

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016 – 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL – 233 JFK BLVD.**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Divney, Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Kehner. Also attending was Administrator Mr. Savastano 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 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 7-26-2016 Regular Meeting and Closed Session for content. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano reported beach tag sales through 8/7/2016 totaled \$1,326,720.00 an increase of \$12,680.00 for the same time period in 2015. He next announced that the City plans to begin the process of a lighting design for the Promenade @ JFK as requested by Mr. Edwardi and included in the current Capital Plan.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Divney reported that the Planning Board reviewed the draft Master Plan re-exam and agreed to finalize it and hold a public hearing on 9/12/2016 at 7:00 p.m. He added that after adoption, it is not the law, but a recommendation and plan for the City.

Mr. Gibson suggested the Capital Plan discussion in the Fall should include consideration for pump stations in the low areas where flooding is a constant problem. Mr. Kehner said that the Mayor met with Dale Foster, CMC Engineer to discuss the drainage problem as well.

Mr. Savastano encouraged all Council members to bring suggested projects forward for consideration during the five-year capital plan discussion. Ms. Tighe asked for an update on debt service and tax impact in advance of the next Capital Plan discussion. She also asked for the status of the use of Water & Sewer Utility surplus to pay down debt and Mr. Divney said he met with the CFO and there is a plan to tie it in to the Capital Plan.

Mr. Kehner then announced that an active member of the community and frequent participant at Council meetings is fighting an illness and asked that everyone keep her in their prayers.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent agenda:

John Fee-220 43rd Pl: Asked about #165 and the Clerk explained a NJ resident is trying to bring awareness to this disease so that Government funding can be generated for research and this resolution supports that effort.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Asked about #163 and Mr. Kehner explained that developers post performance guarantee funds that are released by the Engineer as the project is completed.

RESOLUTIONS – Consent Agenda:

157 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

158 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Between the City of Sea Isle City and the Middle Management Professional Association for the Term of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

159 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for City Contract – Roadway Reconstruction, Various Streets (*Ricky Slade Construction +\$35,780.82*)

160 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Purchase of a Utility Pick-Up Truck for the Fire Department

161 – Authorizing a Refund for Fall Family Festival

162 – Authorizing Change Order for Landis Avenue Streetscape Improvements (*Think Pavers Hardscaping LLC +33,128.10*)

163 – Authorizing the Reduction of a Performance Guarantee (*Joseph G. Freda – ACME Site Plan 6210 Landis Avenue*)

164 – Accepting the Recommendation for Compensation for Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for Superstorm Sandy Efforts

165 – Authorizing the Support and Participation of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (F.O.P.) Awareness Initiative

Mr. Kehner next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #157 to #165. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Edwardi reported that he was on the promenade on Saturday and noticed a lot of activity on the beach prior to the 10:00 pm curfew and suggested changing it to 9:00 pm. Chief D'Intino said the police would look into it.

Mr. Divney reported that the Chamber of Commerce is planning a meeting in September with the Police Department to discuss ideas for teen activity.

Mr. Savastano said that the Administration does not want to wait until September and is preparing to advance some things soon to address the issue now.

Mr. Gibson suggested extending lifeguard protected beaches for as long into September as possible.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Edwardi reported AC lights on the Promenade are out at 45th – 46th Streets.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

John Henry-119 45th St: Suggested the Promenade lighting be less bright in the residential areas. He also reminded everyone that they were once teenagers and when he was young there were dances. He also said the City used to have two movie theaters and a bowling alley, so we have to create activities for them. In conclusion, he complained that the jitneys will not pick up kids after 10:00 pm and do not stop for pedestrians.

Jim Ahern-245 55th St: Complained about a strip of grass at 55th & Roberts that needs to be maintained. Mr. Savastano said he would follow up.

Alan Fisher-122 55th St: Asked if there were any plans to prevent the Bay from flooding and Mr. Gibson said he earlier suggested pumping stations and Ms. Tighe said a change in the ordinance provides that new bulkheads be built at a higher height. Mr. Fisher then complained that gullies on the beach are still a problem. Mr. Savastano reiterated that DPW is working on it everyday. His final complaint was a lack of enforcement regarding A-Frame signs and chairs not complying with the 6 ft clearance and encroaching onto the sidewalks and promenade. He said he has called code enforcement but has not received a call back.

Jim Donohue-224 36th St: Complained that the property next door will be demolished on Monday and then pile driving will began. He said he feels the City should prohibit these activities in the summer and why the property owners are not required to notify the adjacent properties. He also learned that the building has asbestos and is concerned with how it will be removed.

Connie Carpenter-217A 36th St: Also complained about the demolition and said she went to the Construction office and was told “it was a good builder and will be under control”. She also questioned how this is allowed in the summer and how the asbestos will be removed.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Said that Park Road needs cross-walks even though the corners do not meet, but should be painted to go from the corner to the businesses. She also agreed with the concern for lighting on the promenade near residents and the grass maintenance problem at 55th & Sounds should be City owned and maintained. She also said she called DPW about a pot hole that has not yet been addressed and she doesn't like the beaches sloping and drop off since the beach replenishment project.

Jim Donohue-224 36th St: Asked why he did not get a response to his concerns and Ms. Tighe explained that the law currently permits demolition and pile driving and that the process to change a law would take time.

Connie Carpenter-217A 36th St: Reiterated he concern with the asbestos removal. Mr. Divney assured her there were rules regarding the process that would be followed.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Asked Mr. Edwardi for the asbestos rules as he is a demolition contractor and he responded that he does not remove asbestos, as it requires a State certification to remove it.

Mr. Savastano said he will have the Construction Official talk to the neighbors and advise what the law is so that in the even something is not being done properly, they can call.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk