rate increase, but that another workshop may be scheduled before adoption.

Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #040, introducing the 2015 budget. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

John Fee – 220 43rd St: Asked about #044 and Mr. Kehner explained the CMC MUA requested the resolution opposing a bill that will give funding to landfills that are not compliant, thereby penalizing ones that are.

John Evans-237 79th St: Asked what type of vehicle is being purchased in #043 and Mr. Savastano had a picture of the small vehicle used for grounds maintenance and the recreation fields. Mr. Evans also had questions regarding how the tennis fee trust was funded and Mr. Savastano explained tennis fees, all recreational camp fees and some parking fees.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

041 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

042 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Ice Cream Products and Water Franchise on the Beach

043 – Authorizing Use of Tennis Fee Trust Funds for Award of State Contract Purchase of Utility Vehicle – Kubota RTV500-A

044 – Opposing New Jersey Senate Bill S2076/Assembly Bill A3358 Regarding Class I Renewable Multiplier Program for Unprofitable Landfill Gas to Electricity Facilities

045 – Authorizing the Award of Non-Fair and Open Contract for Hearing Officer

046 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1, Improvements to Water Supply System for Well and Well House No. 9

047 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Tower Lease Agreement for Wireless Communications Site Located at 142 39th Street (39th Street and Central Avenue) Between T-Mobile Northeast LLC and the City of Sea Isle City

Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #041 to #047. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Divney next addressed a resident's request to adopt a resolution opposing off-shore drilling. Mr. Kehner said that it was recently addressed at the CMC League of Municipalities due to the value of the beaches and the damage that an oil spill would do. Mayor Desiderio said the Freeholders also adopted a resolution. All agreed to put a resolution on the 3/24/15 agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Divney a draft ordinance that would regulate vehicles for hire; specifically ordering cabs via the cell phones, much like the popular "Uber" taxis. The ordinance would require the vehicles to purchase a license to operate. Police Chief D'Intino added that the goal is to regulate who is operating in the City. All agreed to introduce the ordinance at the 3/24/15 meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

John Henry-119 45th St: Suggested that some new handicap curb cut outs (45th & Central and 45th & Pleasure) are lower than the drains which is causing a problem. Mr. Savastano said he would look into it.

Anthony Edwardi 7200 Central Ave: Expressed concern over the plan to allow a cell tower at Dealy Field. He expressed concern that residents within 200 ft. were not notified properly, that the construction must be such that it cannot fall over and there are videos nationwide showing them going up in flames. Mr. Divney and Mr. Savastano said that all of the information presented to Council and the Planning Board will be brought back to a future Council meeting. Ms. Tighe said that in the past there have been presentations to the Council regarding the cell antennas on the water towers and there is no evidence that there is a health issue. Mr. Savastano agreed adding that all of the information will be presented at a future meeting.

Christina Weiler-74th St: Asked if Resolution #047 is the tower Mr. Edwardi was talking about and was told that was for cell antennas that are on the water towers. She said she did not know they were on the water towers and said the city should get rid of all of them.

John Klacik-204 48th St: Said he also has concerns with the tower and had questions regarding the lease agreement and Mr. Divney said he would be sure all of his questions will be answered. He also expressed concern with the environmental impact on migrating birds, proven health effects, construction/footings and lowering property values. In conclusion, he said it is futile to battle Verizon, but the "Evesham Law" may still be on the books that prohibited the towers.

Councilman Edwardi interjected that he did not know the City would own the tower and "shame on us" for not paying closer attention to the issue and he does not want the tower to be installed at Dealy Field.

John Evans-237 79th St: Asked that the Sea Isle Blvd. project updates be included in the e-newsletter.

Brian Heritage-102 37th St: Asked if there was another location the pole can be installed other than the recreation field, i.e. the landfill in the North end. Mr. Divney explained that Verizon has indicated during the summer peak season, the amount of data and calls has a "drop" area in the center of town.

Christina Weiler-74th St: Asked how bicycles will operate on the Blvd. during construction and Mr. Savastano said they are prohibited.

John Fee-220 43rd St: Regarding the proposed Ordinance amendment to vehicles for hire, he said there is a need for transportation into and out of the City. Mr. Divney reiterated that the Ordinance amendments is to regulate not to eliminate.

Mike Monichetti-4222 Park Rd: Said that he recalls the meeting when the information was presented and it was discussed that the FCC regulations allow the pole to go anywhere.

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 11:08 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk