

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013 – 10:00 AM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

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

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 10-8-13 Regular Meeting and closed session for content only. Moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

**REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:** CFO, Paula Doll presented the Best Practices Inventory. She explained that there are 50 questions and that too many negative responses would jeopardize the State Aid received. She then provided the explanation for each of the 7 “no” responses.

Ms. Tighe asked if the State provided feedback and Mrs. Doll said no, however, last year 2 municipalities did lose State Aid. Mr. Divney suggested continuing the discussions to change some of the no votes to yes.

Mr. Savastano then reported that the Hottenstein vs. SIC litigation has been resolved and all charges against the City, the Ambulance Corps and Police have been dismissed including punitive damages.

Mr. Savastano also reported that the Weesie Corp., Louise Clemente vs. SIC matter has also been resolved as the height of the gazebo in question was reduced prior to the deadline of 10/16/13.

**REPORTS-Council:** Mr. Divney gave kudos to the Halloween Parade and Ms. Tighe agreed adding that there was a good turnout.

Ms. Tighe announced that the Capital Plan Workshop will be held today at 2:00 pm.

**ORDINANCES-Introduction and First Reading:**

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1556 for introduction and first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1556 – An Ordinance Authorizing A Program of Revaluation of Real Property and Preparation of Tax Map Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation of \$750,000.00 to Pay the Costs Thereof.** Mrs. Doll explained that the County Tax Board ordered a revaluation of property and update of the tax maps. The amount of the ordinance will pay for the costs of both and can be paid back over 5 years.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1556 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be 11/26/13 at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1557 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1557 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Entitled “Zoning” To Provide for a Compatible and Consistent Land Use Pattern to Clarify Interior Ceiling Height and Percentage of Store Front Windows.** Ms. Tighe explained that this ordinance limits the ceiling height for commercial units to 10 ft. and provides for a minimum of 33% glass on the front façade.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1557 on first reading and forward to the Planning Board for its Master Plan Consistency review. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

**ORDINANCES – Second Reading and Public Hearing:**

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1553 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1553 – An Ordinance of the City of Sea Isle City Authorizing the Acceptance of Land Donation of Block 15.03, Lot 10.01 in Furtherance of Chapter XIV, of the Sea Isle City Revised General Ordinance Entitled “Flood Damage Prevention”** Ms. Tighe explained that this provides for the donation of land at 1308-1316 Landis Avenue.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment on ordinance no. 1553.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1553 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1554 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1554 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapters 14 and 26 Flood Damage Prevention and Zoning Ordinances to Maintain the Highest Level of Flood Protection for the City of Sea Isle City.** Mr. Savastano explained that this provides for construction to be done in accordance with the revised FEMA working maps.

Construction Official Mr. Byrne responded to Council question and described the boundaries of the zones.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Said that she was surprised that FEMA did not make Landis Avenue north to Strathmere a “V” Zone.

**John Fee-220 43<sup>rd</sup> St:** Had several questions regarding houses that were built prior to this year and the compliance with height. Mr. Byrne indicated that they would comply with the FEMA flood insurance rate maps.

**Tom Gleeson-132 51<sup>st</sup> St:** Suggested south of 85<sup>th</sup> Street should be an “A” Zone not a “V” Zone as there are only 4 or 5 homes up to the beachfront and the area is high ground.

**Mike Davis-361 46<sup>th</sup> Pl:** Asked for an explanation of “base flood elevation” and Mr. Byrne explained it was the measuring point in all flood zones used for flood insurance purposes.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1554 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

**CITIZEN COMMENT-Resolutions on Consent Agenda**

**John Fee-220 43<sup>rd</sup> St:** Asked for an explanation of #151. Mr. Savastano said that it would share services with Ocean City for it to provide a project manager for the City Hall project and for Sea Isle to provide a licensed water & sewer operator. Discussion followed from council regarding the cost for each and the cost to hire an outside vendor.

Ms. Tighe removed Resolution No. 151.

**RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:**

**148** – Authorizing Approval of Vouchers

**149** – Authorizing Award of Contract – Roadway Reconstruction- Various Streets

**150** – Authorizing Advertisement of Bids for New City Hall Construction

**152** - Certifying the Governing Body Discussed the 2013/2014 Best Practice Inventory

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the Resolutions on the consent agenda, #148 to #150 and #152. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

**151** – Authorizing Execution of Shared Services Agreement with Ocean City.

Discussion among Council members continued regarding consideration of outside proposals and the scope of work. Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt resolution #151. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. A unanimous NO vote followed, and the resolution failed.

**PENDING BUSINESS:** There was no pending business.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Advised that the Council Workshop time is incorrect on the website.

**John Fee-220 43<sup>rd</sup> St:** Asked about the mixed use zoning and Ms. Tighe said she has an ad-hoc committee that will be meeting on Thursday with the expectation that an ordinance change would take several months. Mr. Divney suggested it should not take that long as there are some issues that can be more quickly resolved. Mr. Fee then asked about the parking review and Ms. Tighe said she and Mr. Kehner have a meeting with the police and administration on 11/13/13.

**Dave Helfrich-21 36<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked if Council had ever discussed term limits. Ms. Tighe said not recently, but she does not support dictating future Council terms. Mr. Divney agreed adding that in the three elections since the change in government, only one was contested.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.