

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY HALL – 233 JFK BLVD.**

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 155 – A Resolution Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations – Sea Isle City FOP & Superior Officers

Mr. Gibson asked for a motion to adopt the resolution and go into closed session. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned into closed session at 9:02 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Gibson 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. Gibson then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 9-8-2015 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed, except Mr. Kehner abstained due to absence.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administration: Mayor Desiderio welcomed everyone to the first meeting in the new City Hall and announced the grand opening was held yesterday.

He then reported that at the last meeting, a speaker presented a pamphlet regarding bicycle safety and the Mayor said he was able to order 700 of them to be distributed to all the real estate offices, Welcome Center, City Hall, etc. He went on to say that he has spoken with Senator VanDrew to continue discussions regarding pedestrian safety legislation. The Mayor continued with asking the Police Chief to address Mr. Divney's question regarding patrolling the Blvd. Chief D'Intino said he has been in contact with the State Police and the Sheriff's Department. The State Police patrol several times per day and the SIC Police patrol multiple times per shift. The Sheriff's department does not patrol, but are available if there is an accident, etc. The SICPD can get the pedestrians and bicycles off the Blvd., but cannot ticket them. If they run into a problem, the State Police are ready and willing to come and write the ticket. Ms. Tighe asked if the SICPD could get temporary authorization and the Chief said it has been discussed and it is always a possibility, but there is no plan to request it at this time. Mr. Divney asked what motorists should do if they see a pedestrian/bicyclist on the Blvd and Chief D'Intino said to call the SICPD. Mr. Edwardi said he recently did that and the dispatcher said to "call the State Police". The Chief said he would make sure that message is conveyed.

Administrator Mr. Savastano reported that the dredge for the beach fill is repaired, but weather is keeping it from leaving Norfolk, VA. Currently, the plan is for the dredge to return on 9/28 and resume dredging on 9/30. He next reported that beach tag revenues through the final day of 9/7/15 was about \$48,000 over the sales from 2014. He also announced that the City's recent Bond Sale of \$13.1 million had a great response with 6 bidders and the City received 2.48% interest rate.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Divney announced that the Master Plan survey received about 3,600 responses all to be discussed at the 10/24/15 workshop.

ORDINANCE-Introduction and First Reading: Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1583 for introduction and first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1583 - An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 2 Entitled "Administration" Section 13 Entitled "Fire Department" to Establish a Nominal Monthly Stipend Program to an Individual Who Volunteers on a Regular Basis to the Sea Isle City Fire Department.** Mr. Savastano explained the Ordinance will provide for a maximum \$150.00 @ month stipend for all eligible volunteer firefighters.

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1583 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. Mr. Gibson announced second reading and public hearing will be October 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

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

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

156 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

157 - Amending the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement Between the City of Sea Isle City and

the City of Ocean City, Cape May County, New Jersey - Plumbing Sub Code Official

158 – Authorizing Raffle Application for VFW Post 1963

159 – Authorizing Cancellation of Sewer Excess Charges

160 – Authorizing Refund of Payment to a Fall Family Festival Weekend Vendor

161 – Authorizing Change Order No. 2 and Final Payment – Landberg Construction – Roadway Reconstruction – Various Streets (+ \$559.78)

Mr. Gibson next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #156 to #161. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was no pending business

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe asked Mr. Baldini the status of a new “UBER” ordinance and he said the plan was to take another look at it in the fall.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked if the stipend is for all firefighters and Mr. Gibson said yes.

John Henry-119 45th St: Referring to an article in the AC Press regarding handicap beach access, he suggested there needs to be more along the promenade as the current locations are few and far between.

Joe Meyer-117 92nd St: Complained that there is still a lack of communication when the T.I. Bridge is closed. He also expressed concern with the number of houses being built on sub-standard lots due to Zoning Board approvals. He said he went to a board meeting and several neighbors opposed an application, but the board ignored them and approved it. Mr. Gibson said he agreed that the front yard setbacks are being jeopardized and need to be retained. He added that it should be a topic at the 10/24/15 master plan workshop.

Mike Crowley-4520 Park Rd: Thanked the City for painting the fire lanes at 46th & 47th Pl and for the 25 MPH signs on Park Road.

Mr. Gibson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned 10:24 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk