

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL – 233 JFK BLVD.**

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 149 – Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations– Sea Isle City Middle Management Professional Employees Association

The Clerk read the resolution by title and Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adopt the resolution and go into closed session. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned into closed session at 9:02 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. 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 7-12-2016 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed except Mr. Edwardi and Ms. Tighe abstained due to absence.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano reported beach tag sales through 7/24/16 totals \$1,242,450.00 approximately \$17,000 more than the same time frame in 2015.

He next addressed resolution #154, explaining the City is planning to take advantage of very low interest rates and go out for permanent financing this year rather than later as planned. He explained the resolution asked the Local Finance Board to allow the City to approve the plan and a non-conforming debt schedule.

REPORTS-Council: There were no Council reports.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent agenda: There were no comments on the Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS – Consent Agenda:

150 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

151 – Authorizing Various Refunds (*Recreation fee*)

152 – Supporting Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program

153 – Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refunds

154 – Authorizing the City of Sea Isle City to Make Application to the Local Finance Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(e)

155 - Authorizing the City's Participation in the Houston Galveston Area Council "H-GAC" of Governmental National Cooperative Purchasing Program for Contract FS12-15, Acquisition of One (1) Spartan 4x4 1500 GPM Pumper for Use by the Fire Department (\$535,845.00)

156 – Authorizing Approval of a BINGO Application *{Italian American Club of Sea Isle City}*

Mr. Gibson asked that #156 be removed from the consent agenda as he has a conflict as member of the Club.

Mr. Kehner next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #150 to #155. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #156. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed, except Mr. Gibson abstained.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was no pending business.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe addressed the recent press releases regarding armed robberies and the police enhanced enforcement. She asked if the Police could provide a report. Chief D'Intino said that the 1st Press release was related to juvenile issues and problems on the beach and promenade. Since that time, Captain Garreffo and Patrolman Rob Scarano are working Friday and Saturday nights along with 2 other full time officers and 10 Class II officers. They are all on the Promenade and the Beaches. Regarding the 2nd Press release, the Chief said it was a home invasion and more than likely not a random act. Mr. Edwardi asked if there was also Sheriff officers and Chief D'Intino said yes with canines. Mr. Edwardi said he was happy to hear that because he and his son saw underage drinking on Memorial Day weekend, for which he called the police and several arrests were made. Ms. Tighe added that she has received many complaints about safety adding that more press releases about positive police activities would be good. Mr. Edwardi agreed and suggested increasing the lights at JFK and the Promenade.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Reiterated her suggestion to not re-lease the "paint chip" area for 5 years and create a parking lot. She also complained that on Sunday evening she was on the Promenade and there were many bicycles. She next suggested the City create an ordinance prohibiting living on docked boats.

Alan Fisher-122 55th St: Said that the new beach access pathways are difficult for handicap individuals as there is too much sand on the paths. He next complained that businesses are not complying with the 6 feet of walking room clearance when “A Frame” signs are put on the sidewalk and promenade.

Vicki Miller-11 – 13 84th St: Said that mobi-mats were far superior to the hard pressed gravel beach access paths. She next asked if there has been any action taken on the proposed promenade extension and Mr. Gibson said there is nothing new since the last meeting.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Said that he has seen young kids out around 1:30 am and suggested a curfew be imposed.

Dan Tumolo-7407 Pleasure Ave: Asked if the police keep demographics on the arrests and problems kids and the Chief said it is a mix but mostly they are from out of Sea Isle.

John Evans-237 79th St: Said that his 2 teenage grandsons use the jitneys to go to the Promenade but it will not pick them up after 10:00 pm going South. He next complained about the fire siren and suggested the fireman get the call on their cell phones. Mr. Edwardi said they do get it on the phones, but these are volunteers and if you are working you may not be able to get to your phone, so the siren lets all volunteers know it goes off until 3 firemen arrive at the station.

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

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk