

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 – 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL – 233 JFK BLVD.

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

Council President Kehner 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. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 8-23-2016 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio reported that the NJ D.E.P. has indicated it would not support a promenade extension; therefore the issue is dead. The Mayor went on to congratulate Councilman Gibson for “thinking outside the box” and trying to find a solution to the bicycle traffic. He also thanked all of the residents that voiced an opinion and participating in the conversation.

Mr. Savastano next introduced CMC Engineer Dale Foster and Paul Nolan from Maser Consulting who presented information regarding Phase II of the Sea Isle Boulevard project. A question and answer session followed.

CFO, Paula Doll explained that resolutions #182 & #183 are a result of the City going before the Local Finance Board requesting a bond sale. She explained that the approval was approved without question.

REPORTS-Council: Ms. Tighe thanked Councilman Gibson for his idea to extend the promenade adding that the idea was transparent and discussed frequently so residents had the opportunity to express opinions. Mr. Divney agreed adding that the system works.

ORDINANCES-Introduction and First Reading: Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1595 for Introduction and First Reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1595 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, CHAPTER 14 ENTITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION" RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE SEA ISLE CITY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPED IN 2016.** Mr. Baldini explained that this is the final undertaking as Sea Isle moves forward to the final FEMA CRS deduction. If adopted, it will be the first Plan adopted in the State.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1595 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed. Mr. Kehner announced second reading and public hearing will be 10/11/2016 at 10:00 a.m.

ORDINANCES-Second Reading and Public Hearing: Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1594 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1594 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1217 (1999) ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE" "ESTABLISHING AND FIXING WAGES, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OVERTIME PAYMENTS OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY" AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1165, 1176 (1996), 1208 (1998), 1217 (1999), 1240 (2000), 1263 (2000), 1284 (2001), 1297 (2002), 1307 (2002), 1336 (2003), 1363 (2004) 1385, (2005), 1406 (2006), 1436 (2007), 1458 (2008), 1481 (2010) AND 1512 (2011) AS AMENDED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance No. 1594.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1594 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed.

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

RESOLUTIONS – Consent Agenda:

176 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

177 – Authorizing the City to Participate in the Atlantic-Cape Multi Jurisdictional Program for Public Information

178 – Authorizing Various Refunds of Tax Overpayments

179 – Authorizing Cancellation of Checks (Payroll)

180 – Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement Between the City of Sea Isle City and the City of Wildwood for the Utilization of Police Officers During the “Roar to the Shore” Event

- 181** – Authorizing Advertisements for Bids for Well Maintenance & Repair Services for the Contract Period 2016-2018 and Advertisement for Bids for Holiday Banner Decorations
- 182** – Resolution 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 \$6,080,000 in Principal Amount
- 183** – Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of \$20,080,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016, Consisting of \$14,000,000 General Improvement Bonds of the City of Sea Isle City, In the County of Cape May, New Jersey and Providing for Their Sale

Mr. Kehner next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #176 to #183. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe asked that another discussion with UBER drivers be scheduled so that a possible compromise can be made to allow them to operate in the City. Mr. Baldini said that he would reach out again. Mr. Kehner asked why they were ticketed in Sea Isle this past summer and Mr. Baldini said they were in violation of State and Local laws, specifically not NJ licenses or registered vehicles.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Gibson said he would like the City to address allowing kayaks to launch at the Marina or at Dealy Field. He next suggested the upcoming Capital Plan include consideration for a parking garage; not only for parking for elevated parking during storms. He added that it did not need to be City owned or operated.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Vicki Miller-11 – 13 84th St: Asked what happens to the \$1 million in the budget for the promenade extension and Mr. Kehner explained it was not in the budget, it was only identified in the capital plan. Mr. Savastano said no funds have been authorized or appropriated. Ms. Miller next asked how salaries are determined and Mr. Kehner explained a salary survey was done that identified 30 positions and associated salary ranges. Mr. Savastano added that other than the salaries identified in Ordinance 1594, all are set through collective bargaining contracts.

John Infanti-6509 Pleasure: Expressed his support for not extending the promenade and likes the idea of a parking garage. In conclusion, he asked why there was not a consensus for the town clock identified in the capital plan and Mr. Kehner said it is still in the plan.

Ed Hunter-7012 Central Ave: Said he attended the Planning Board master plan meeting and it was discussed that the school will become a recreation building and he is supportive of that, but asked for additional pickle ball courts there and at Dealy Field. He also asked that there be no user fee as other towns do not charge.

Connie Daley-6405 Pleasure Ave: Expressed support for the decision to not pursue the promenade extension. She added that as a non-resident, she suggested consideration has been given to video conferencing meetings.

Pat Haffert-4501 Landis Ave: Supports the pickle ball courts and feels the bike safety still needs to be addressed and suggested a bike riding trail to include trails at the dump in the north end. He also suggested restricting parking on one side of Landis Avenue north of 29th street.

Cynthia Allen-7515 Pleasure Ave: Complained that jet skies are coming too close to the beach and suggested contacting the Jet Ski rental companies and advising them of the rules.

Mark Rossi-18 66th St: Expressed concern that Pleasure Avenue bikes are a hazard. He also expressed support for the pickle ball courts.

Vicki Miller-11 – 13 84th St: Regarding bicycle safety, she said the police records indicate most bicycle incidents occur where the promenade is located.

Mike Davis-361 46th Pl: Said much of the problem with bicycles is enforcing the rules.

Kathy Price-6805 Pleasure Ave: Complained that bike thefts are a problem in the City.

Mark Rossi – 18 66th St: Suggested the reason for the bike accidents near the Promenade is because there is less room than on Pleasure Avenue.

Joe McDevitt-25 66th St: Congratulated Mr. Gibson for trying to solve the problem and said he supports a bike trail beginning at the dump.

Mike Davis-361 46th Pl: Suggested more police presence on Pleasure Avenue to control the bicycles.

Carmela Infanti-6509 Pleasure Ave: Thanked the City for the 15 MPH on Pleasure Avenue and suggested stretching the lower speed limit to 80th Street. She also suggested restricting parking on one side of Pleasure.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk