

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015 – 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

Council President 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 7-21-15 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administration: Mr. Savastano reported that beach tag revenues through 8/5/15 is at \$1,311,360 about \$40,000 more than 2014 for the same time period. He next provided an update on the beach fill project as it moves towards the south end for completion in the late September or early October time frame. Mr. Savastano then gave a report from the County Engineer regarding TI Bridge roadway reconstruction closure on the Avalon side starting in November, stopping in March due to environmental restrictions and continuing again in the fall. During the construction, the bridge will be closed for two months between December and March. Also during the winter, a submerged cable for the movable section of the bridge will be replaced, will not impact vehicular traffic. The Sea Isle Blvd. project will continue to operate as it is for the next summer season; however, there will be a change in the western section to allow eastbound traffic to go around vehicles making the left turn onto the Parkway. His final County report was that the engineer has announced it will pave the Strathmere section of Ocean Drive beginning this winter and next spring, stopping work for the summer and continuing next fall. Mr. Savastano concluded by announcing the storm drain work on Venicean Road has been completed.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Gibson expressed concern that when the SIC Blvd. is closed due to an accident, etc., the only way to leave the island is to pay a toll and traffic rapidly backs up. He asked Council and the residents if there was support to ask the CMC Bridge Commission to reverse the toll pattern in the opposite direction for all five bridges between Longport and Wildwood.

Mr. Edwardi asked the Administration to contact the County regarding a badly deteriorated curb between 85th & 86th Streets on Landis Avenue. Mayor Desiderio said he would bring it up at the Freeholder meeting.

ORDINANCE-Introduction and First Reading: Mr. Gibson asked Mr. Baldini for an explanation of the Ordinance and he said it will increase the number of taxicab licenses and the fees. Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1582 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1582 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 4 Entitled “General Licensing” Relating to Licensing and Fee Requirements of Taxicabs to Allow for Unlimited Taxicab Licenses and Adjustment of Fees.**

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1582 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The clerk announced second reading and public hearing will be at the 9/8/2015 regular meeting at 10:00 a.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked what the salary is for #131 and Mr. Savastano said it was \$5,000 built into the Chiefs salary.

Jack Birkmeyer-37 77th St: Expressed concern with the T.I. Bridge closing again and that fire equipment and ambulance vehicles will not be able to get off the island. Mr. Gibson said he would get a response during citizen comment at the end of the meeting as this is for the resolution comments only.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

130 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

131 – Re-Appointing Thomas J. D’Intino as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Sea Isle City, NJ

132 – Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a First Amendment to Water Tower Lease Agreement for Wireless Communications Site Located at 142 39th Street (39th Street and Central Avenue) Between the City of Sea Isle City and CELLO Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless

133 – Authorizing Release of a Performance Guarantee for Property at 129 – 40th St. - Block 39.03 Lot 5.02

134 – A Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of \$13,100,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015, Consisting of \$8,500,000.00 General Improvement Bonds and \$4,600,000.00 Water/Sewer Utility Bonds of the City of Sea Isle City, in the County of Cape

May, New Jersey and Providing for Their Sale

135 – A 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 \$4,600,000.00 in Principal Amount

136 – A Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvement Bonds of the City of Sea Isle City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$8,500,000.00 in Principal Amount

Mr. Gibson next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #130 to #136. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was no pending business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

John Sink-30 60th St: Retired SIC Beach Patrol Captain Joseph Bowen recently passed away and he requested his name be placed on the SIC Beach Patrol racing boat. Mr. Gibson said he would have a resolution prepared.

Ann Organ- 209 39th St: Asked who was responsible for patrolling the SIC Blvd. for pedestrians and bicycles as she frequently sees them. Mr. Gibson said the State Police and Sheriff's department but the Freeholders just adopted a resolution prohibiting them as there was no enabling legislation to enforce. She then complained that she experienced the toll lanes at the Great Egg Harbor toll plazas went from 8 open tolls down to 1 lane causing a bottleneck. She next said she had photos of the trash can mess on the promenade and the pavement at Shenanigans. Mr. Savastano said that a meeting has been scheduled with the owner.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Asked how many trash cans are permitted and suggested it be picked up every day.

John Henry-119 45th St: Agreed that more enforcement is needed on the Blvd. He then asked if the dunes created by the beach fill will be reduced as they don't need to be that high. Mr. Gibson said they will not be reduced.

Mike Davis-361 46th Pl: Said that the bikes on the Blvd. at night are the workers and a police presence is needed. He also complained that many bicyclists are riding on the sidewalks and there is a need to inform people about the rules and regulations.

Mr. Savastano said he misspoke regarding the salary for the Emergency Management Coordinator, it is \$7,000.00 built into the Chief's salary not \$5,000.00. Mr. Gibson then clarified Mr. Birkmeyer's concerns that the closing of the T.I. Bridge and or SIC Blvd. will be addressed from a public safety issue and Mr. Savastano said yes.

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned 10:40 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk