

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CITY HALL – 233 JFK BLVD.**

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

Council President Kehner 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. He then asked for a moment of silence in honor of Sea Isle resident Bruce MacMurray who passed away.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 9-27-2016 Regular Meeting and closed session for content only. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

**REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:** Mr. Savastano announced that there will be a report on the study performed regarding the Emergency Medical Services in Sea Isle, however there is some difficulty with the power point and he suggested the meeting move forward until it can be resolved.

Mr. Baldini reported that a potential settlement has been negotiated regarding the SIC Retirees vs. SIC litigation. He explained that 3 additional retirees would receive the same prescription coverage as the previous seven and would also receive Medicare Part B reimbursements. He said that Council members have been advised independently of the settlement and asked for a motion to accept the terms of the settlement and resolve the litigation. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed and Mr. Baldini said a memorializing resolution will be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Savastano announced that resolution #196 is a large contract that will address several streets throughout the City. He also explained that #198 is State required and Municipalities must score 90% or better to ensure 100% of State Aid is received.

**REPORTS-Council:** Mr. Edwardi reiterated his concern with the dip and pooling of water at the base of the bridge exiting the City onto the Blvd. Mr. Savastano said he spoke with the County and it is due to settlement and will be addressed in December as part of the second phase of the project.

Mr. Divney announced that the Planning Board will hold another public hearing on the Master Plan re-exam at the 7:00 pm meeting tonight.

**ORDINANCES - Second Reading and Public Hearing:** Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up ordinance No. 1595 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1595 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, CHAPTER 14 ENTITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION" RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE SEA ISLE CITY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPED IN 2016.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**John Fee - 220 43rd Pl:** Asked for an explanation and Mr. Baldini provided an overview of the watershed areas and that it identifies and explained that it pulls all ordinances regarding flood etc. together. Mr. Gibson added that by adopting this, the City will be eligible for the greatest possible CRS discount.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1595 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

**CITIZEN COMMENT~Resolutions on Consent Agenda:** There was no public comment on the resolutions.

**RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:**

- 195** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 196** – Authorizing Award of Contract for Utility Reconstruction Program, Various Streets (*F. W. Shawl & Sons, Marmora, NJ \$1,003,025.00*)
- 197** – Recognizing the City of Sea Isle City Employee Handbook
- 198** – Certifying the Governing Body Reviewed the 2015/2016 Best Practice Inventory
- 199** – Authorizing Award of Contract for Well Maintenance and Repair Services (*Tentative – Bid Opening 10/4/16*)
- 200** – Honoring James Bennett as Recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America
- 201** – Recognizing and Supporting October as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month
- 202** - Authorizing Award of Contract for Bulkhead and Storm Sewer Outfall Reconstruction at 4516 Park Road (*Larsen Marine Services LLC - \$90,047.00*)
- 203** – Accepting the Deed of Access Easement for 4516 Park Road
- 204** – Approving Grant Application to Accept Grant Funds Administered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs
- 205** – Authorizing Group Long-Term Disability Employee-Paid Insurance Benefit

Mr. Kehner next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #195 to #205. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Mr. Savastano then introduced Chuck McSweeney of EMS Consulting Services who presented a review and study of Sea Isle City's current Ambulance Corps. The study was done to address the issue of dwindling volunteers and the City's inability to continue the stipend program that is in place. Mr. McSweeney explained that the recommendation is for the City to take over the Ambulance Corps with employees that will report to the Police Chief. Much more discussion will follow before any decision is made.

Mr. Gibson left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Mr. Divney suggested consideration be given to a county-wide EMS before establishing one in Sea Isle and asked the Administration to talk to the County Leadership. He also suggested considering contract services. Mr. Edwardi said that he wants all of the volunteers be offered full time positions. Mr. Baldini indicated that he and Mr. Savastano met with the Ambulance Corps and will work with the volunteers but that the City would have to follow civil service requirements. Mr. Divney asked what the average staffing would be and Mr. McSweeney suggested 2 EMT's 24/7 with more for holidays and Friday and Saturday in the summer. In conclusion, Mr. Savastano said the purpose of today was to report the results of the study. The City needs to stop operating on a program under emergency resolutions that cost over \$250,000 in 2016. He went on to say that a transition team will be established and the process will take many months. There was much discussion regarding hiring a chief to report to Police Chief Tom D'Intino. Mr. Kehner concluded that the Council needs to review the report for future discussion.

**PENDING BUSINESS:** Mr. Kehner announced that the Council will hold a Capital Plan Workshop at 1:00 pm after the Council meeting on October 25, 2016.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Rich Mashura-Petersburg, NJ:** As a local builder, he explained that the development community is running into design issues as the new ordinance (1591) is creating some challenges. Specifically, he said there needs to be clarification on how Floor Area Ratio (FAR) regarding elevator shafts and stairwells. Also, bump outs are permitted on side yards; however on a corner lot there is no side yard, therefore no bump outs. Mr. Kehner indicated the Council would get information from the Construction Official to determine if any ordinance change is necessary. Mr. Savastano responded that it is not an issue of "interpretation" as the ordinance is being accurately enforced as written regarding FAR, but he will review the issue regarding bump outs on corner lots. Mr. Mashura said he had photos to illustrate his concerns and Mr. Baldini asked him to forward them to Neil Byrne.

**John Bugosy-109 51st St:** Said that he moved here 4 months ago and is concerned with the flooding in his area. Mr. Kehner asked that the City check to see if there is a clogged drain and announced that Mr. Gibson has asked for funding in the Capital Plan to address flooding with pump stations. The next Capital Plan workshop is 10/25/2016 at 1:00 pm.

**Joe Meier-117 92nd St:** Regarding the EMS presentation he said while it is a critical service he isn't sure the winter population warrant full time employees and suggested more deliberation and consideration be given to shared services with the County or other municipalities. He then asked Mr. Baldini what the cost to the City will be to settle the retirees litigation and Mr. Baldini said it is just a prescription payment difference so not more than \$50 - \$100 per year. In conclusion, Mr. Meier suggested flooding is related to FAR and he hopes that the Council does not re-visit a change to the ordinance and suggested banning car lifts.

**Dave Helfrich-21 36th St:** Asked when the 36th - 37th Street roadway reconstruction work over a year ago will get final paving and Mr. Savastano said he was not sure of the date however he believes it will be soon, he will confirm the date and report back.

**Richard Parks-116 90th St:** Said he is a Zoning Board member in PA and suggested that some tweaking may be necessary to get the FAR and bump out ordinance correct.

**Roy Cook-140 61st St:** Expressed opposition to any change in FAR

**Donald Fancher - SIC Ambulance Corps Mbr:** Said that other CMC Municipalities have EMS/FIRE combined not just EMS and before there could be county-wide EMS Services, there would need to be county-wide dispatch.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.