

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 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 and Administrator Mr. Savastano.

Ms. 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 5-27-14 Regular Meeting and 5-27-14 Closed Session for content only. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

The Clerk read a statement that CFO, Paula Doll certified the award of Bond Notes that were offered on May 23, 2014 in the amount of \$2,400,000.00 to TD Bank NA at a net interest cost of 0.57%.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Police Chief D’Intino gave an update on the summer policing activities. He reported that as of June 30, 2014 all 24 Special Law Enforcement Officer’s will be hired with allowing for beach and promenade patrolling. Ms. Tighe asked about quad patrol on the beach and the Chief said it is a 2-seat Polaris that will patrol, but encouraged beach goers to call the police if there is a problem. She also asked about a presence on the promenade at night and Chief D’Intino said there is a continuing effort to control bikes, skateboards and congregating on the promenade. Mr. Edwardi suggested reviewing the prohibited parking on 63rd Street as the ACME delivery trucks line-up and idle as early as 6:30 am. The Chief said he would look into it.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Kehner reported that the June issue of Philly Magazine “Shore Guide” gave Sea Isle some good recognition.

Ms. Tighe asked about the Central Avenue line striping and Mr. Savastano said it would be done next week. She added that there are still some corners along Central that are not done. She next asked about the high grass on the property next to old City Hall and the Mayor said it has now been cut. Ms. Tighe asked for an update on the Cape May County project on 59th Street. Mr. Savastano said the County has asked the contractor to stop work next Friday for the summer.

Mr. Divney asked about his previous request for additional cross-walks. Mr. Savastano said the police and Administration are looking to do a city-wide cross-walk plan for next year. Mr. Divney said that the South end residents continue to make the request.

ORDINANCES-Introduction and First Reading:

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1571 for Introduction and First Reading. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1571 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of Sea Isle City Chapters 28 and 30 Entitled “Planning and Zoning Fees” and “Site Plan Review” to Clarify When Review, Inspection and Performance Escrow and Fees are Due.** Ms. Tighe explained that this amends when fees are paid from prior to site-plan review by the Board to after it is approved. Currently when the fees are collected and the application is denied, the funds must be returned.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1571 on first reading and forward to the Planning Board for its master plan consistency review. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be 7/22/14 at 10:00 a.m.

ORDINANCES-Second Reading and Public Hearing:

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1567 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1567 – An Ordinance of the City of Sea Isle City Authorizing the Acceptance of Land Donation of Block 19.03, Lot 18 in Furtherance of Chapter XIV, of the Revised General Ordinances Entitled “Flood Damage Prevention”.** Mr. Savastano explained that this will accept a land donation in the north-end.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance No. 1567.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1567 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1568 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1568 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Chapter 26 Entitled “Zoning” to Allow Merchants on the Promenade Business District to Display “A” Frame Signs**

in Front of the Owner's Place of Business Provided They Meet Requirements. Ms. Tighe explained that this will allow A-Frame signs on the promenade.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Henry-119 45th St: Asked if it was only A-Frame signs and Ms. Tighe said no, it can also be other signs that meet the specifications. He then asked if it included posters/signs on the railings and Ms. Tighe said no. He suggested someone check out the promenade at 45th Street.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked if it was only on the Promenade and Ms. Tighe said yes, A-Frames are already permitted in the Commercial Zones. He then asked what the requirements are and Ms. Tighe said there are insurance requirements, size and type, only one per business and only on the West side and no other items can be tied to it like balloons or banners.

Jack Moore-42 74th St: Asked the Mayor if he approves of the Ordinance and the Mayor said yes, due to the requirements and that it is only on the West side of the promenade.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1568 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1569 for second reading and public hearing. Mr. Gibson asked if the Ordinance could be amended to add a 15-minute space. Ms. Tighe suggested that would be a major change and would require another advertising and the Clerk agreed. Mr. Edwardi then made the motion to take the Ordinance up for second reading and public hearing. Mr. Divney seconded the motion. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1569 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8 Entitled “Off Street Parking Regulations” of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City to Reflect Necessary Changes to Make Clear Which Parking Spots May Be Occupied by Permitted Vehicle and for How Long a Permitted Vehicle May Park In a Parking Space.** Ms. Tighe explained that the Ordinance clarifies the use of the municipal lots with a parking permit.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Henry-119 45th St: Asked if overnight parking is permitted at the old City Hall lot and was told yes. He then said the signs do not indicate that it is permitted and Chief D’Intino said that the signs are ordered.

Ann Organ -209 39th St: Asked if parking was unlimited with the permit and Ms. Tighe said yes, except for the 15 minutes spots.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1569 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1570 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1570 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Chapter 30 Entitled “Site Plan Review” to Allow for a Change Previously Allowed for the Zoning Officer to Review and Grant a Waiver to Site Plan Review for Permitted Food Service Uses in Site Plan Waiver Requirement for Food Establishments.** Ms. Tighe explained that a couple of businesses were trying to open food establishments in properties that were previously food operations and it would have required a timely Planning Board site plan review. Mayor Desiderio issued an Executive Order and asked Council to adopt the ordinance that would allow the Construction Official to waive site plan review for food-to-food businesses.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ann Organ – 209 39th St: Asked if the business that was opening was a pizza shop where Dominos was on the Promenade and Ms. Tighe said yes. She asked if there were any others and Ms. Tighe responded yes a sandwich shop, but that this will be for all food-to-food establishments for the future. Mr. Kehner added that it was also a concern for the new owners of Vince’s that is trying to lease as a restaurant. Mayor Desiderio said the doughnut shop that changed to a candy shop on Landis was the beginning of the problem.

Mr. Gibson said he believed the Executive Order covers the current problem and that the Council should review and discuss this ordinance regarding other potential problems. Ms. Tighe said she talked with the Administrator and Solicitor and feels comfortable with adopting, but continuing the discussion as listed under pending business.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1570 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked the amount of #100 and was advised \$1,530.00.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked about #103 & #104 and Ms. Tighe said #103 is the annual Alcohol license renewal as is #104, but due to a conflict the State approves Kix/McNutley and the Yacht Club. He then asked the amount of #106 and Mr. Edwardi said it was \$880.00.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

099 - Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

100 - Authorizing Various Refunds – Marina

- 101** – Authorizing Approval of Raffle Licenses for Cape May County Bar Association
- 102** – Authorizing Cancellation of Sewer Excess Charges
- 103** – Authorizing the Issuance of ABC Licenses
- 104** – Request the Director Approve Conflict ABC Licenses
- 105** - Accepting the Recommendation of the Tourism Commission to Enter into Agreements with Certain Vendors for Advertising, Commercials and Promotional Media for 2014 (Amends previously adopted Res. 010 (2014) and 094 (2014))
- 106** – Authorizing Refund of Unused Escrow Monies

Ms. Tighe removed #099 and #106 from the consent agenda.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to approve Resolutions #099 & #106. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed except Mr. Edwardi abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to approve the Resolutions on the consent agenda, #100 to #105. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe said she wanted to continue the discussion regarding food-to-food establishments site plan waiver. She went on to explain that she met with Mr. Savastano and Mr. Baldini to further discuss, that non-food establishments to food should go to the Planning Board and all agreed. Mr. Divney said there are some food-to-food establishments that should also be required to go due to the magnitude of the change. Ms. Tighe agreed and explained that it was currently addressed in other sections of the ordinance under “intensity”. Mr. Divney added that the current application process seems onerous and should be revised. The Mayor agreed and said the Administration will come back with a revised application.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Reiterated her suggestion that new residential homes be required to install sprinklers. She next said that articles about Sea Isle should not indicate it is a family friendly town; its always about drinking and the bars.

Marianne Snyder-233 57th St: Asked why the bench on the promenade programs was discontinued and Ms. Tighe explained that due to success of the program, there were too many benches and maintenance became an issue. She next suggested the Library landscaping needs to be addressed and the Mayor said that the County is looking to change the landscaping.

John Henry-119 45th St: Said that he has a parking problem as his home is old like many on his street and there is no off street parking and questioned the yellow curb painting as it appears there is no consistency. He also suggested asking the County to allow parking overnight on the weekends.

Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave: Suggested Central Avenue needs the yellow curb lines painted as cars are parked up to the intersection making crossing dangerous. He went on say that a recent article in the AC Press identified Sea Isle as a town without bike lanes and suggested the City try to accommodate the lanes by making one-way streets with parking on one side and the bike lanes on the other.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Complained about over-grown grass at 2806 Landis Avenue.

Mike DeNunzio-4315 Landis Ave: Thanked the City for the Ordinance allowing A-Frames signs on the Promenade.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk