

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY , DECEMBER 27, 2012 – 10:00 AM**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Divney, Mr. McHale, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Kehner. Also attending was Administrator Mr. Savastano. **Absent:** Mr. Edwardi

Council President Kehner called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. He then announced that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P. L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 12-8-12 and 12-15-12 Workshops and the 12-11-12 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

**REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:** Mr. Savastano reported that to date, the emergency expenditures for for “Sandy” is approximately \$1.25 million. He added there is still work to be done; included but not limited to the demo of the information center on the promenade and repair of beach access ramps and the promenade. Mr. McHale asked what will replace the information center and Mr. Savastano said he would be seeking input as it may be a trailer, new construction or pre-fabricated construction.

Mr. Savastano next reported that the decisions regarding facilities continues to move forward and that after public meetings and feedback via e-mail on the three options, it is the recommendation to build a new municipal facility on JFK. He then reiterated the options (1) stay and retro-fit the school; (2) repair and rebuild city hall and the public safety building and (3) build a new municipal facility at the public safety site on JFK. He added that a needs assessment has been on-going that will need to be fine tuned but that he would like Council consensus so that a bond ordinance can be introduced at the next meeting and schematic drawings can begin.

Mr. McHale said he supports a new facility and believes that generally the public agrees. He said that the City Hall building is in bad shape and the police building needs to be built for high tides. He went on to say; however, the school building continues to be a problem and he feels it should become a recreation/community center and playground. He added that HVAC needs to be done for the employees, so instead of window air conditioners, do it right and continue to use the building. Mr. McHale said that the Council should talk about the proposal from the School Board.

Ms. Tighe said that there are residents that think city hall and police should stay in the school, but after 2 Saturday meetings and an e-alert to 6000 residents, only 10 responses and all were to spend wisely, but that consolidation in one facility is logical, adding that there is not a huge financial impact discrepancy between the 3 options.. She agreed with Mr. McHale that there should be discussion about the school, as well as city hall and other publicly owned properties that could be sold to offset the debt.

Mr. Divney said he believed one municipal facility on JFK is the right move and that there should be a public discussion to take each potential property (city hall, school, old museum and old firehouse) and review the options with the financial impact of each. He added that everyone should be thinking about the needs of a community center and forward suggestions to the administration.

Mr. Savastano agreed adding that much input will be sought on all of the facilities. Ms. Tighe suggested making a decision on the firehouse and museum buildings and plan how to move forward and Mr. McHale agreed.

Mr. Kehner said he agreed with council members and reminded all that the costs that have been projected are worse case as it does not reflect any reimbursement from FEMA or insurances.

**REPORTS-Council:** There were no Council reports.

**ORDINANCES-Introduction and First Reading:**

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 1532 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1532 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26, Article 6 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Entitled “Commercial Districts” to Set a Standard for Parking in the “C” Zones.** Mr. Divney explained that this will increase the parking requirements for mixed use development in the commercial zones from 1 space to 1, 3 or 5 depending on the square footage. Ms. Tighe added that it is designed to help reduce density as well.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1532 on first reading and forward to the Planning Board for its review. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. Second reading will be scheduled after Planning Board review.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 1533 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1533 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26, Section 23.5 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Entitled “Stacked Parking Prohibited” to Regulate Mechanical Parking Lifts.** Mr. Divney explained that this will require mechanical lifts in the commercial zones be enclosed and prohibited in residential zones unless inside a garage.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1533 on first reading and forward to the Planning Board for its review. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed. Second Reading will be scheduled after Planning Board review.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 1534 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1534 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 6, Section 4.4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Entitled “Outdoor Sales; Hours” to Define and Regulate Full Enclosed Area.** Mr. Divney explained that the ordinance changes the definition of enclosures to permanent and requires vestibules between the inside licensed premise and the outside bar area.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1534 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed. Second reading and public hearing will be 1/22/13 at 10:00 am.

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

**John Fee-220 43<sup>rd</sup> St:** Asked about #230 and Mr. Savastano said it was Water & Sewer bond projects that were completed and this will cancel \$11,888.79 of unspent funds.

**Ann Organ 209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked about #215 and Mr. Kehner said it was the standard resolution to pay bills. She then asked about #237 and Mr. Kehner provided the amounts transferred from/to accounts.

**RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:**

- 215 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 216 – Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract to McManimon & Scotland for Bond Counsel
- 217 – Authorizing Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract to Thomas Rossi as Municipal Prosecutor
- 218 – Authorizing Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract to Ellen Byrne as Municipal Public Defender
- 219 – Authorizing Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract to Marsh McLennan for Employee Benefits Consultant
- 220 – Authorizing Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract to Marsh McLennan for Risk Management Consultant
- 221 – Authorizing Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract to Maser Consulting for Municipal Engineer
- 222 – Authorizing Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract to Andrew D. Catanese, Esq. for Hearing Officer
- 223 – Authorizing an Amendment to a Professional Services Contract with EDA for Phase III, Excursion Park
- 224 – Declaration of Surplus Property & Authorizing On-Line Auction
- 225 – Fixing Interest Rates on Delinquent Property Taxes and Municipal Claims and Providing Ten Day Grace Period
- 226 – Authorizing Cancellations of Tax and Utility Balances (Less than \$10.00)
- 227 – Appointing and Re-Appointing Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment – Joseph Morrissey (4 year term)
- 228 – Authorizing Various Transfers of Overpayments
- 229 – Authorizing Various Refunds of Overpayments
- 230 – Authorizing the Cancellation of Unspent Funds for Various Bond Ordinances
- 231 – Authorizing Cash Management Plan
- 232 – Designating Bank Depositories for the City of Sea Isle City
- 233 – Authorizing Change Order – Utility Reconstruction – 44<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Intersections at Central Avenue
- 234 – Authorizing the Issuance of a License to Conduct Amusement Games ~ Island Breeze Casino
- 235 – Amending An Application for a Raffle
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- 237 – Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #215 to #237. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

**PENDING BUSINESS:** Ms. Tighe asked about the letter received from the school board and why the city has not done the requested hold-harmless agreement and that Mr. Baldini should be directed to get it done. Mr. Savastano agreed it should be done. Much discussion followed regarding the school and if the city wanted to lease or take ownership and all agreed that it wanted to take ownership. Mr. McHale questioned the council if anyone wanted to sell the property and all answered no. Mr. Divney added that both governing bodies agree with the suggest solution, but we are waiting for direction from the solicitor as to the legality. Ms. Tighe concluded that it should be settled as quickly as possible

Mr. Kehner announced that 2 jitneys will be in operation on 12/31 from 6:00 pm to 4:00 am for a \$4.00 flat rate.

Ms. Tighe asked when the T.I. Bridge will be repaired and Mr. Kehner said he spoke with the CMC Engineer and it will not be worked on until May but should be open for summer.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Thanked the City for supporting several members of the environmental commission to attend a Shade Tree conference that was very informative. She suggested the city always consider trees in the dunes to help with shore protection. In conclusion she asked Council to send a letter to legislators to ban automatic weapons in the wake of the Connecticut shooting.

**John Fee-220 43<sup>rd</sup> St:** Asked for a breakdown of the emergency spending on “Sandy” and Mr. McHale gave him a copy of the recently passed resolution. He then reiterated his suggestion that the school be demolished and a new city hall and community center be built. On behalf of SICTA, he asked if there would be a respond from the recently submitted questions and Mr. Divney responded that most of the questions have been answered and he provided a response to each.

**Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave:** Asked how ordinance 1532 would affect the ACME parking lot and was told it would not. He then asked when the ACME would re-open and no one was sure. In conclusion he said he was opposed to a municipal facility on JFK as he supports police back at the public safety building and an addition to the Lodge for City Hall with recreation moving to the school.

**Ray Dundas-22 74<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked if there was any new information regarding the FEMA regulations or the Beach Tag legislation. Mr. Savastano said the proposed FEMA maps have been received but it could take up to 2 years before enacted and that the beach tag bill was sent to committee and there is strong encouragement to prevent a vote.

**NJ Hope and Healing:** Representatives from the NJ Division of Mental Health doing public awareness and presented brochures encouraging anyone in need of managing the emotional consequences of the storm to reach out. They will be at the CMC Library 1/8/13 at 6:00 pm and 1/10/13 at 10:00 am.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

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Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk