

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015 - 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

Mr. Divney 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.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 1/28/2015 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano introduced Chris Constantino, NJDEP and Dwight Pakan, Army Corps of Engineers who gave an in-depth presentation of the upcoming Beach Replenishment.

Mr. Divney then opened the meeting for public comment or questions regarding the Beach Replenishment:

Dan Otto-117 54th St: Asked when the 5 year cycle begins for replenishment and was told the five years begin after the project is over.

Ray Ingham-6201 Pleasure Ave: Asked about the dune elevation in front of his home and Mr. Pakan said he would meet with him after the meeting and review the specifications with him.

Mike Monichetti-4222 Park Rd: Asked about the off-shore dredging area as he believes the area designated is muddy and offered to meet and discuss as he has much knowledge as a commercial fisherman.

Carol Hopely Russo-Representing Berkshire Hathaway Realtors: Asked how long beaches will be closed and if the 24/7 noise could be reduced. Mr. Constantino said a maximum of 4 blocks (1,000 feet) will be closed at a time and the noise is an OSHA requirement as people need to be warned about the machinery.

Mike McHale-225 43rd St: Asked what the dune height be will along the promenade and Mr. Savastano said about 3 feet higher than they currently are.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked if Mr. Constantino was involved with the SIC Blvd project and he said no.

Lisa Haas-Realtor, Landis Company: Asked why the project is starting in Strathmere as it is not as busy as the other communities. Mr. Pakan said that it has the worst erosion of all the beaches and the schedule takes into consideration nesting birds.

Fran Ingham-6201 Pleasure Ave: Asked about the dune walkover pathways and Mr. Pakan said they will all be crushed sand/hard packed gravel and mobi-mats will only be placed at the handicap entrances.

Mike Crowley-4520 Park Rd: Asked how the equipment will be brought into the City and Mr. Constantino said it will all be coordinated to use the Blvd.

Ms. Tighe asked about the slope at the waters edge as the 2009 replenishment had a severe slope and there were issues with neck and back injuries. Mr. Constantino said it would be similar as 2009 adding that it is impossible to make it flatter, but over time it will even itself out. Mr. Divney suggested signage so that bathers are aware.

REPORTS-Council: Jim Bennett gave an overview and scheduled of the upcoming 21st Annual Polar Bear Weekend and Mike Monichetti reported on the Autism Walk/Run scheduled Sunday 2/15/15.

Mr. Savastano reported that the Venician Road drainage design issue is expected to be resolved by the end of the week with construction beginning by the end of the month.

He next announced that the T.I. Bridge construction is on schedule to open before Memorial Day Weekend.

ORDINANCE-Second Reading and Public Hearing: Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1575 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1575 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 6 Entitled “Alcoholic Beverage Control” Relating to Regulation of Distance for Licensing Premises Upon Notice to Properties Within 200 Feet.** Mr. Divney explained the Ordinance will allow Council to waive the 1,000 ft. distance requirement between licensed alcohol premises and other licensed premises or churches.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken Merson-120 84th St: Said he felt it was a bad idea to amend the Ordinance as it was changed to address quality of life issues such as noise, density and parking. He went on to say that T.I. does not have a problem and changing the ordinance will take it in the wrong direction.

Joe Griffies-6413 Central Ave: Opposed the Ordinance because it will allow another bar and residents were not notified. Ms. Tighe said the Ordinance requires notification of everyone within 200 feet when an application is made to the Council for waiver.

Mr. Kehner then made a motion to postpone the public hearing and vote to the next meeting of 2/24/15 to allow all members of Council to vote. Ms. Tighe seconded the motion and a unanimous aye vote followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Dan Tumolo-7407 Pleasure Ave: Asked about #31 and Mr. Baldini offered an explanation.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

022 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

023 – Establishing Beaches with Lifeguards in Attendance for the 2015 Summer Season

024 – A Resolution of the City of Sea Isle City Extending the Stipend Program for Volunteers of the Sea Isle Ambulance Corporation Who Meet Certain Minimum Standards of Participation as Set Forth in Resolution Number 108 (2014), Resolution 120 (2014) and Resolution 165 (2014)

025 – Authorizing Various Refunds

026 – Authorizing Reduction of a Performance Guarantee

027 – Authorizing Cancellation of Unused Contract Balances

028 – Declaration of Emergency Condition on 39th Street (*Sanitary Sewer Main Break*)

029 – Authorizing Award of Emergency Contract (*Garden State Construction – \$26,100.00 estimated*)

030 – Declaration of Surplus Personal Property & Authorization of On-Line Auction (2 Crown Victoria Vehicles)

031 – Authorizing the Tax Assessor to File Tax Appeals on Behalf of the City of Sea Isle City

032 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to Hessert Construction Corporation for the New City Hall/Public Safety Building (\$92,873.82)

033 – Appointing and Re-Appointing Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustments

Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #022 to #033. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Divney announced a Budget workshop on March 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Divney announced a letter was received from Mr. & Mrs. Hottenstein requesting a report from the CDC regarding hypothermia be distributed prior to Polar Bear Plunge weekend. He said the document is posted on the public bulletin board outside the Clerk's office and copies will be made for anyone who would like one.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Jim Bennett, Polar Bear Organizer: Thanked Community Services Director, Kathy Custer for her assistance.

Mike Monichetti-4222 Park Rd: Said there will be 15 tables set-up at the walk/run for Autism Awareness groups.

Ken Merson-120 84th St: Works for Cape May County Special Services and thanked Mr. Monichetti for the dollars that he donates for Autism. He then asked Council to Consider adopting a Resolution opposing off-shore oil drilling. In conclusion, he asked that a trash can be placed at T.I. Park.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk