

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013 – 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Divney, Mr. Edwardi, Mr. McHale, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Kehner. Also attending was Administrator Mr. Savastano, CFO Mrs. Doll and Solicitor Mr. Baldini.

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 2-26-13 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano indicated that the Council received a response from the Police Department regarding the Parking Committee recommendations and that he would like to discuss in detail under pending business.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. McHale announced that the Environmental Commission received the Community Forestry Management Plan and after review it will come before Council for adoption.

Mr. Divney reported that the committee reviewing the Commercial Zoning of large parcels met last week to continue the discussion regarding possible zoning changes. He also reported that the School Board sent a proposed transfer of the school to the City that is being reviewed by the Solicitor.

Mr. Kehner announced that the Beautification Committee will be dedicating the North Entrance on May 4, 2013 at 10:00 am.

ORDINANCES - Introduction and First Reading:

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to Introduce Ordinance 1539 on First Reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1539 – An Ordinance Establishing a Source Separation and Recycling Policy for the City of Sea Isle City, NJ.** Mr. Savastano explained this will allow recycling items to be combined and accepted by the MUA. Mr. Edwardi asked if items were separated would they still be picked up and Mr. Savastano said yes as there will be time for educating residents.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1539 on First Reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. Mr. Kehner announced second reading and public hearing will be April 9, 2013.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to Introduce Ordinance 1540 on First Reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1540 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Entitled “Flood Management Prevention” to Require Construction to be at or Above Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE).** Mr. Baldini explained that this ties to Ordinance 1538 that amends to zoning code, but this will amend the Flood Management Prevention code.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1540 on First Reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Mr. Kehner announced that Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinances 1539 and 1540 will be April 9, 2013.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading and Public Hearing:

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1533 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. 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. Baldini explained that this ordinance, as amended, clarifies car lifts in the residential zones would not count as a parking space for zoning requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Pacana-207 88th St: Asked what stacked parking was and if it was utilized anywhere in the City and Mr. Baldini defined it and stated it is used in the parking lot for Diamond’s.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1533 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1537 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Divney. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1537 - Calendar Year 2013 Ordinance to Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank**. Ms. Doll explained that this is a routine, annual ordinance to allow the City to bank its CAP allowance in the event it is needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance 1537.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1537 on second reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1538 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1538 – An ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Entitled “Zoning” to Mandate Building to ABFE Standards.** Mr. Baldini explained that this ordinance allows building to the ABFE height standards.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jack Gibson-4466 Venicean Rd: Stated that it is common knowledge that the maps are incorrect and cautioned that adopting this ordinance may leave the City without the ability to fight the maps. Mr. Baldini explained that the City is contesting the maps and this ordinance addresses height not the maps.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked if the ordinance affect the Gazebo at 80th Street and Mr. Baldini said it does not affect accessory structures.

Ray Dundas-22 74th St: Asked how the ordinance affects commercial development and Mr. Baldini said if the property is in the A Zone, the commercial can be below ABFE, but the residential unit must be above.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1538 on second reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – Second Reading and Public Hearing of the 2013 Local Municipal Budget. Mrs. Doll explained that the budget as introduced has a \$2,000 amendment in the Water and Sewer Utility Budget and that is reflected in resolution #043.

PUBLIC HEARING – As Introduced (Resolution #018) on 2-13-2013 and advertised 2-20-2013: There was no public comment on the 2013 Local Municipal Budget.

043 – Amending the 2013 Local Municipal Budget. Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adopt resolution #043, to amend the budget. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and Seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes Followed.

044 – Adopting the 2013 Local Municipal Budget. Mr. Divney stated that the budget is an on-going effort and good sound financial management that takes the entire community working together to come up with an acceptable document. Mr. Edwardi agreed stating that the last 3 years there was no increase and with all of the infrastructure work and the storm, it only reflects a slight increase. Ms. Tighe added that a lot of the budget is debt service and emergency work from Sandy, and that the budget reflects about \$31.45 annual increase on the average \$750,000.00 assessed home. She went on to say that she continues to have concerns with certain salaries and she has expressed those concerns, but will not hold up the passing of the budget. Mr. McHale thanked Mrs. Doll and the Administrator saying it is through their leadership the budget is in great shape and he will be voting for it as he has not always done so. Mr. Kehner said that the entire Senior Staff should be commended for the budget and the dedication and hard work getting the City up and running quickly after the storm.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #044, the 2013 Local Municipal Budget as amended. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT-Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

John Fee-220 43rd St: Asked what was being recommended in Resolution #061 and Mr. Savastano read the 5 requests.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked about #062 Mr. Kehner provided an explanation and #063 and Mr. Savastano explained it.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Asked where the parking lot is in #56 Mr. Savastano said behind the school.

Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave: Regarding #063, he suggested a helicopter pad on the roof so that Dealy Field isn't used.

Mike Pacana-207 88th St: Gave the City kudos on the budget and said it was a shame no one spoke with a compliment or even clapped. He said he had several other questions and Mr. Divney said he would be happy to meet with him.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked how much was the refund in #065 and why. Mr. Kehner said it was a refund for a 2013 Fall Family Festival vendor.

Ray Dundas-22 74th St: Asked about #049 and Mr. Kehner explained the council cannot vote on it as three are yacht club members and if #057 will replace all of the railing and Mr. Savastano explained where the replacements will take place.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

045 - Authorizing Approval of Vouchers

046 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 – SIC103 - Reconstruction of Access Ramps at 35th and 44th Streets {+\$1,076.58}

047 – Authorizing the Issuance of a License to Conduct Amusement Games (Uncle Mikes Arcade)

048 – Authorizing a Reduction of a Performance Guarantee for a Project at 4448 Venician Road {Yacht Club of Sea Isle City}

049 – Requesting the State to Issue a Conflict of Interest ABC License – Place-to-Place Transfer {Yacht Club of Sea Isle City}

050 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Utility Reconstruction 50th Street and 51st Street; Landis to Central Avenue {RTW Construction \$182,608}

051 – Authorizing Extension of Co-Op Contract for Portable Sanitary Units

052 – *Removed from the Agenda prior to the meeting*

053 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Printed Matter

054 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Printed Sports Clothing

055 – Authorizing Award of Ice Cream & Bottled Water Franchise

056 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Temporary Municipal Complex Parking Lot Construction {\$95,090.69}

057 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Promenade Railing Replacement {\$47,400.00}

058 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Promenade Reconstruction at 29th & 31st Streets {\$25,432.10}

059 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 – SIC065 -Utility Reconstruction, Various Streets {+\$98,508.13}

060 – Authorizing the Approval of a Raffle Application for VFW Post 1963

061 – Recommending Amendments to the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012

062 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 – SIC8865.4 - Roadway Reconstruction, Various Streets {+\$10,402.96}

063 – Authorize Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract to Garrison Architects for Completion of Schematic Design and Design Development Phase of Municipal Facility Project {Not to Exceed \$200,000}

064 – Authorizing Advertise of Bids – *Tractor Towed Beach Sanitizer, Demolition of the Public Safety Building*

065 – Authorizing Refund of Payment to a Vendor for Fall Family Festival

066 – Authorizing the Purchase of Vehicles on State Contract {\$20,198 – 2013 Ford F250 and {\$27,479 – 2013 Chevy Tahoe – Department of Public Works}

067 – Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations {Water & Sewer to MUA \$25,000}

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #045 to #051 and #053 to #067. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe asked Mr. Baldini to request that the Zoning and Planning Boards not make handicap parking spots on the street and condition for approval. Mr. Divney and Mr. McHale agreed. As the liaison to the Planning Board, Mr. Kehner agreed stating that the board is seeking direction from the Council.

Ms. Tighe next asked that Resolution #061 be the start of a letter-writing campaign and asked that it be put on the website with the addresses of the legislators. Mr. Savastano agreed indicating he would prepare a sample letter as well.

Mr. Divney suggested that as the new municipal facility moves forward, there needs to be continued discussion regarding the alternatives for the existing facilities and asked for an outline with a time-line be generated to start the discussion process.

Mr. Savastano and the Council members next discussed the Parking Committee Recommendations and the Police and Administration response/recommendations. The results of the discussion can be found at the end of these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Jack Birkmeyer-37 77th St: Asked about the status of the T.I. Bridge and Mr. Kehner responded the County is planning a temporary fix by Memorial Day as it waits for Federal dollars for the permanent repairs in the Fall.

Anne Organ-209 39th St: Stated that last week in the Philadelphia Inquirer a City Code employee was quoted as saying "If Sea Isle wants green, paint the stones". She said she felt it was inappropriate.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Suggested 1 hour parking near restaurants is not long enough and supports the city-wide 12:00 pm meter start time on Sunday. She also suggested using the dirt lot in the north end for parking and purchasing land off shore. Mr. Savastano responded that the dirt lot was available last year and was not used. Mr. McHale suggested better signage for this year to encourage use.

John Fee-220 43rd St: As a member of the parking committee he suggested allowing overnight parking at the lot next to LaCosta, but Mr. Savastano said the City committed to the neighbors that it would not be overnight parking in the lot when the Library was demolished.

Ray Dundas-22 74th St: Asked about the status of the Beach Fee Bill and Mr. Baldini said it was dead. He then suggested the beaches are in need of replenishment and asked about a beach pumping project. Mr. Savastano said the City is hopeful to have a project before the summer of 2014.

Irene Jameson-1500 Landis Ave: Suggested the jitney travel north past 29th Street and use all of the empty lots for free parking. Also she said that she frequently requests Cape May County eliminate parking on the west side of Landis.

Michael Monichetti-213 43rd St: Stated that the parking lot by the bridge should cost more than the \$0.25 @15 minutes as it could be a good revenue source. He then thanked Council for the budget and the direction that the City has taken in the last 5 years. In conclusion he reported that the 2013 Polar Bear Autism Walk generated +\$40,000.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk

The Police Administration would like to thank the members of the Parking Committee for their time and effort put forth while compiling their recommendations for the various parking issues throughout the City. After careful review the following is our response to their recommendations.

- 1 • A color coded street map to show timed zones which reflect fifteen minute, one hour, three hour and twelve hour areas. Please note attached color coded street map.

ALL AGREED Administration recommendation: Continue the current times noted on the kiosks along with the signage.

- 2 • Parking permits would be allowed in the ten hour zones on a continuous basis but limited to the time constraints of the other metered areas. The cost of these parking permits should be \$200.00.

ALL AGREED Administration recommendation: We agree that the parking permits for the 2013 summer season should be \$200.00. Also, we recommend that parking permit holders be permitted to park continuously (including overnight) in the 10 hour metered parking areas and the municipal lot at 40th and Central. All permit holders to be notified when purchasing their parking permits.

- 3 • Pricing in the various zones should be different to produce movement for the businesses. The rates for the one hour and three hour zones should be fifty cents for fifteen minutes. The rates for the twelve hour zones would remain at twenty-five cents for fifteen minutes. The thought process is that long term visitors would utilize the twelve hour zones as opposed to the one and three hour zones.

ALL AGREED Administration recommendation: For 2013, continue with the rates already in place. The rates throughout town were doubled last year, and while we recognize the relatively low cost of parking in Sea Isle, we do not believe another increase is warranted at this time. We also believe the rate should remain consistent throughout the town.

- 4 • The use of municipal lots to accommodate overnight parking along with the twelve hour zones, except when noted for cleaning and special events.

ALL AGREED Administration recommendation: Do not allow overnight parking in the municipal lots, except for 40th and Central. Specifically in regard to the newest lot on JFK, representations were made by the City to the public that this lot would not be used for overnight parking.

- 5 • Removal of parking meters located at 29th Street (West of Landis Avenue) and on Central Avenue (from 29th Street to 31st Street).

ALL AGREED Administration recommendation: That the meters located from 29th to 31st Street and Central Avenue remain in place. Although this is not a high traffic area during the week, there is considerable use on weekends. The meters are in place, their maintenance is minimal, and a further review of this is warranted prior to removal.

- 6 € Consistent time periods – 10 AM to 10 PM – seven days a week – including Sunday.

ALL AGREED

Administration recommendation: That the hours for the meters remain the same as in the past: Monday thru Saturday, 0900 hrs to 2300 hrs; and continue Sunday noon to 11 pm.

- 7 € Meters should start on May 15th and continue to September 30th, since we now have a much longer shoulder season.

ALL AGREED TO MAY 15 TO SEPTEMBER 15 AS IT IS CURRENTLY

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Administration recommendation: Meters in effect from May 1st through September 30th. There are monthly fees associated with the operation of the Kiosks and having them shut down in the middle of the month is counter-productive.

- 8 € Consider parking for street legal golf carts which utilize a smaller footprint for space.

ALL AGREED

Administration recommendation: Do not create special parking for golf carts at this time and revisit the matter for next season.

- 9 € Additional spaces to be placed South of JFK on Pleasure Avenue and along 42nd Street between Pleasure and Landis Avenue (note map).

ALL AGREED

Administration recommendation: Continue without meters on Pleasure Avenue south of JFK and install single space meters on 42nd and 43rd Street from Pleasure to Landis. We recommend that these meters be 3 hours. We also recommend that the meters currently in place on Pleasure from JFK to 38th Street be changed from 10 hours to 3 hours, to better serve the overall needs of the area around Excursion Park.

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- 10 € Concerning consistency of time periods – the marina area will need to be addressed regarding fishermen going out prior to the 10 AM meter start.

ALL AGREED

Administration recommendation: That the meters be programmed to accept money 24 hrs a day, seven days a week.

- 11 The Metric meters will be operated by Pay by Space method. In utilizing this method, patrons would have the added option of paying by phone which is the current trend in major cities. Also, by having the Pay by Space method, visitors may utilize any kiosk when making payments. Credit cards and cash will still be the primary method of payment.

ALL AGREED

- 12 In regard to additional 15 minute parking spaces, the administration recommends that no additional 15 minute zones be created for this season. A substantial number of 15 minute spaces were established last season, and seemed to be well received. While we recognize the intent to provide very short term MAJORITY AGREED, BUT SOME FELT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NEEDED AS TO THE CURRENT NUMBER AND THE RECOMMENDED NUMBER AND LOCATIONS

parking, this should be evaluated further prior to adding more such spaces, in order not to negatively impact the objective of providing overall adequate parking capability.

- 13 A potential parking problem came to the Police Department's attention recently regarding parking in the 100 block of 63rd Street. In order for delivery trucks and emergency vehicles to have ample room, it is our recommendation that parking be prohibited from Landis Avenue West to Emmeus on both North and South sides of street. **ALL AGREED TO ELIMINATE PARKING ON SOUTH SIDE ONLY AND ALLOW PARKING IN FRONT OF RETAIL STORES ON NORTH SIDE OF 63rd**

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- 14 Finally, the administration recommends the elimination of the unofficial 15 minute grace period which has been in place for some time. We believe this creates confusion with enforcement, and is impractical to apply to any degree of accuracy.

Again, I would like to thank the members of the parking committee for their efforts in submitting their proposal. The above recommendations are submitted after discussions with senior staff members and members of the Police Administration. We will continue to monitor the parking situation this coming season; and in the event the administration recommends further changes, we will bring such recommendations forward by October. Accordingly, we ask that any recommendations from council or interested constituencies that are desired for 2014 also be presented by October of this year.

- 15 **ALL AGREED TO MAKE THE 4600 BLOCK OF LANDIS AVENUE, WEST SIDE 10 HOUR METERS**

Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Rosemary Milano