

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

Council President Kehner called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. He then announced that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P. L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 12-27-12 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano announced that the Mayor will not be present as he is attending a funeral. He had no other reports.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Kehner announced the Mayor will present the 2013 budget at the 1-22-13 meeting, therefore the 1-10-2013 budget workshop has been cancelled and rescheduled for 1-24-2013 at 9:00 am.

ORDINANCES-Introduction and First Reading:

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 1535 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1535–Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements of the City of Sea Isle City in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$14,000,000 therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$14,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof.** Mr. Savastano explained that the ordinance will fund the new municipal facility and replace a fire truck damaged in the storm.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1535 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. Mr. Kehner announced second reading and public hearing will be 2-13-2013 at 10:00 am.

ORDINANCES-Second Reading and Public Hearing:

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1531 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1531 - Refunding Bond Ordinance of the City of Sea Isle City in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Providing for the Refunding of all or a portion of Certain General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007 of the City, Appropriating \$4,400,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance by the City of Refunding Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount of not Exceeding \$4,400,000 for Financing the Cost Thereof.** Mr. Savastano explained that this will allow the city to refinance existing bonds from 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance 1531.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1531 on second reading publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT-Resolutions on Consent Agenda: There was no citizen comment on the resolutions.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 001** – Adopting the 2013 Temporary Budget
- 002** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 003** – Authorizing a Refund
- 004** – Designating Official Newspapers for City Publications for 2013
- 005** – Appointing a Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #001 to #005. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Divney asked about the planning board's request to review the window size as it pertains to the 13 ft. ceilings in commercial properties. Mr. Baldini responded that he would like to meet with City Engineer Mr. Previti and Construction Official Mr. Byrne to discuss as it may not need an ordinance change, it may be an interpretation issue. Mr. Divney asked if he could have an opinion at the next meeting and Mr. Baldini said yes.

Mr. McHale reported that the School Board meeting last night, the members expressed disappointment that the City did not respond to its request regarding the building. Mr. Savastano said that he did respond, he met with

President Mr. Organ and made it clear the city solicitor was out of town, but that he would set-up a meeting this week to discuss. Mr. McHale next asked about the 2013 parking permits and what is being done to resolve the issues from 2013. Mr. Kehner said he was setting up the parking committee to tackle all of the issues. Mr. McHale suggested looking at the lot in the north end where the “paint chip” rentals are. McHale then questioned ordinance 1533 regarding parking lifts and if the lift inside a garage in the residential area counted as a space in the required number. There was much discussion regarding the intent with Mr. Divney, Mr. McHale and Ms. Tighe stating they did not want the lift to count as an additional space and Mr. Kehner and Mr. Edwardi felt it should count. In conclusion, Mr. Baldini said he would review the pending ordinance to see how it was written and advise accordingly. Mr. Divney asked Mr. Kehner to bring it up during the planning board review.

Mr. Kehner announced that Mr. Mitros has made another request to donate property and asked what the status was. Mr. Baldini said he was aware of the request and he will start the process with city engineer Mr. Previti.

Ms. Tighe asked for an update on 204 Sounds Avenue, regarding the Attorney that requested additional time to apply for a CAFRA permit before the city considered demolition. Mr. Baldini said he would follow up.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Regarding mechanical lifts in garages, she questioned if the concrete is sufficient for the weight.

John Fee-220 43rd St: Asked if there was still ability to pay \$20,000 to the City in lieu of a parking space and Mr. Baldini said no it was removed long ago.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked for the total out-of-pocket dollar value of pending lawsuits and Mr. Baldini explained that the City has insurance that covers all monetary claims against the City

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk