

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016 - 1:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL – 233 JFK BLVD. - 3<sup>RD</sup> FL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2017 – 2021 CAPITAL PLAN DISCUSSION**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Gibson, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Divney. Also attending was Administrator Mr. Savastano and CFO Mrs. Doll. **Absent:** Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Kehner.

Council Vice President Divney called the workshop to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. He announced that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with public law 1975, chapter 231.

Mr. Divney then turned the workshop over to the Administration. Mrs. Doll began by explaining that in 2016 one penny equals \$451,500, the average assessment is \$660,000 with an average tax bill of \$4400.00. She added that if all the funding identified in the 2017 Capital Plan was spent, \$265 per year would be added to each tax bill.

Mr. Savastano then highlighted the items in the 2017 plan:

**Equipment and Vehicles:**

- 4x4 Pick-up truck with plow \$30,000
- Trash Truck \$225,000
- Dump Truck \$70,000
- Backhoe \$140,000
- Public Works Operations Vehicle \$30,000
- Beach Patrol Truck \$45,000
- Police 4 WD Vehicle -\$45,000
- Surveillance Cameras-various City locations \$50,000
- Flat Bed Truck with Lift Gate \$80,000

Ms. Tighe asked for an updated fleet management report. She also suggested mobi-mats may need to be placed at the end of the hard-pack pathways as the sand is deep and difficult to maneuver. Mr. Savastano advised the Council that if its mobi-mats, there needs to be a commitment to every beach, all would be the same length and it will required additional operation/personnel costs.

**Beach, Bay, Promenade/  
Beach to Bay Corridor**

- Lagoon Dredging \$300,000
- Bulkheads \$300,000
- Town Clock at JFK & Landis \$60,000
- Kayak/Paddleboard Launch \$10,000

Mr. Savastano said the lagoon dredging is the 38<sup>th</sup> Street end and Marina and some of the “mouths” of lagoons. He added that all homeowners will be offered the opportunity to deal directly with the contractor to dredge at private docks. Mr. Gibson said he was supportive of the project and asked for the timeframe and Mr. Savastano said Fall, 2017. Mr. Divney also supported it and suggested getting the word out to homeowners as they must get their own permit.

Mr. Savastano went on to explain the \$300,000 for bulkhead is at 38<sup>th</sup> and the promenade. Mr. Divney expressed support of the Clock saying it was the icing on the cake for the downtown. Mr. Savastano said the \$10,000 for the kayak launch area is to determine/study a location and it will be built in 2018 (\$30,000). Mr. Divney suggested looking at outside storage as well.

**Roads and Drainage:**

- Road Reconstruction following utility work \$650,000
- Road Overlays and associated curbs/sidewalk \$100,000
- Storm Drainage Improvement/correction program \$150,000
- Pump Stations, Flood Mitigation (Study/Design/Construct) \$75,000

Mr. Savastano said the items are all consistent with the on-going roadway program, but a new category of Pump Stations; Flood Mitigation has been added with \$75,000 for Study in 2017 and then design/construct in the out

years. Mr. Divney agreed there is a need to study and identify the problems and Mr. Gibson agreed stating that the ocean is rising and flood mitigation is essential for Sea Isle.

**Facilities/Buildings:** Street-Scape Landis Ave/63<sup>rd</sup> \$500,000 (new)  
4501 Park - School \$150,000 for architectural & planning for concepts  
DPW Garages @ Bridge & 80<sup>th</sup> St \$550,000  
Old Firehouse – West Jersey Avenue \$150,000  
Ambulance Corps Building \$150,000  
Parking Lot – Larosa Way \$50,000  
City Restrooms \$30,000  
Signage \$20,000  
Excursion Park \$25,000  
Playgrounds \$70,000

Mr. Savastano explained that the \$500,000 for street scape is to extend the current Landis Avenue grant project from 61<sup>st</sup> to 65<sup>th</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Landis to Central. Mr. Gibson said that he felt the cost was too high and there needs to be more discussion regarding where and when and Ms. Tighe agreed.

Mr. Savastano went on to explain the \$150,000 is for demolition of the trailers as the previous year funded a study which is moving forward. The DPW Garage will receive a new “skin”, roof and structural repairs for \$550,000 and the old firehouse will be demolished for \$150,000 and the space will be used for recreation. Mr. Gibson said he felt it should be used for parking and Ms. Tighe agreed. Mr. Savastano said he would get the number of spaces that could go there. The Parking Lot is to pave the City-owned lot between the VFW and Italian American Club Ms. Tighe and Mr. Divney said they did not support that. Two new categories of city restrooms is to replace fixtures and signage is for “way-finding” signs throughout the City.

Mr. Gibson asked about his suggestion to build a parking garage and Mr. Savastano and Mr. Divney said the Master Plan re-exam “shot-down” the idea and Mr. Gibson suggested a study for a private operator and Mr. Divney said it should be discussed at a Council meeting with the full body. Ms. Tighe said she didn’t support it as the current lot only fills up on 7/4.

**Utility Improvements:** Total for 2017 is \$1,175,000.00

Mr. Savastano explained that a new item is Water Meters, \$200,000 each year to begin systematically replacing meters using surplus.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Michael Ebner-5010 Central:** Expressed concern that some of the flapper valves are broken and needs replacement; especially at 40<sup>th</sup> and Central where flooding is severe. Mr. Gibson said that 48<sup>th</sup> is the critical area and that Mr. Savastano is in the planning state now to correct the problem. Mr. Divney said that the proposed study should create a chart with each problem area identified and how it can be resolved. Mr. Ebner also said he did not support Mr. Gibson’s proposal to extend Park Road behind the Library back into Central.

**John Fee-220 43<sup>rd</sup> St:** Reported that several years ago during “Main Street” discussions, experts indicated that a \$2.2 million cost to build a parking garage was not worth it for small communities. He went on to say that the parking problem is in the residential zones. In conclusion he suggested paving the sand area in the North end and run jitneys. Mr. Savastano said it would be paved in about 2 months using millings from the paving project; a credit to Mr. Gibson for suggesting the contractor do it in exchange for using it as a staging area.

**Pat Kluge-17 77<sup>th</sup> St:** As a member of the Beautification Committee she thanked Council for moving towards purchasing the downtown clock.

**Andy Bednarek-25 55<sup>th</sup> St:** Complained that flooding is getting worse and suggested that Avalon also had that problem and resolved it with pump stations. He recommended prioritizing the Capital Plan by public safety issues and renovate the school for recreation. He also opposed the \$500,000 for streetscape.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All eyes followed and the meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.