

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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 2-14-12 Regular Meeting and 2-14-12 Closed Session Minutes for content only. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano provided an update on the current beach fill project. He said currently they are pumping at 38th – 39th Street then to 40th and 49th to 52nd. He added that dune fencing is being installed as the beaches are completed.

Mayor Desiderio thanked the Council for its hard work on the budget that is on the agenda for adoption and stated that if adopted it would be one of the first in New Jersey.

The Mayor next announced that after much work, Sea Isle City is able to make application to the FEMA CRS program that could lead to a potential \$400,000 flood insurance savings to homeowners. He went on to explain that the key elements identified by FEMA allowing for participation is the City's pro-active commitment, hiring of a Flood Plain Manager, adopted ordinances, enforcement and remedy of violations. In conclusion, he announced that the review process has begun today as FEMA is with Mr. Byrne at this time and once complete a minimum of 10% reduction in homeowner premiums should be realized.

REPORTS-Council: There were no Council reports.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading and Public Hearing:

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1513 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1513 - Calendar Year 2012 Ordinance to Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank.** Mr. Savastano explained that this is an annual ordinance adopted to allow the City, if necessary, to exceed the CAP.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance 1513.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1513 on second reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – Second Reading and Public Hearing of the 2012 Local Municipal Budget. The Clerk Read the Resolution by Title.

PUBLIC HEARING – As Introduced on 1-24-2012 and advertised 2-8-2012. There was no public comment.

#037 Resolution Adopting the 2012 Local Municipal Budget.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #037, the 2012 Local Municipal Budget. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda.

John Fee-220 43rd St: Asked for an explanation of #046 and Mr. Savastano explained that the State will allow every 3 years, the CFO to examine and certify the adoption of the budget without waiting for State approval.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 038** Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 039** Authorizing Refund of Rental Bond Money
- 040** Authorizing Various Refunds of Overpayments
- 041** Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvement Bonds of the City of Sea Isle City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$11,640,000 in Principal Amount
- 042** Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of Water/Sewer Utility Bonds of the City of Sea Isle City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$3,000,000 in Principal Amount

- 043** Determining the Form and Other Details of \$14,640,000 General Obligation Bonds, Consisting of \$11,640,000 General Improvement Bonds and \$3,000,000 Water/Sewer Utility Bonds of the City of Sea Isle City, In the county of Cape May, New Jersey and Providing for Their Sale
- 044** Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for St. Joseph's Church, Block 43.03, Lots 9 – 12, 20, 21, 22.01, 22.02, 23 and 24
- 045** Authorizing the Award of Contract for Towing
- 046** Authorizing Local Unit Budget Examination
- 047** Authorizing Use of Tennis Fee Trust Funds for Infield Rehabilitation at Little League Field

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adopt resolutions #038 to #047. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Savastano reported that the Welcome Center is moving forward, however, a change order may be forthcoming as the City approved additional improvements to the existing restroom and an increase in pilings from 30 ft to 40 ft, but decided to leave the existing siding so with all of those changes, it is uncertain what the dollar amount will be.

Mr. Savastano also provided an update on the landfill project explaining that two buried drums were discovered and that the contents have yet to be identified. Also, a heron rookery has been found and that area will not be able to be touched and will decrease the original size of the proposed Passive Park. Ms. Tighe requested consideration be given to a boat launch area as the project moves forward.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Tom Volker-133 40th St: Had various questions regarding the JCP & L project.

George Marinari-222 55th St: Complimented the City and the Sponsors of the Polar Bear Plunge.

Jim Bennett-355 47th Pl: Stated he would give a final report of the Polar Bear Plunge at the next meeting.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Asked why Central Avenue is closed and Mr. Savastano responded it was the beginning of the long-awaited Central Avenue reconstruction project.

Mike Monichetti-213 43rd Pl: Thanked the City and all the Volunteers for the Autism walk/run that had 2400 participants and that he too will provide the amount raised at the next meeting.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Complained that the dumpsters on City projects are not covered after hours as required by ordinance.

Irene Jamison-1500 Landis Ave: Representing the North End Civic Association, she requested that the City continue working towards getting sewer extensions from 2nd to 22nd Streets as ½ of the homeowners have indicated they would want it. She next suggested creating parking areas in the north end and running the jitney service down to them in the summer.

Chris Glancey-4009 Landis Ave, Chairperson of Chamber and Revitalization: Stated that the jitney service during Polar Bear Weekend was a huge success and there was over 6,000 riders on Saturday alone.

Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave: He suggested designated parking at the Library for patrons as on Saturday for the children's fairytale ball, there was no place to park.

Mr. Divney announced that the next meeting on March 13, 2012 will be at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk