

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 2012 – 10:00 AM
GYMNASIUM
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

Council President Kehner called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. He then announced that 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 11-13-12 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio said that with a heavy heart and in light of the weekend tragedy our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Bernice Pasquerello. He then asked for a moment of silence.

The Mayor next thanked the Chamber and Revitalization for its hard work on the successful extravaganza over the Thanksgiving Weekend. He also recognized them for taking in 10 families that lost their homes and cars in the storm and providing a place to stay with food and Thanksgiving dinner from Jim Bennett. Jitneys were also provided to pick up the families that lost vehicles and had no transportation to Sea Isle. The Mayor went on to announce that the VFW is hosting a food and clothing drive and 1st Bank has an account to accept donations.

Mr. Savastano explained that Resolution No. 198 is to do the emergency renovations at the school and that next month there will be an emergency appropriation resolution related to the storm, many items are capital funds, but that some are being spend out of operating budgets.

Mr. Savastano went on to say that there will be a capital plan workshop this afternoon at 2:00 pm to begin discussion on the facilities plan and the public meetings going forward such as several Saturday meetings in December.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Kehner responded to questions submitted by SICTA President Joe McDevitt:

1. Have the buildings been officially condemned by whatever government authority is responsible for condemning buildings? If so, who is the authority? *Buildings not condemned. Construction official would condemn;* 2. If not officially condemned, who made the determination that the buildings are "beyond reasonable repair?" *Determination that buildings were beyond reasonable repair was made by City administration, based on consultation with the construction official, the city engineer, and the architect that was in the process of performing the facility study;* 3. Does the flood insurance company that covers the buildings believe that the buildings are "beyond reasonable repair?" *We did not consult with insurance adjusters on determination of what is considered beyond reasonable repair;* 4. Shouldn't the insurance company have the final say as to whether the buildings should be condemned? *The buildings weren't condemned, but regardless, that determination doesn't lie with the insurance entity;* 5. How much will the insurance proceeds contribute to the \$10 million required for the new building? *We don't know yet the extent of insurance proceeds which may be able to be applied to the new facility*

CITIZEN COMMENT-Resolutions on Consent Agenda: There was no citizen comment on the resolutions.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 197** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 198** – Authorizing Emergency Contract for Renovations to the Sea Isle Public Facilities
- 199** – Honoring Bonnie Carlson
- 200** – Approving a Member to the Sea Isle City Volunteer Fire Company
- 201** – Authorizing Advertisement of Bids – Trash Truck

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adopt resolution #197 to #201. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: As listed on the agenda. Mr. Baldini said that he did not have the draft ordinance completed regarding Outside Alcohol. Ms. Tighe asked if penalties can be imposed for non-compliance other than financial and Mr. Baldini said generally yes, but there would need to be further discussion. There was discussion regarding the parking lifts and all agreed to have him prepare a draft ordinance prohibiting lifts in the residential zones and designing those in the Commercial Zones so that they cannot be seen. Mr. Baldini said he would prepare a draft ordinance for the next meeting. The next discussion was regarding the letter from the

Planning Board regarding the requirement for only one parking space for residential units in the Commercial Zone. All agreed that the size of the units have created the need for more parking and after much discussion Mr. Baldini said he would draft an ordinance mirroring the residential parking requirements that are based on the size of the units. He added that he would forward a copy of the draft to the Planning Board as well. The final discussion was the concern with the 60% glass front on commercial properties. Mr. Divney said that the problem is interpretation on the ceiling height and the need for HVAC. Mr. Baldini agreed that the intent was not being applied and he would discuss with Engineer Andy Previti.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Desiderio introduced Shawn and Jimmy, Managers of Finnegans Wake at 3rd & Spring Garden in Philadelphia. They gathered 13 bands that routinely perform in Sea Isle and held a fund raiser on Saturday. A total of \$13,506.00 was raised and will be deposited in the account at 1st Bank. The Mayor announced that if anyone knows anyone in Sea Isle that needs help, contact the Chamber of Commerce or 1st Bank.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ann Organ – 209 39th St: Asked if Reverse 9-1-1 can be used to alert residents where dumpsters are located. The Police Chief responded that it is reserved for emergency notices only. She next said that there is a concern that the Library is considering changing the Children's room to some other use and she asked that the City reach out and prevent that and to require it be used for the original purpose. She then asked when the landlord hearings will be and Mr. Baldini said 1/8/13 and 1/20/13 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. McHale asked Mr. Savastano to reach out to the County about the Library as the City pays \$1.4 million per year in taxes and the children's library should be staffed.

Ruth Steeley-4722 Park Road: Thanked the Police Department, Public Works, Chamber and Revitalization and Vicki Feeney for the successful Extravaganza event.

Dave Helfrich-21 – 36th St: Asked how much of the extravaganza was paid with tax dollars and was told none.

Chris Glancey-4009 Landis Ave: Expressed his gratitude to everyone who helped with the Extravaganza.

Bill Buchanan-140 74th St: Said that he was proud of Sea Isle, the Extravaganza was a great event and he hopes that the public/private cooperation continues.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk