

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 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 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 1-7-14 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano announced that Mayor Desiderio was invited to the Governor's Inauguration so he would be reading the State of the City Address. He then read the address and highlighted items in the 2014 budget that will include a \$673,000 increase (3.2%), driven mainly by a 13% increase in health insurance and 13.5% increase in debt service. He added that salary and wages remain flat and that the City has a \$3.5 million surplus balance.

REPORTS-Council: There were no Council reports.

ORDINANCES-Introduction and First Reading:

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 1559 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1559 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4 of the Revised General Ordinances for the City of Sea Isle City to Allow for a Late Fee when Applying for a Mercantile License After May 31 of the Year in Which the License is Issued.** Mr. Baldini explained that the ordinance will create a late fee for business mercantile licenses, the same as rental permits \$50.00 after June 1st.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1559 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed and Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be 2/11/14.

CITIZEN COMMENT-Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked the amount of #10 and who was receiving a refund in #13. Ms. Tighe responded.

Dave Helfrich – 21 36th St: Asked if #14, #15 & #16 were paid positions and Mr. Savastano said #14 & #15 are appointments of an existing employee to the JIF and #16 is a service, not an employee.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 009** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 010** – Authorizing Contracts for 2014 Advertising, Commercials & Promotional Media
- 011** – Authorizing Participation in State Approved Contracts
- 012** – Authorizing Advertisement for Bids – Printed Sports Clothing & Printed Matter
- 013** – Authorizing Refund of Payment for Rental Bond Money
- 014** – Appointing a Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Safety Coordinator for the City of Sea Isle City
- 015** – Appointing a Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Alternate Fund Commissioner
- 016** – Authorizing the Award of Contract for Animal Control Services and the Appointment of
Animal Control Officer
- 017** – Authorizing Transfer Appropriations

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the Resolutions on the consent agenda, #009 to #017. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe reiterated the parking recommendations and after much discussion received consensus among the Council for a draft Ordinance regarding parking: 3 hour parking up and down streets, but continue 10 hour parking on JFK Landis Ave to the Bridge; 15 minute spaces sporadically throughout business district; no overnight parking of commercial vehicles (over 4,000 gvw – to be confirmed by Mr. Baldini) in City surface lots; no increased fee for parking permits, but increase the number sold to 300 and allow parking without restriction, change meter time to May 15, 2014 through Labor Day with no change in the daily operation of meters and no parking on either side of 63rd Street, except for 2-3 spaces on the northwest side of the entrance into ACME parking lot off of 63rd. Mr. Baldini said he would prepare a draft ordinance for Council review.

Mr. Divney next announced that he and Mr. Edwardi will be prepared to make suggestions on the mixed zoning discussions in February.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe announced there will be a budget workshop on Thursday, 1/23/14 at 10:00 am in Council Chambers.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Valerie Watson-NJ Hope and Healing: Announced that the program to assist Super Storm Sandy victims will be ending 2/14/14 and encouraged anyone needing assistance to reach out.

Bill Buchanan-4200 Landis Ave: Thanked the Council for not increasing the parking permit fee.

Fred Freda-6300 Landis Ave: Regarding 63rd Street parking, he suggested consideration be given to allow parking during the rest of the year as the congestion occurs mostly in the summer. Chief D'Intino said he would consider the recommendations.

Ms. Tighe took the opportunity to announce that a letter had been received from Mr. and Mrs. Hottenstein regarding polar bear plunge; it thanked Eagle Scout Mike Cardinale for providing safety ladders at the Marina and encouraged the City to ensure safety and provided an article regarding hypothermia and asked that it be distributed to all plungers. Ms. Tighe said she would give it to the organizers of the event.

John Henry-119-45th St: Stated that two years ago he saw a woman in the water over 20 minutes and asked what the City does to prevent problems with hypothermia. Ms. Tighe said that there are lifeguards and many volunteers present.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk