

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 08, 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, Mayor Desiderio, 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 6-24-14 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio reported that the July 4th weekend and fireworks were a success, even with the postponement due to the hurricane. He then announced that there is a fashion show at Excursion Park this evening and the baby parade will be July 16, 2014 at 6:30 pm on the promenade.

Mr. Savastano announced the City has received preliminary approval for a streetscape grant for Landis Avenue 39th to 43rd Streets to include sidewalks, lights and benches. He added that final approval is expected shortly and work is planned to begin in October.

Mr. Savastano next reported that beach tag sales are up about \$22,000 over the same time last year.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Gibson congratulated the City for handling the hurricane weather and getting the City back in order for the July 4th weekend. He also said that he attended the benefit for Jim Romano over the weekend and thanked all involved as it was a nice event coordinated by City employees.

CITIZEN COMMENT~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked for an explanation of #118 and Mr. Savastano explained it was a 10 ft. easement for a property adjacent to the 50th street well. The easement allows the homeowner to use, landscape and maintain it.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

117 – Authorizing Approval of Vouchers

118 – Authorizing a License Agreement for Maintenance and Landscaping of Lot 930.02 Owned by the City of Sea Isle City in Favor of the Owner of Lot 930.01 to Allow the Owner of Lot 930.01 to Landscape and Maintain Lot 930.02

119 – Authorizing Various Refunds of Overpayments (Tax overpayments)

120 – A Resolution to Amend No. 108 (2014) to Clarify Emergent Need of the Sea Isle Ambulance Corporation for a Stipend Program

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to approve Resolutions #117 to #120. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Savastano distributed proposed changes regarding the site plan application process and/or waiver by the Construction Official. After much discussion, Council expressed concern the Planning Board application may be too cumbersome. Also discussed was new construction that gets approved by the Planning Board for Commercial, but if the unit becomes a food establishment there is concern with neighbors, intensity, exhaust systems etc. Ms. Tighe suggested especially in the mixed use zones, the neighbors should have the right to voice concerns to the Planning Board. Mr. Divney agreed as did Mr. Gibson who suggested developing a lesser application process before introducing an ordinance. Mr. Edwardi added that there should be some criteria for existing food establishments that remain closed for some time, i.e. Vince's; while it may not have to go to the Planning Board, there should be some certification that the exhaust is cleaned due to a potential fire hazard. In conclusion, all agreed that Mr. Baldini will provide alternative application processes that he has gathered from other municipalities and the Administration will come back with some recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Jeffrey Snyder-233 57th St: Asked who he should contact regarding sidewalk problems and Mr. Savastano said to call the Construction Office and if it is not that Office, the Code Enforcement Office.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Thanked the Council for getting the room painted.

Karen Stollar-24 56th St: Complained about parking issues and handicap spaces on 56th Street; specifically that the handicap spot is not used properly. Mr. Divney suggested the Police investigate the problem.

Alan Fisher-122 55th St: Suggested parking spots be lined on the side streets to delineate where cars can park. He also complimented the fireworks, but complained about too much drinking on the beach at 55th Street and the CVS trash cans always overflowing with trash.

Mr. Divney asked about painting spaces and Mr. Savastano said more parking is not gained by doing it. Mr. Baldini added that a space needs 22 feet, so now 4 small cars may be able to park, but with painted 22 foot spaces, only 3 may fit.

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 10:38 am.