

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2014 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

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 12-9-14 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio reported that the guard rail on the south side of the Blvd has begun and there are more signs and patrol as well. He added that NJ Transit has been notified that the City received a complaint regarding the speeding of the buses and all drivers have been notified of the 40 mph and that it is being strictly enforced. In conclusion, the Mayor reported a successful family food and toy drive for Christmas that gave to 16 families.

Tourism Commission Chairperson, Jim Bennett then gave an update on the 2014 activities and the new 2015 campaign "Spend More Time in Sea Isle City", beginning with a digital billboard on the Walt Whitman bridge beginning 12/31/2014.

Mr. Savastano explained that resolution no. 221, security system for the new City Hall was not part of the original building contract, however it is included in the bond ordinance amount.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Gibson announced that the NJDOT and Rutgers has a program called "Complete Streets" that offers specialists to review the pedestrian, vehicular and bicycle traffic and offer possible solutions. He asked if there was an interest in having someone visit a council meeting and explain the program for possible participation and all agreed to invite to a future meeting.

Mr. Divney said he was happy there was another resolution appointing more volunteer firemen and praised the Chief for the recruiting efforts.

Mr. Kehner asked if resolution no. 219 will include the new city hall and Mr. Savastano said yes.

Mr. Edwardi thanked the Mayor for the 40 mph and guard rails on the blvd.

ORDINANCES ~ Introduction and First Reading: Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1575 for Introduction and First Reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed, except Mr. Gibson voted no. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1575 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 6 Entitled "Alcoholic Beverage Control" Relating to Regulation of Distance for Licensing Premises.** Mr. Divney explained that this will allow council the ability to waive the 1,000 ft. prohibition requirement for another licensed premise, church or school. He went on to explain that the ordinance will require the applicant to send notices to everyone within 200 ft. as well as those affected within 1,000 ft. as to when the waiver resolution would be on the agenda. Mr. Edwardi suggested the notices be sent by certified mail and Mr. Baldini said he would add the provision.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1575 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed, except Mr. Gibson voted no. Mr. Divney announced second reading and public hearing will be January 27, 2015.

CITIZEN COMMENT~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked who is being awarded contracts in resolutions 205 & 206 and Mr. Savastano said 205 is McManimon & Scotland and 206 is Marsh & McClennan Associates.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

204A–Authorizing Approval of Vouchers

205 – Authorizing a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Bond Counsel - 2015

206 – Authorizing a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Risk Management Consultant – 2015

207 – Authorizing a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Employee Benefits Consultant - 2015

208 – Authorizing Application for Casino Night (Bishop McHugh)

209 – Authorizing Application for Raffle (Bishop McHugh)

210 – Authorizing the Cancellation of Checks – Municipal Court

211 – Authorizing the Renewal of the Municipal Alliance Grant (MAC)

- 212 – Fixing Interest Rates on Delinquent Property Taxes and Municipal Claims and Providing Ten Day Grace Period
- 213 – Authorizing Cash Management Plan
- 214 – Designating Bank Depositories
- 215 – Authorizing Cancellations of Tax and Utility Balances (Less than \$10.00)
- 216 – Authorizing Cancellation of Balance Sheet Balances
- 217 – Authorizing Various Refunds of Overpayments (*taxes*)
- 218 – Approving Members to the Sea Isle City Volunteer Fire Company
- 219 – Authorizing Award for Supply & Delivery of Natural Gas Bid with Atlantic/Cape May County & South Jersey Power Cooperative
- 220 – Declaration of Surplus Personal Property & Authorization of On-Line Auction (5 vehicles)
- 221 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Security Surveillance System for New City Hall Facility (\$97,093.81)

Mr. Divney announced that #214 will be removed from the consent agenda as requested by Mr. Gibson due to a conflict. Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt resolution #214. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed except Mr. Gibson abstained.

Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #204A to #213 and #215 to #221. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Divney reported that the master plan committee has met and is moving forward towards the first discussion at the 1/12/15 Planning Board meeting.

Ms. Tighe asked about the beach replenishment and Mr. Savastano said there is not a final schedule at this time, but it is anticipated that the beach pumping will occur from April through August. She then asked if the south end will get repairs so that it will be ready for summer prior to the beach replenishment and Mr. Savastano said yes.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Complained that the sound system was not working and about the flooding on Central Avenue suggesting the valves are not working. Mr. Savastano said that they were working but it may be the pipe needs replacing. She then suggested changing the ordinance to prohibit pavers and concrete on lawns and asking the County to lift the tolls on the Strathmere bridge during the Blvd. construction.

Joe Meier-117 92nd St: Suggested a permanent fix on the roadway on the Avalon side of the T.I. Bridge and expressed support for the proposed brew pub. He then asked the status of employee contract negotiations and Mr. Divney said that a response would be pre-mature at this time.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Announced the 1/6/15 School Board meeting will have a demonstration by the high school rocket team.

Dan Tumolo-SIC School Board President: Invited everyone to the 1/6/15 meeting at 7:00 to see and hear the space experiment by the students.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk