

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014 – 9:00 AM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Divney, Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Kehner and Ms. Tighe. Also attending was Administrator Mr. Savastano and Solicitor Mr. Baldini. Mr. Gibson was absent for the roll call.

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 4-22-14 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed, except Mr. Edwardi abstained due to absence.

**REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:** Mr. Savastano provided an updated status of the beaches, explaining that 91<sup>st</sup> Street is currently closed, but public works is hoping to have it open and ready for Memorial Day. Additionally, if the DEP approves the City's request, sand will be moved on 88<sup>th</sup> – 91<sup>st</sup> Streets to build up the sand for the summer season. A large beach replenishment project is scheduled for the Fall.

Mr. Savastano next provided an update on the roadway paving, with both Central and Landis to be completed before Memorial Day. The old City Hall and Marina parking lots will both be done before Memorial Day.

**REPORTS-Council:** Mr. Divney announced that through the Beautification Committee, there is an art project being considered to paint the electrical switch boxes. He explained that he saw the boxes in Ocean City and has contacted Community Services to coordinate with local artists in the Fall.

Ms. Tighe announced that Community Day is today from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm at the Community Lodge.

**ORDINANCES-Introduction and First Reading:**

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 1567 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the ordinance by title: **1567 – An Ordinance of the City of Sea Isle City Authorizing the Acceptance of Land Donation of Block 19.03, Lot 18 in Furtherance of Chapter XIV, of the Revised General Ordinances Entitled “Flood Damage Prevention”**. Mr. Baldini explained this is a FEMA-inspired acceptance of land in the North End. The property is located at 1600 Landis Avenue and may be buildable, therefore it benefits the City to accept the donation and keep it as open space.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1567 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes Followed. Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be June 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Before taking up Ordinance No. 1568, Ms. Tighe announced she would like to discuss it. She explained that the ordinance would allow A-Frame portable signs on the promenade for this season and that it is a test to see how successful it is with a sunset provision before next season.

Mr. Gibson arrived at 10:15 a.m.

Ms. Tighe went on to express concern that the \$1 million liability insurance requirement may be too much for a seasonal retail shop, especially when there is no requirement for A-Frame signs in the Commercial Zones. Mr. Baldini explained that the commercial zones permit the signs on the personal property of the business and that these signs would be in the public right-of-way on the city property. Mr. Divney asked how the commercial signs are enforced, i.e. how can the City determine if the sign is actually on the private property. Mr. Baldini agreed it is difficult but generally the space between the curb and the sidewalk are City property and from the sidewalk to the business is private; depending on the setback requirements.

Ms. Tighe reiterated that she wants the process to be as easy as possible for this year and the \$1 million seems excessive. Mr. Edwardi said it was pretty standard and Mr. Gibson agreed adding that it would not be a hardship to carry that amount. Mr. Edwardi said that he supports the ordinance, but added that the Commercial zones should also have to go through the same process and requirements. Mr. Kehner agreed adding that some business may inadvertently put the signs on City property and we should be covered. Ms. Tighe concluded with suggesting dealing with the promenade now and looking at the other areas another time.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 1568 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1568 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Chapter 26 Entitled “Zoning” to Allow Merchants on the Promenade Business District to Display “A” Frame Signs in Front of the Owner’s Place of Business Provided They Meet Requirements.**

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1568 on first reading and forward to the Planning Board for its review Master Plan consistency review. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be June 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked what the funds were being used for in #087 and Ms. Tighe said playground safety surface repairs and pickle ball court lines at the Dealy Field tennis Courts.

**Dave Helfrich-21 36<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked where the arcade is in #086 and Ms. Tighe said in the Acme center. He also asked if the fireworks company (#088) was qualified with all of the proper insurances and Ms. Tighe said yes, noting that it is the same company that does Avalon and Ocean City. He added that New Year's Eve is poorly attended and suggested it was a waste of City money. Ms. Tighe said that only \$5,600 of the total is for 12/31 and that while it may seem at JFK/Promenade that they are not well attended, people watch from all over the City.

Mr. Kehner asked where the barge will be and Ms. Tighe said 50<sup>th</sup> Street. He expressed the complaint that businesses in the downtown would prefer to have them at JFK/Promenade.

**Frauke Vogel-4405 Venician Rd:** Asked about #084 and Ms. Tighe said it was a request for outside dining.

**RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:**

**074** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

**075** – Authorizing Award of Contract for Roadway Reconstruction – Various Streets (*Landberg Construction - \$458,283.97*)

**076** – Authorizing Execution of a Waiver of Appraisal for Donated Easements Over Municipal Land for the Great Egg Harbor Inlet to Townsends Inlet, New Jersey Project

**077** – Authorizing Dogs on the Promenade on May 31, 2014 During the Gerard A. Desiderio Heart Walk & Run Held in the City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey to Raise Funds for the American Heart Association

**078** – Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayments

**079** – Authorizing Award Contract for Water & Sewer Pipes & Fittings

**080** –Appointing a Contact Person for the Employment Practices Liability Attorney Consultation Service (Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund)

**081** – Declaration of Surplus Property & Authorization of On-Line Auction (*Computer & Office Supplies & Equipment, Telephone Equipment, 2000 Ford Crown Victoria and 1999 Ford F-150 Van*)

**082** – Authorizing Fireworks Display (July 4, 2014 and December 31, 2014)

**083** – Authorizing Use of State Contract for Purchase of 2014 Ford F150 4x4 Extended Cab, 8 ft. Bed with Standard Equipment and Two (2) 2014 Ford F150 4x4 Regular Cab (*Total 3 vehicles: \$59,663.00*)

**084** – Requesting the State Issue Conflict of Interest Place-to-Place Transfer ABC License (Extension of Premises – Freda Sea Isle Inn – Outside Dining)

**085** – Authorizing Cancellation of Sewer Excess Charges

**086** – Authorizing the Issuance of a License to Conduct Amusement Games - Funtown Arcade

**087** – Authorizing Use of Tennis Fee Trust Funds (*\$4,400.00*)

**088** – Authorizing Award of Contract for Firework Displays July 4 and December 31, 2014 including Barge, Bid II (*Pyrotecnico - \$47,121.00*)

**089** – Authorizing Rental Permit Refund

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt resolutions on the consent agenda. #074 to #089. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

**PENDING BUSINESS:** Mr. Divney asked the status of the county-wide central dispatch and Mr. Savastano responded that he, the Mayor and the Chief went with other Cape May County officials to Camden County to look at the operation that has been operating for over 20 years. The County operation took over 20 years to get started and it was suggested that a county-wide steering committee be established to begin the process and the Cape May County Chief's Association will be proposing how to move forward with a Committee. Mr. Savastano said that Sea Isle has made it known its wants to be involved and an active participant. Mr. Divney asked that the Council continues to be updated.

Mr. Edwardi asked why Sea Isle would want to do it? Sea Isle is a small community and when an emergency call is made its answered. He questioned why we would want our calls go to the County and be dispatched by someone who doesn't know about the town. Mr. Savastano said the City has not committed, because there is a recognition that shore communities are different. Mr. Divney suggested that all the information needs to be gathered before an decision can be made.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Michael DeNunzio-Spinnaker Boardwalk Merchant:** Thanked the Council for introducing Ordinance No. 1568 and asked which side of the promenade the signs will be permitted and Ms. Tighe said the West side in front of the business.

**Ron Greco-115 49<sup>th</sup> St:** Said he was a Camden County Freeholder for 6 years and was responsible for public safety; he would be happy to volunteer his time on the steering committee for county-wide dispatch. Mr. Gibson asked what was the number one problem and Mr. Greco said cell-phone calls, but now GPS helps and said the key is that all municipalities are on the same BAND frequency.

**Brian Tyszka-115 47<sup>th</sup> St-Owner Makos Restaurant:** Said that he wanted to open a pizza shop on the promenade and should be ready to go in 3 days, but just learned from the Zoning Official that because its food, he must go to the planning board for site plan review. Ms. Tighe responded that unfortunately in the local ordinance anytime food is involved, the application must go to the planning board. Mr. Divney said that as the Council liaison to the Planning Board, he would ask the board to hold a special meeting to speed up the process.

**Dina Korber-121 90<sup>th</sup> St:** Suggested removing the jetties in the south end because they appear to do more damage than good by moving sand away from the beaches. She then asked when the TI Bridge will open and Mr. Savastano said 5/22/14 or sooner.

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked if sprinklers in homes should be required to prevent fires and Ms. Tighe responded that it is a State Law and it is not required for residential properties. She then asked if the signs on JFK can have more than one event listed and Ms. Tighe said there was limited space, so most likely not. Next she asked about the requirements for the A-Frame signs and Ms. Tighe provided an overview.

**Tom Wheaton-29 37<sup>th</sup> St:** Said that he is a long-time surfer and expressed concern with the amount of litter on the beach dunes; specifically plastic bags. He asked if the City could consider banning or prohibiting their use and if more signs could be put up reminding people to stay off the dunes. Ms. Tighe agreed that more signs are needed and it will be addressed with the Fall beach replenishment project. Mr. Savastano and Ms. Tighe asked him to stay and talk with them after the meeting regarding the litter.

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Said that on the West coast there is a \$1,000 fine for littering.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk