

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. She then announced 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 1-21-14 Regular Meeting and 1-23-14 Workshop. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio recognized SIC Ambulance Corps volunteer, Bunny Becker, who recently received a lifetime achievement award from the State of New Jersey for 53 years of service.

He next expressed his support of the recently adopted State Statute allowing for free Veterans' Beach Tags. The Mayor then reported on the 2/10/14 Press Conference and SIC's tourism slogan "The Forecast is Fun"; the City is in the final 4 for a NJ Grant for Streetscape 39th to 43rd on Landis Avenue and on 1/30/14 he attended, with CMC Engineer Dale Foster, the NJ Alliance for Action to receive the 2014 distinguished engineering award for the JFK City entrance.

Mr. Savastano announced that the Central Avenue project continues to be on schedule. Ms. Tighe asked about Landis Avenue and he said it would begin after Polar Bear Weekend.

Jim Bennett, Tourism Commission Chair next gave an overview of the upcoming 3 day Polar Bear Plunge event and Autism Walk/Run organizer Mike Monichetti also provided an update on the event scheduled for Sunday.

The next report was made by Mr. Baldini and Mr. Previti regarding a proposal for the City to go out to bid for a cell communication tower at Dealy Field. They presented photos imposed with the tower and the required generator building and explained the City was approached due to a need in the center of the City for coverage during the summer months. There was much discussion regarding what the City will require in the specifications such as lights for the field, the approximate revenue to be generated and safety concerns. Mr. Baldini added that the plan had previously been presented to the members of the recreation committee and that the successful bidder will have to go before the planning board. In conclusion, the Council said it would support resolution #25 but that the work should begin in the Fall as there is too much going on at the fields.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Kehner announced that the Mayor was recently named the President of the South Jersey Freeholders Association and nominated into the NJ League of Municipalities Hall of Fame for length of service.

Mr. Edwardi asked the Mayor to notify the County about a large pot-hole going West Bound on the causeway.

ORDINANCES-Introduction and First Reading: Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 1560 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1560 - Calendar Year 2014 Ordinance to Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank.** CFO Paula Doll explained that this is an annual ordinance that would allow the City to exceed the CAP if necessary. She added, however, that the City has not exceeded the CAP.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1560 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed and Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be 3/11/14 at 6:00 pm

ORDINANCES-Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1559 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1559 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4 of the Revised General Ordinances for the City of Sea Isle City to Allow for a Late Fee when Applying for a Mercantile License After May 31 of the Year in Which the License is Issued.** Ms. Tighe explained the ordinance will require a late fee for business mercantile licenses that are paid after May 31st.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance No. 1559.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1559 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTION #018 – Introduction of the 2014 Local Municipal Budget. The clerk read the resolution indicating the amount to be raised by taxation and the public hearing to be scheduled for March 11, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Mr. Savastano indicated the budget represented discussions at the workshops.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #018 – introduction of the 2014 budget. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Ms. Tighe suggested another budget workshop be scheduled for 2/25/14 at 1:00 p.m. and all agreed. Mr. Divney said he would be requesting additional information before the workshop.

CITIZEN COMMENT-Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave: Asked if aircraft lights would be required on the cell tower as there is frequently a helicopter landing on the field. Mr. Previti said it is not required as the tower is as high as the other light poles.

Dave Helfrich – 21 36th St: Asked for an explanation of #29 and Mr. Baldini said it allows the current handicap ramp that encroaches on the city property to remain unless the property is sold.

Ms. Tighe announced that #22 and #29 will be removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Gibson said he asked to remove #22 as he felt the City should have gone out to bid for the service. Mr. Savastano said there are two companies that perform the service, RFP's were sent out and Craig testing had the best price. Mr. Gibson said he was satisfied and made the motion to adopt resolution #22 and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt resolution #29. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed, except Mr. Gibson abstained due to a conflict.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

019 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

020 – Authorizing Execution of a Deed of Temporary Work Area Easement Required for the Great Egg Harbor Inlet to Townsends Inlet, New Jersey Project

021 – Authorizing a Raffle License for Upper Township Soccer

022 – Authorizing Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Inspection and Testing – New City Hall

023 – Amending Ocean & Coastal Professional Services Contract – Landfill

024 – Authorizing Award of Contract for 2014 Broyhill Load and Pack Model 74 DLX

025 – Authorizing Advertisement of Bids for Lease of City Space for Communication Equipment

026 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Mechanical Repairs of Pumps & Motors Sewer Pumping Station (Waste Water)

027 – Authorizing Award of Contract for the Furnishing of Instrumentation Installation, Maintenance and Repair Services for the Water Treatment Plants and Sewer Pumping Station (Scada System)

028 – Authorizing Use of Tennis Fee Trust Funds

029 – Resolution of the City of Sea Isle City Declaring the Acceptance of a Waiver of Encroachment Agreement Unto Crest Savings Bank for Its Use of Municipal Property

She then asked for a motion to adopt #19 - #21 and #23 - #28. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Baldini said he met with the Police Chief and is working on the draft parking ordinance. He said he hoped to have a draft out in advance of the next meeting so it can be introduced at the 2/25/14 meeting.

Mr. Divney asked about the methodology of the 15 minutes spaces, specifically there were 2 or more in some areas and the recommendation is to reduce to one. Ms. Tighe said the spaces were moved to the corners to provide access for more businesses.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Baldini explained that recent legislation provides Veterans with free or reduced beach tags and all agreed to introduce an ordinance on 2/25/14. Mr. Baldini next addressed a recommended ordinance to amend outside dining awnings/canopies so that they can remain overnight. Ms. Tighe suggested any provision should be signed off by the Chief and the Construction Official as there are some areas with high traffic that must still have to take in at night and all agreed to have the ordinance on for introduction at the 2/25/14 meeting. The final ordinance discussion by Mr. Baldini was a change in the Statute that rental complaints before the hearing office go from 2 in 12 months to not less than 2 in 24 months and after much discussion all agreed to 3 in 24 months and to introduce at the 2/25 meeting.

Mr. Divney addressed a recent article in the AC Press regarding centralized dispatch for Cape May County. He went on to suggest some municipalities have expressed support and asked if Sea Isle should decide if it wants to support the plan. Mr. Savastano said he would get a copy of the report presented to the freeholders.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Joe Griffies-6413 Central Ave: Said he has been fighting for 6 years to get free beach tags for veterans and provided statistics of the number of lives lost and believes Gold Star Families should also be given tags.

Ron Del Orefice-114 53rd St: As a Veteran, he thanked the City for providing free beach tags. As a retired police officer, he said he was concerned with public safety if businesses leave furniture, awnings etc out overnight and that he opposed centralized dispatch.

Bunny Becker, Woodbine: He thanked the City for recognizing his years of volunteer service.

Jim Bennett, Tourism Chairperson: Thanked Community Services Director Kathy Custer for all her hard work.

Cheryl Castor, SIC Supt. Of Recreation: As a member of the SIC Municipal Alliance Committee and in association with the Police Department she announced a presentation on 2/28/14 in the gym by the Cape May County Prosecutor called the "Face of Heroin" in response to the 21 deaths in 2013. Additionally, she said that the school board will be providing transportation to Ocean City on Friday Nights for teenagers.

Dan Tumolo-7407 Pleasure Ave: As School Board President, he asked Mr. Baldini to assist in the preparation of a hold harmless agreement for the teenagers using the transportation.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Regarding the outside dining awnings, etc. she expressed concern that it makes the island feel smaller and smaller and it feels like the City is only concerned with businesses.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.