

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 002 – A Resolution Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations.

The Clerk read the resolution by and title and Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adopt the resolution and go into closed session. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned into closed session at 9:05 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Divney called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. 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 12-23-14 Regular Meeting and the 1/2/15 Special Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Mr. Divney introduced Jerry Fried, Lead Ambassador of the “*Complete Streets*” a program sponsored by Rutgers and the NJ Department of Transportation. Mr. Fried said he was a past Mayor in Montclair, NJ and in 2009 it was the first municipality to adopt a Complete Streets Program. The Program is designed to enable safe access for all users (motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians) of the roadways, sidewalks, etc. He went on to explain that it makes it easier and safer to cross the street, walk to work and bike to shopping. Mr. Fried said that currently 111 municipalities have adopted Complete Street Policies and provided a video of the policy and implementation of the program in Ocean City, NJ. He added that there should not be fears about adopting the policies as it is only a commitment to do what is possible. He then handed out a list of 10 reasons to implement a policy and encourage the Governing Body to continue to explore the program and adopt by Resolution a policy. Mr. Gibson said that he understood that both Rutgers and the NJDOT will offer support to review the City and make recommendations and Mr. Fried said yes that was the case.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: There were no reports from the Administration.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Gibson complained about a pipe blockage on Venetian Road that is creating a problem with flooding. He went on to say that he understood there is a lawsuit regarding the easement but asked the Solicitor and the Administration to try to expedite a resolution to the situation. He also asked that the Administration make bi-weekly reports on the matter.

Mr. Gibson next suggested that during the Master Plan re-exam, the City must establish “Centers in Town” that will assist in the CAFRA application process.

Mr. Divney said that the Master Plan re-exam was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting and the board will be scheduling other meetings for public input.

CITIZEN COMMENT~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked what the total being spent is on No. 8 and Mr. Savastano explained there is no amount for each vendor, but the expenditures must be within the tourism budget.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

003 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

004 – Designating Official Newspapers for City Publications for 2015

005 – Authorizing Refunds of Overpayments (Taxes & Water/Sewer)

006 – Authorizing the Police Department to Maintain a Petty Cash Fund in the Amount of \$1,000.00

007 – Authorizing Change Funds for Recreation, Tennis Courts, Marina and Beach Tags

008 – Accepting Recommendations of Tourism Commission and Dept. of Community Services to Enter into Agreements with Certain Vendors for Advertising, Commercials & Promotional Media for the Year 2015

009 – Authorizing Release of Rental Bond Monies (McCann - 21 44th Street 1st & 2nd Floors

010 – Authorizing Release of Rental Bond Monies (Lane - 147 46th Street 1st & 2nd Floors

011 – Authorizing Release of Rental Bond Monies (Hachadorian 17 42nd Street)

012 – Authorizing Purchase of Award of a Pick Up Truck Through Cranford Police Co-op (\$21,854.00

013 – Authorizing Non Fair Open Professional Service Contract for Entertainment Performance Agreement (*Center Stage Entertainment - \$90,150.00*)

- 014** – Authorizing the City Cooperating with SIC Chamber of Commerce and Expenditure Not to Exceed \$19,845.00 for Advertising Space in the Visitors Guide and Map in Order to Publicize the City Services and Events
- 015** – Authorizing Extension of Shared Services with County of Cape May Use of Equipment
- 016** – Authorizing Advertisement for Bids (*Ice Cream Franchise, Kayak Franchise, Printed Matter & Printed Sports Clothing & Thermal Painting of Crosswalks City-wide*)
- 017** – Authorizing a Contract for Animal Control Services and the Approving the Mayor’s Appointment of Animal Control Officer (*Steve Swerwatka of Animal Control of South Jersey \$11,000.00*)
- 018** – Authorizing Participation in State of New Jersey Approved Contracts 2015 Calendar Year

Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #003 to 018. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was no pending business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

John Henry-119 45th St: Complained that the traffic lights on JFK need to be adjusted as the turn arrows come on when there are no cars and the timing for the red lights are also off.

John Evans-237 79th St: Had questions regarding the closed session notice that the Clerk answered.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Agreed with the traffic light concerns on JFK and the County has said the local Police can make the adjustments. She also suggested new Holiday decorations for next year as the current ones are “tired” and need to be updated.

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

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk