

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014 – 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 Mayor Desiderio, Administrator Mr. Savastano and Solicitor Mr. Baldini.

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. 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 2-11-14 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio announced that Funland Amusements will not be returning. He explained that the effect of Super Storm Sandy was too much and the Gillians had to make the difficult decision to close. The Mayor thanked the Gillian family for all of its efforts as it was a \$2.5 million investment. He went on to announce that the property will be vacated by April 15th and the City will use it for parking this year. The Mayor added that the City reached out to a few other operators but there was no interest.

Mayor Desiderio also announced that Friday, 2/28/14 at 6:30 pm, the CMC Prosecutor's Office and the SIC Police Department will hold a presentation in the gymnasium entitled "Pills to Heroin" that will address the heroin epidemic.

Mr. Savastano reported that the Central Avenue roadway reconstruction project is on schedule to be completed by the summer season. Ms. Tighe said there are some rough patches on the gravel section of Central Avenue that need to be smoothed over. Mayor Desiderio said he has talked to the Chief about making Pleasure Avenue 2-way during Landis Avenue and Central Avenue Construction. Police Chief D'Intino confirmed that Pleasure Avenue will be 2-way from 65th to 71st Streets.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Kehner said he found a company near Wilmington, NC called Dreamland Amusements that have carnival rides. Ms. Tighe added that some residents have suggested smaller kids bouncy-type rides. Mayor Desiderio said that no one wants an empty amusement park and that all options are on the table, but most likely it will be for next year.

Mr. Divney suggested the Recreation Department consider evening events at the activity zone on the beach in front of the Spinnaker. Ms. Tighe reminded that there were family events almost every night at Excursion Park.

Mr. Gibson suggested the power line poles from the Parkway to Rt. 9 on the Boulevard be set back further off the road if possible and the Mayor said he would pass along to CMC Engineer Dale Foster.

Mr. Edwardi asked about a flashing stop sign at 63rd & Pleasure and the Chief said it is addressed in the parking ordinance to be discussed under pending business.

Mr. Kehner reported that there is some concern with families not renting now that Funland is closed and suggested creating a circular of the many free things for kids under 12 listed in the Visitors Guide and put it in real estate offices.

Mr. Divney asked if the catch basin at Park Road has been resolved and the Mayor said he will call the County Engineer for an update.

ORDINANCES-Introduction and First Reading: Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 1561 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1561 - An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21 Entitled "Beach Badges" of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City to Allow for Free Access to Our Beaches for Qualifying Veterans as A Gesture to Acknowledge and Thank Each and Every Veteran for Their Service and Sacrifice to Our Country** . Ms. Tighe explained that the title is self-explanatory; free beach tags for qualifying veterans.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1561 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be 3/25/14 at 10:00 am

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 1562 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1562 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11 of the Revised General Ordinances for the City of Sea Isle City to Twenty-Four Months and Three Complaints for all Rental Properties**. Mr. Baldini said the ordinance adopts changes to the State Statute.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1562 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be 3/25/14 at 10:00 am

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 1563 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1563 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" to Establish Awning and Canopy Requirements and Sub-Ordinances Necessary to Effectuate this Ordinance**. Mr. Baldini explained that ordinance will allow ingress/egress awnings to be anchored into sidewalk and allows outdoor dining areas;

with permission from police and zoning official, to have awnings/canopies to be permanently anchored and furnishings to remain out overnight.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1563 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed and Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be 3/25/14 at 10:00 am

CITIZEN COMMENT-Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

John Fee – 220 43rd St: Asked where the viewing binoculars will be placed and was told they are already in place on the promenade at the pavilion and several other locations and at T.I. Park.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 030** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 031** – Approving Members to the Sea Isle City Volunteer Fire Company
- 032** – Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refund
- 033** – A Resolution Calling on the Legislature to Make Permanent the 2% Cap on Interest Arbitration Awards
- 034** – A Resolution to Indemnify the Sea Isle City Board of Education for Transportation of Students on Behalf of the City of Sea Isle City
- 035** – Authorizing Award of Contract for Refuse Body (\$60,732.00)
- 036** – Authorizing Advertisement of Bids: Fireworks, Municipal Building Demo and Parking Lot Construction (4416 Landis Ave) and Furnish, Install and Maintain Lease Coin Operated Viewing Binocular Machines

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

PENDING BUSINESS ~ Draft Parking Ordinance Discussion: Mr. Baldini reviewed the Ordinance that included recommendations from the committee, Police Department and Administration. Additionally, Mr. Kehner provided some housekeeping items prior to the meeting that he will incorporate. Ms. Tighe said the Ordinance will be on the agenda for introduction at the 3/11/14 meeting. Mr. Divney suggested a color-coded template to show the parking areas.

Mayor Desiderio said that he spoke with CMC Engineer, Dale Foster who said they are accepting bids tomorrow for the catch basin with a trash catcher at 43rd & Park Road and also the right turn lane lines at the Corner of JFK & Park will be included in another bid.

Mr. Divney reported that he and Mr. Edwardi have been discussing the commercial zoning and at this time there are no recommended changes for C-1 zones or C-3, C-4, C-5 & C-6. He went on to suggest a change in C-2 zone to allow the developer the option of all residential with increased parking as there is a concern that there may be too many stores. Mr. Edwardi said that the C-2 Zone is 59th to 61st Street, all of the Busch's area. Mr. Gibson said he would like input from the Administration.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Edwardi asked if it was possible to put a temporary bathroom facility at 75th & the Beach, south side of the entrance. Mr. Divney said he has suggested it in the past as the facilities are vast improvements over "port-o-pots". Mr. Savastano said there was a line item in the capital plan and Mr. Divney said to use funds in the 2014 operating budget. Mr. Savastano suggested there will be public push-back by the neighbors and it would have to be publicly discussed.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave: Said he supports ordinance 1561 and asked what will be required to get the free Veteran tag. Ms. Tighe asked the clerk to get the information and forward to Mr. Hansbury.

John Fee-220-43rd St: Asked how much Funland paid in 2013 and Mr. Savastano said nothing. He also asked about the zoning of large parcels and Mr. Divney said it was yet to be determined. He then asked about the disposal of city property and Ms. Tighe said an appraisal was done on the old fire house, but the City is not moving on it at this time and old City Hall will be demolished and turned into a parking lot prior to the summer. Mr. Fee said there was a group of people that want to recoup some of the debt for the new building by selling off property. Mr. Savastano said the City was reluctant and careful when it comes to selling off property.

Dave Helfrich – 21 36th St: Asked about the status of vacated properties, specifically 204 Sounds Avenue and Mr. Baldini said it would be tax dollars to demo it and due to the value, no lien to pay it back.

Mike Monichetti-4222 Park Rd: Thanked the Mayor for the update on the catch basin. He will be at the next meeting to update on the polar bear Autism walk/run. He expressed his concern that Funland was leaving and while he supports the area for parking this year, he hopes the City will get something else next year. He also said he was opposed to 'Carnival Rides' due to safety concerns and suggested contacting the Catanuso Group from the Steel Pier.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Asked if Wednesday will continue as free beach day and was told yes. She also asked if it was too late to put the wires underground along the causeway and Mayor Desiderio said it was. She then asked if the storm drains were regularly maintained and was told yes, but Mr. Savastano said anyone should call Public Works if there is a problem. She said the corner of 46th & Central appears to not be draining properly and he said he would have it checked. Lastly, she suggested ramps onto the beach that run sideways in a zig-zag pattern over the dunes.

Irene Jamison-1500 Landis Ave: Reiterated her request to have more wooden dune crossovers in the north end and to allow free parking in that area and have the Jitney's include a run to pick up.

Ms. Tighe announced a budget workshop will be held at 1:00 pm.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.