

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014 – 10:00 AM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

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 8-12-14 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

**REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:** Mayor Desiderio asked for a moment of silence honoring SIC Policeman Michael Cullinane who died in the line of duty 22 years ago this date.

The Mayor went on to discuss the traffic issues on Venician Road. He said he spoke with several residents and while they love the Yacht Club, the parking problem on the streets, especially when there are weddings is a huge problem. Additionally, while letters were sent to residents regarding limiting parking only on one side, he said he does not support eliminating parking. He said that he considers this area a special circumstance in that it is the only cul-de-sac with a commercial venue at the end and suggested consideration be given to allow special resident only parking permits. He added that he will discuss with the Chief to ensure buses and larger vehicles do not park on the street.

Regarding Pleasure Avenue and the heavy use by bicycles, the Mayor suggested making it 15 mph limit and the entire street be one-way heading South.

The Mayor's last announcement was that he will be looking for a location for a dog park in 2015, not on the beach.

Mr. Baldini said he met with Mr. Divney regarding the non-food to food waiver ordinance and he will be prepared to present a draft ordinance at the next meeting.

**REPORTS-Council:** Mr. Gibson said that after reviewing the planning board site plan check list he believes it could be streamlined and he would be happy to meet with members of the Administration and Planning Board to review it further. Mr. Savastano said he would facilitate a meeting.

Mr. Gibson next expressed concern with dead trees along JFK Blvd. and Mr. Savastano said while the trees have been watered, it has been determined that the damage occurred due to the harsh winter last year. The contractor will be replacing about two dozen trees.

Mr. Gibson went on to suggest reaching out to the Department of Transportation group "Complete Streets" to assist with a study to provide a solution to the bicycle issues in Sea Isle. Mr. Kehner added that if "Complete Streets" is not available, the City could reach out to colleges as engineering students may take on the project. Ms. Tighe said she was aware of another group as well and she will pass on the information to the Administration.

Mr. Divney announced a Capital Plan workshop would be held on October 28, 2014 at 1:00 pm. He also announced that he and Mr. Kehner went to Avalon to inspect the beach walkovers that are similar to the ones Sea Isle will have after the next beach replenishment project. He said the hard pack gravel is better than mobi-mats to get from the street over the dunes, so there may not be a need for the mats after the project. Mr. Kehner added that on at least one beach there was a mix of a wooden ramp, stairs and then a mobi-mat.

**CITIZEN COMMENT~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:** There was no public comment on the resolutions.

**RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:**

**138** – Authorizing Approval of Vouchers

**139** – Authorizing Award of Dump Body Truck with Snow Plow and Spreader (*H.A. Dehart & Son \$134,437.00*)

**140** – Declaration of Surplus Property & Authorizing of On-Line Auction

**141** – Supporting the Atlantic County Mayor's Association Request to the State to Not Permit the Expansion of Casino Gaming Outside of Atlantic City and Refrain from an Executive, Legislative or Referendum Action Before January 31, 2016

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to approve Resolutions #138 to #141. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed.

**PENDING BUSINESS:** Mr. Divney reported that a press release was sent out identifying the City-owned “Funland” parcel as available for interested recreational use. He said the City is seeking ideas and if something were received of interest, it would be put out to bid.

Ms. Tighe said that she opposed the Mayor’s suggestion for a resident only parking permit on Venicean Road as there are many narrow streets and it would open the door for similar requests throughout the City.

Mr. Gibson explained that he suggested parking on one side only and there has been a lot of response to the questionnaire; however, he explained the background behind his suggestion stems from Venicean being very narrow at 30 feet. Mr. Savastano responded that Venicean Road is a tough situation because of the busy Yacht Club at the end and there will be strong opinions, but all options need to be considered.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**John Henry-119 45<sup>th</sup> St:** Said that he lives on one of the oldest blocks in the City, does not have on-street parking and agreed with Ms. Tighe that if Venicean Road has resident only parking, he would also request it. He added that changing the driveway configuration may help.

**Dave Cohan-5100 S. Marine:** Said he supports 15 mph on Pleasure Avenue, but agrees the bikers are a safety concern and suggested more police presence and signage for cyclist education.

**John Fee-220 43<sup>rd</sup> St:** Said that residential parking is the number one complaint and feels there is a need to address the issue now in a master plan re-examination.

**Joe Larkin-4407 Venicean Rd:** Opposed to parking only on one side, agrees with reducing the speed limit and suggested a stop sign at 44<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Lynn Shirk-209 54<sup>th</sup> St:** Suggested bicycle laws be handed out with rental packets but also there needs to be more education and enforcement. She next suggested the floodgates be checked because there is now flooding without rain events.

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Said she was pleased that Judge Morrison is taking noise violations seriously, as he recently imposed a \$1,000 fine. She next asked if the new hard pack beach paths can be walked on with bare feet and was told yes; and asked where the new clock will be placed and Mr. Divney said at the bump-out at JFK & Landis at Veteran’s Park; he added that the Streetscape grant project will be postponed for a year. Her final suggestion was to close Pleasure Avenue to local traffic only.

**Dave Helfrich-21 36<sup>th</sup> St:** Described a bicycle safety incident adding that there needs to be more enforcement.

**Christine Madden-5507 Central Ave N:** Complained about the rental unit next door that has multiple code violations and asked that a property inspection be done. Mr. Divney asked the Administration to meet with her.

**Dan Tumolo-7407 Pleasure:** Agreed with the bicycle issues on Pleasure Avenue as he has difficulty pulling out of his driveway. He said he does not support any changes that would remove parking on the street.

**Steve Hansbury-5712 Central:** Asked when 59<sup>th</sup> Street County project will resume and Mr. Savastano said in September/October. He next asked if TI Bridge will close and was told yes, from December through March. His final question was when the cell tower at Dealy Field project will begin and Mr. Savastano said sometime this fall.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All eyes followed and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk