

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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 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 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 8-27-13 Regular Meeting and closed session for content only. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio reported that roadway reconstruction on various streets will begin in the fall. He next announced that Sea Isle City homeowners will be receiving a 25% discount on flood insurance effective 10/31/13 and that the preliminary FEMA flood maps have been released and appear to be favorable for Sea Isle, however they are being reviewed and the current ordinances will remain in effect until amendments come forward in the near future. The Mayor's final report was that the TI Bridge will be closed for construction from January thru March, 2014 and he reminded everyone to attend the 9-11 Patriots Day Ceremony, 9:00 am at Veterans Park.

Mr. Savastano reported that beach tag collections through Labor Day totaled \$1,329,475.00 vs. \$1,343,015.00 in 2012. He then announced that within the next 2 meetings, Council will be asked to introduce a funding ordinance to begin the remainder of the capital projects in the Capital Plan. He added that details regarding the projects will be distributed prior to the ordinance introduction.

Ms. Tighe asked about the continuation of the Central Avenue project and Mr. Savastano said that after Fall Family Festival on 9/14, 49th to 63rd will get the final paving and that 63rd to 69th will begin utility work in October/November with final paving either in late fall or spring.

Mayor Desiderio then reported that flashing stops signs have been installed on Central Avenue at 59th & 63rd.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Gibson reported that he attended a joint meeting with Cape May and Atlantic County Construction Officials and Engineers primarily regarding flood damage prevention. He stated that he was very impressed with Sea Isle's Mr. Byrne and with all of the attendees as they are all looking out for the best interest of their communities.

Ms. Tighe announced that State Representatives will be at the Ocean City Library tonight at 6:00 pm with FEMA information and flood mitigation grant assistance. Another meeting will be at the Avalon Community Center on 9/12 at 6:00 p.m.

ORDINANCES-Introduction and First Reading: Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up ordinance 1552 for introduction and first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1552 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 29 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Entitled “Land Use Procedures” to Reflect Necessary Changes to Conform with Current Law.** Mr. Baldini explained that this will change the appeal time from 65 days to 20 days to be the same as State Statute. Mr. Divney asked if this was also for Planning Board decisions and Mr. Baldini said that it is only for decisions made by the zoning officer. Planning and Zoning Boards are 45 days.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1552 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed and Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be 10/8/2013 at 10:00 a.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked for the amount of #141 and Ms. Tighe said \$2,125,524.42.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

141 – Authorizing Approval of Vouchers

142 – Authorizing Use of Tennis Fee Trust Funds (reseal safety surface at play by the bay \$10,676.00)

143 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Final Payment – 32nd Street Ramp Reconstruction
{+\$3,574.53}

144 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Final Payment – 80th Street Bulkhead Area {+\$2,723.17}

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

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Divney asked the status of the % of glass issue on commercial properties. Ms. Tighe responded that she and Mr. Savastano looked at 8 properties that she felt met the objective, Mr. Savastano is getting the information for those so a recommendation can be made. She went on to say that regarding the 13 ft/10 ft ceiling issue; she wanted to be clear that the 10 ft. should be the ceiling height and that no mechanicals should be below it. Mr. Baldini said he would make sure the ordinance was clear. Mr. Divney asked that the ordinance for both issues be ready for the next meeting.

Mr. Divney next asked about a workshop to discuss facilities such as the school, old firehouse and the old city hall. Ms. Tighe said that appraisals have been received for the old firehouse and that school will be occupied for several years. Mr. Divney asked when the firehouse sale will begin. Mr. Baldini responded he will meet with CFO Paula Doll and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Divney went on to ask when a follow-up meeting will be held on the mixed use zoning. Ms. Tighe said that she is compiling a list of the common complaints from the workshop to be distributed. Mr. Gibson added that he feels a master plan re-exam professional would be helpful. Mr. Edwardi disagreed stating that there should be much more discussion before the City considers a re-exam of the master plan. In conclusion, Ms. Tighe said she would ask for input and funnel everything to the Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Donald Sparks-8009 Central Ave: Suggested the City needs a flooding master plan as the pipes are filled with sand and need to be cleaned out especially where he lives as it floods during any rain event.

Tony Costello-9113 Pleasure Ave: Asked that the Landis Avenue traffic lights be turned to flashing only during the winter. Ms. Tighe said that the County has refused in the past, but will ask again.

Grant Salstrom-5313 Roberts Ave: Reiterated his concern with sustainability and his complaint that construction dumpsters are not being covered. He said that after the last workshop he and Mr. Savastano corresponded and many of the issues were taken care of; however he complained that overflowing dumpsters are now located at 77th, 78th & 82nd Streets and that the City has to start enforcing its ordinance.

Alan Fisher-122 55th St: Complained that dogs on the beach are not on a leash and owners not cleaning up after their pets. He also suggested the lifeguard stands be upgraded to include a roof.

Dave Cohan-5011 Marine Pl: Agreed with the complaint regarding dogs on the beach and suggested larger signs be posted at the entrances.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Said that the environmental commission is looking at replacing signs that were lost during super storm Sandy.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All eyes followed and the meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk