

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013 – 9:00 AM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Divney, Mr. McHale, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Kehner. Also attending was Administrator Mr. Savastano, City Solicitor, Mr. Baldini and Law Clerk, Paul Baldini Jr. **ABSENT:** Mr. Edwardi.

Council President Kehner called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P. L. 1975, Chapter 231.

**RESOLUTION NO. 112** – A Resolution Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Anticipated Litigation {Personnel Matter}

The clerk read the resolution by title and Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adopt the resolution and go into closed session. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned into closed session at 9:04 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m., 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 6-11-13 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

**REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:** Mr. Savastano explained that when the budget is prepared, the MUA bill is estimated. Upon receipt of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter adjusted bill, the amount was significantly larger than the budget estimate. At this time, the City is gathering data as to why, but it unfortunately will require an increase in the water and sewer rates to the homeowners, something that has not occurred in 4 years. Also increasing will be the connection fees. He went on to say that the Council will receive all of the data within the next 2 weeks to best explain why, debt service and future solutions so that an ordinance can be introduced at the July 23, 2013 meeting. There was much discussion regarding the possible reasons, such as development, Inflow & Infiltration, increase in visitors/renters, etc.

**REPORTS-Council:** Mr. Kehner recognized Mr. McHale's last meeting and Mr. Divney added that Mr. McHale will be present at the July 1, 2013 Re-Organization at 12:00 noon at Excursion Park

**CITIZEN COMMENT-Resolutions on Consent Agenda:**

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked for an explanation of #109 and Mr. Savastano explained it was a replacement vehicle for Police.

**Lynn Shirk-209 54<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked if Central Avenue was included in #117 and Mr. Savastano said no.

**RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:**

**113** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

**114** – Authorizing the Award of Option Year for Co-Op of Rock Salt

**115** – Authorizing Award of State Contract Purchase of Communications Equipment

**116** – Authorizing Award of State Contract for Purchase of Police Vehicle

**117** – Authorizing Change Order No. 2 and Final Payment – Utility Reconstruction – Various Streets

**118** – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Final Payment – Landis Avenue Utility Reconstruction  
54<sup>th</sup> to 69<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #113 to #118. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

**PENDING BUSINESS:** Mr. Divney asked about scheduling a workshop to discuss mixed-use development zoning and Ms. Tighe said she would discuss at the next agenda meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. Tighe asked about lawsuits and how they affect the City's standing with the JIF. Mr. Savastano said that the JIF Executive Director will be providing an update to the Council and the public at a meeting in August., but that we are in good standing due to our policies and procedures.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Steve Tyman, Owner-Jamican Me Crazy:** Complimented the City for Sandy Storm clean up. He then suggested parking space lines be painted on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Landis to Pleasure as well as signs to let people know there are meters.

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Suggested the timing of the traffic lights on JFK are too short. She also complained that the bar noise at 40<sup>th</sup> & Landis is too loud and there is a need for enforcement of skate boarders and bicycles are on the promenade. She also asked if the City will be holding Quality of Life Meetings during the summer as in the past.

**John Burke-143 44<sup>th</sup>:** Said he had concerns with the “white pipes” installed close to sidewalks at new construction sites are a trip hazard.

**Kim Jordan-5816 Sounds Ave:** Expressed concerns with the City reconstructing the 59<sup>th</sup> Street Fishing Pier as it is a nuisance, not used for fishing as there isn’t enough water and a hazard without rails. Mr. Savastano said that a contract has been awarded to repair it and he will discuss enforcement problems with the Police and railing issues with the Engineer.

**Alan Fisher-122 55<sup>th</sup> St:** Agreed about the lack of enforcement on the promenade regarding bikes and skate boarders and added that the “A” frame signs are a problem on the promenade and sidewalks.

**John Fee-220 43<sup>rd</sup> St:** Agreed that the JFK lights at the intersections need to be adjusted. Also “left turn on arrow only” signs needs to be removed so that left on green can still proceed. Mr. Kehner said that the County Engineer is working on getting the right timing.

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked if Super Storm Sandy could have affected the MUA costs and Mr. Savastano said most likely not as it is the sewage usage.

**Lynn Shirk-209 54<sup>th</sup> St:** Suggested Utility Road construction could contribute to the MUA rates. She also said that while the JFK lights are a problem, everyone recognizes it is not the City’s responsibility.

**Dave Helfrich-21 36<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked when the JFK & Park Road light will be operational and Mr. Savastano said this week.

**John Burke-143 44<sup>th</sup> St:** Said there was a blind spot at Park Road and JFK. He also asked the status of the FEMA maps. Mr. Kehner said that the City believes the maps will change and we should receive updates in August. Mr. Burke asked what insurance companies are doing and Mr. Kehner said they are not to impose an increase until the final maps are approved. In conclusion he suggested the development on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street appears to have a fire hazard based on the size of the windows and suggested legislation be to adopted address similar problems in the future. Mr. Savastano said it is not a local issue, they are built to the Uniform Construction BOCA Codes.

**Frauke Vogel-4405 Venician Rd:** Asked why project to improve the man-hole inserts did not positively affect the MUA rates. Mr. Kehner explained that project was about Inflow/Infiltration and the MUA charges are related to sewage usage.

**Lynn Shirk-209 54<sup>th</sup> St:** Agreed with Mr. Burke about the trip hazard of the PVC pipes.

**Dina Korber-121 90<sup>th</sup> St:** Suggested zoning limit the number of bathrooms.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 12:36 pm.

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Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk