

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

Mr. Divney called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. He then announced the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P. L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 7-08-14 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano reported that he is developing a committee consisting of himself, the Police Chief, City Engineer and DPW Superintendent to discuss traffic patterns and parking in congested areas. He said he would report back in the early Fall.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Edwardi complimented the Administration saying the City looks great. Mr. Kehner agreed and asked that a final rendering of City Hall could be placed at the construction site so people can see what it will look like and Mr. Savastano said he would take care of it.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading and Public Hearing:

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up ordinance No. 1571 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Gibson. 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.** Mr. Divney explained that the ordinance will change the time when fees are collected from before site plan approval until after the building permit is issued.

Mr. Baldini explained that a he would like to amend the ordinance due to a typographical error in section 28-2.2. The term “Developer’s Engineer” should be replaced with “Municipal Engineer”. He advised the Clerk of the error as a minor change, not necessary for re-advertisement.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance No. 1571 as amended.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1571 on second reading as amended. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

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

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 121** – Authorizing Approval of Vouchers
- 122** – Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Second Amendment to Lease Agreement for Wireless Communications Site Located at 8004 Central Avenue Between Metro PCS Pennsylvania, LLC and the City of Sea Isle City
- 123** – Authorizing Award of Contract for Bulkhead Reconstruction – 46th Place at Rio Delle Ponte – South Side (*Channel Marine \$166,555.00*)
- 124** – Authorizing Cancellation of Sewer Excess Charges
- 125** – Authorizing Cancellations of Tax Balances
- 126** – Authorizing Various Refunds of Overpayments
- 127** – Authorizing Release of a Performance Guarantee – Project at 208 46th Street (*\$23,201.00*)
- 128** – Authorizing Advertisement of Bids for Streetscape – Landis Avenue 39th to 43rd

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to approve Resolutions #121 to #128. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Edwardi asked the status of the cell tower at Dealy Field and Mr. Baldini responded that it will begin in the Fall.

Mr. Baldini indicated that he would have a draft Ordinance prepared for the next meeting regarding a streamlined planning board application process.

Mr. Edwardi asked why there aren’t parking spaces on the East side of Pleasure Avenue at 44th Street and Chief D’Intino responded that it isn’t wide enough for emergency vehicles if parking is on both sides.

Mr. Divney announced that the City is close to receiving \$1 million for streetscape improvements on Landis Avenue 39th to 43rd. Included in the plan was a free-standing clock for the Southwest corner of JFK and Landis;

however the grant will not allow it to be included in the project. The council had previously included the \$80,000.00 clock in the Capital Plan and Mr. Divney asked if there was still interest in purchasing the clock. Mr. Gibson said he was not as his experience is that they break and become a nuisance; all other Council members agreed to purchase the clock. Mr. Kehner suggested replacement of the information board on the promenade.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Divney suggested the Administration will be soon preparing the Capital Plan and he would like city-wide crosswalks be included and Ms. Tighe asked that beach entrance signage and jetty warning signs also be included.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Said that the SICTA newsletter identifies some employees that received more than the 2.9% contractual increase. She complained that one employee received 13.3% and another 23.5% and with contracts expiring at the end of 2014 she hopes the Council will be fair to the residents and control the increases. Mr. Divney said that the increase percentage could represent promotions, step increases, etc.

Phyllis Evans-15 43rd St: Asked when the Capital Plan is discussed and Mr. Divney said in October. She also agreed with Ann Organ regarding the increases.

Marianne Snyder-233 57th St: Asked the status of the previous discussion regarding additional beach-front portable restrooms. Mr. Divney said it will be a topic of discussion during the Capital Plan, but the problem is where to put them. Mr. Edwardi suggested 75th or 79th Street.

Mary Ruzila-18 77th St: Agreed with previous speakers, 23% increases are not appropriate and asked why the Governors' 2% Cap doesn't apply and Mr. Divney explained it is a total spending Cap. She next complained that she saw many bikes on the busy Promenade on Saturday night and police were present but not asking them to leave.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked if Council can put a freeze on employee raises and Mr. Divney explained that current contracts cannot be changed, but a freeze can be proposed in future contract negotiations.

Rod Greco-115 49th St: Said he has been here for 28 years and the City is more controlled and safe as ever.

Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave: Asked if the Capital Plan can be put on the website and the Clerk said that the current plan is on the website.

Mr. Kehner announced that the news reported Sara the Turtle is in the Sea Side Park Sand Sculpture Museum.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All eyes followed and the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk