

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
INAUGURATION AND RE-ORGANIZATION
AND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015 – 12:00 NOON
BAND SHELL AT EXCURSION PARK**

The Inauguration began at 12:00 p.m. with the VFW Post 1963 Color Guard leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem by Kathy Wilson.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Mayor Leonard Desiderio by Acting Governor Kim Guadagno followed by Mayor Desiderio administering the Oath of Office to Councilman Frank Edwardi, Jr. Dennis Township Mayor, John Murphy administered the Oath of Office to Councilman William Kehner, Sr.

Newly Re-elected Mayor Desiderio and Councilmen Edwardi and Kehner each had the opportunity to address the audience.

Before moving on to the business portion of the meeting, there was a short break.

At 12:40 pm, the Clerk called the meeting to order. The clerk then asked for nominations for Council President for a one year term, ending June 30, 2016. Mr. Divney nominated Mr. Gibson and Mr. Kehner seconded the nomination. A unanimous aye vote followed and the meeting was turned over to President Gibson.

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

Council President Gibson called the business meeting to order and announced that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P. L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 6-23-15 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed except Mr. Edwardi abstained due to absence.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: There were no reports from the Mayor or Administration.

REPORTS-Council: There were no Council reports.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda. There was no public comment on the resolutions.

Mr. Baldini explained resolution #121 is to begin the legal process to determine the City's participation in COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) and its regulations as determined by the recent Supreme Court ruling.

RESOLUTIONS – Consent Agenda:

114 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

115 – Re-Appointing Councilman John J. Divney to the Planning Board (1 year)

116 – Re-Appointing Councilman William J. Kehner to the Tourism Commission (1 year)

117 – Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for City Solicitor {*Paul Baldini, Esq.*}

118 – Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Professional Services for Auditing and Accounting {*Leon Costello, RMA*}

119 – Confirming Mayor Desiderio's Nominations of Department Heads

120 – Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Professional Services for Financial Advisory Services for Bond & Note Sale {*Phoenix Advisors, LLC*}

121 - A Resolution of the City of Sea Isle City, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey Authorizing the City Attorney to File a Declaratory Judgment Action With The Superior Court Seeking Judicial Approval of the City's Compliance With It's Third Round Affordable Housing Obligation in Accordance with the New Jersey Supreme Court Decision In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C.5:96 and 5:97
By NJ Council On Affordable Housing

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #114 - #121. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was no pending business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Kathy Callahan-130 81st St: Complained that the TI Bridge closures are not noticed to the public. She suggested both Avalon and Sea Isle use the electronic signs to announce closings and to utilize reverse 9-1-1.

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.