

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012 –10:00 AM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Council President Divney 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. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 3-27-12 Regular Meeting and 3-27-12 Closed Session for content only. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All eyes followed.

**REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:** Mr. Savastano provided an update of the beach fill project. He also announced the City had a successful bond sale.

Mr. Savastano next gave an updated report on the drums found at the landfill. He explained that 14 have been uncovered and must be tested before removal, which the City does have an obligation to do along with securing the western bank. Unfortunately, the Division of Fish & Wildlife prohibits any disturbance from 4/1 to 8/15 due to a heron rookery. A request to remove the drums prior to 8/15/12 has not yet been granted. He went on to report that he will continue to provide updates to the Council and the public regarding closing the landfill and options to move forward.

His next report was an update on the Welcome Center and Lodge Renovations. The Lodge is complete and is in use and the Welcome Center is scheduled to be completed by 6/15. He went on to explain that the contractor found rotted sub-joists and it will take about \$5,000 to repair; a change order will be on a future agenda for that as well as the previous items discussed.

The final report was that a Water Quality Management Plan must be completed by the end of the year for the County to submit to the DEP. A portion of it will be the City's build-out plan analysis and the MUA's decision regarding allocation. Mr. Savastano indicated the city intends to request from the DEP, approval for the sewer extension into the North End.

**REPORTS-Council:** The clerk read the \$14,640,000.00 Bond Sale Award notice for the CFO; awarded to Roosevelt & Cross for a 2.655% interest rate.

Mr. McHale announced the Environmental Commission will host a beach cleanup on 4-21-12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and that all volunteers will receive free lunch at Mike's Seafood.

Mr. Divney addressed resolution #075 stating that the Sea Isle City Governing Body is supportive of transparent and open government and in fact believe that they are the leaders in many ways as several of the recommendations in the Bills are already done in Sea Isle. Unfortunately, the Bills contain items that have the potential of doing the exact opposite and will hinder good things such as the Council's inability to address public recommendations at meetings; requiring public/private ventures such as committees to advertise 48 hours notice in advance and maintain minutes, to name a few. Mr. Divney stated that while the resolution is generic, he has crafted letter specifically outlining the opposed items. Ms. Tighe added that of the approximate 83 recommended changes, the Council has opposed 13.

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

**RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:**

- 066** Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 067** Opposing Suspension of New Jersey Transit Bus Route Service to the Communities of Stone Harbor, Avalon and Sea Isle City
- 068** Amending Change Fund for Beach Tag Office
- 069** Authorizing Change Funds for Police Department, Environmental Commission and Tennis Courts
- 070** Certifying the Governing Body Reviewed FY 2011 Audit Report
- 071** Authorizing Award of Contract for Printed Matter
- 072** Authorizing Award of Contract for Printed Sports Clothing
- 073** Authorizing Use of Tennis Fee Trust Funds *{Various Projects, Carpenter and Lumber = \$9,500.00}*
- 074** Authorizing Release of Rental Bond Money
- 075** Opposing Senate Bills 1451 & 1452 Relating to the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act
- 076** Authorizing the Award of Contract for Utility Reconstruction–Various Streets *{Garden State Construction - \$607,653.92}*

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adopt resolutions #066 to #076. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

**PENDING BUSINESS:** There was no pending business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. Tighe asked if the complaint received about the 50<sup>th</sup> Street pump station was responded to. Mr. Savastano said that he met with the residents and the City will clean up the areas of concerns and that Mr. Previti will be getting a schedule for the well drilling to begin after Labor Day.

Mr. Divney asked for an update on the Landis Avenue Streetscape Committee and Mr. Savastano said that Mr. Previti is preparing the concept plan.

Mr. Kehner reported that the Planning Board had its first application under the new downtown zoning ordinances. Mr. Divney asked when the Board will review the commercial property ordinance request from the Council and Mr. Kehner said it should be at the next meeting.

Mr. McHale asked for an update on Central Avenue reconstruction and Mr. Savastano said it will most likely get to 55<sup>th</sup> Street and then pick-up again in the Fall.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Stated that the Easter Egg Hunt was very well received and well done. She then suggested that since the Tavern Association requested an ordinance to change the sale of alcohol on Sunday, Town/Watch and Town/Pride would like to request an ordinance to change the requirements for revoking rental permits. Mr. McHale suggested it could be done now, Mr. Baldini agreed, adding that TW/TP is recommending a change to the standards.

A discussion followed regarding two properties that were considered for permit revocation. 3820 Central was one property, however, there is evidence that the property is moving in the right direction and the Police Department has confirmed complaints are down. Mr. Divney agreed to meet with all of the appropriate people to discuss the request. Mrs. Organ agreed 3820 Central has improved but another property, 10 – 68<sup>th</sup> Street is a year-round problem.

**Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave:** Asked if the landfill was capped when it was closed several years ago and Mr. Baldini said no as it was never designed as a landfill it was just the city dump that was open 24/7 and anyone could take items there and then it was just closed.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk