

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 3-29-11 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

VFW Post 1963 representative presented Mayor Desiderio with a plaque in recognition of his support for all veterans throughout Cape May County.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio reported that he witnessed the SIC Police and CMC Swat team respond to an incident at 61st Street. He indicated that he was impressed with the negotiators and was happy to report after barricading himself in the home, they were able to enter and remove him without incident.

The Mayor next announced that at the last meeting he requested Mr. Divney, Chief D'Intino and Mr. Baldini to review a citizen request to add a noise free zone on 43rd Place. He indicated that the group has recommended adding the zone and it will be on the next agenda.

Mayor Desiderio then made the following announcements; the Environmental Commission will host a beach clean-up on 4/30 and need volunteers; on 5/7 & 5/8 the merchants will host a Mother's Day shopping Event; 5/21 will be the 2nd Community Day and Gillian's Funland will be open that day, there will be a chicken bar-b-que with the proceeds to benefit the Ambulance Corps and 1st Bank of Sea Isle will again honor a local organization with a \$2,000 donation. And the final announcement was on 6/11 there will be the Fish Alley Festival on Park Road.

Mayor Desiderio also reported that the CRS flood insurance application has been submitted to FEMA and initial review indicates residents may be eligible for a 10% reduction; the Library is moving on schedule as is the JFK playground and basketball court; Save our Strays has moved into the museum; the City is still waiting for news about a Federal grant for Central Avenue and stop signs are being considered along Central to reduce speed; the CMC Engineer is looking at a flashing light around 82nd to 84th Streets on Landis and cross-walk signs for pedestrian crossing in Townsends Inlet and the City is considering joining with Strathmere for a north end beach replenishment project to replace lost sand to be funded primarily through FEMA and the DEP.

Mr. Baldini reported that he met with Construction Official Mr. Byrne regarding the demolition of 38th & Sounds and both agreed to give the property owner a new notice and hearing as too much time has elapsed.

Mr. Savastano reported that a summary report of the I/I study has been completed and will be distributed to Council and that the full report is available for review in City Hall. He added that the report is for basin one (22nd – 40th streets) and that 4 & 5 should be received in mid-May; however all the work will be packaged and done as one project.

He next announced that he will be providing a list of all locations of storm drainage and tide flex valves throughout the City.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. McHale suggested 79th Street is getting worse and Mr. Savastano agreed and while it is a CMC problem, we will work cooperatively to correct it.

Ms. Tighe asked that stop signs also be considered around Dealy Field as requested by a resident at a previous council meeting. She next announced the city-wide yard sale on 5/7 and at the 5/21 Community Day, there will be parking kiosks demonstrations and there will be a demo at the next council meeting as well. Ms. Tighe went on to remind everyone to sign up for the e-newsletter, to catch the "Sea Isle Minute" on channel 2 and that 2011 minutes are now on the website.

Mr. McHale reported that the Beautification Committee continues to work on the North End entrance and bridge landscape plan, both projects being done by public works. He also thanked Vicki Feeney for the successful Easter Egg Hunt.

Mr. Kehner announced the Public Works Department has developed an Adopt a Beach Path program to help keep the mobi-mats clean.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: - Asked for an explanation of #055

John Felicetti-8400 Landis- Asked for an explanation of #055

Lynn Shirk-209 54th Street: Asked for an explanation of #055

Ms. Tighe explained that it was an application for outside dining and that in order to approve it, ABC must approve an extension of premises of the liquor license.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

053 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

054 – Authorizing Various Refunds

055 – Authorizing a Place-to-Place Transfer (Extension of Premises) for Landis Thirty-Nine Inc. (Ocean Drive) ~ *for outside dining application*

056 – Authorizing Award of Contract – Tractor

057 – Authorizing Award of Contract – Printed Matter

058 – Authorizing Award of Contract – Printed Clothing

059 – Establishing Beaches with Lifeguards in Attendance for the 2011 Summer Season

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #053 - #059. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded Mr. Edwardi All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. McHale asked for an update on Ms. Tighe's recent meeting regarding zoning issues and she advised that she will provide a report at the 4/26 meeting and at that time a workshop will be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. McHale asked about the letter received from the quarterdeck condos regarding the ramp. No one else received the letter and he said he would get a copy for everyone.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Bob Thibault-8101 Pleasure Ave: Requested a stop sign 79th – 85th on Pleasure Avenue.

Dan Organ-209 39th St: Suggested looking at the new Library area for a stop sign.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked for the status of the Clemente Gazebo and Mr. Baldini responded a local builder has been hired by the owner to make the structure compliant and will be getting a building permit. He added that this should be a better solution than litigation. He next asked if the handicap parking spots at the Lodge will be cleared of the trailer before summer and was advised that all 6 spots will be available.

Mike Pacana-207 88th St: Suggested crosswalks and light in Townsends Inlet. The Mayor said he would contact him to meet with the Mayor and Chief.

George Marinari-222 55th St: Complimented the Mayor and SIC Police for hiring a laid off Camden police officer.

Gary Egnasko-1701 Landis Ave: Suggested in the Fall a review be done of stop signs, speed limits and traffic lights to determine if changes can be made for the winter months.

Chris Donahue-225 56th St: Requested a baby changing table in the restrooms at 40th Street.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Requested speed limit signs on JFK and expressed the need for educational signage regarding the new pedestrian laws. Ms. Tighe agreed and suggested the Police have information at Community Day.

Meg Lennon-18 87th St: Suggested the need to consider getting information out to non-computer users that cannot sign-up for the e-newsletters.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk