

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 – 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

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 8-25-15 Regular Meeting and 8-25-2015 Closed Session for content only. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Council: Ms. Tighe thanked everyone for the hard work and successful summer season.

Mr. Gibson announced the next meeting on 9/22/2015 will be at the new City Hall. He then asked Mayor Desiderio to invite the newly crowned Miss America to the 9/21/15 dedication of the facility.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administration: Mayor Desiderio addressed resolution #148 explaining that the Bridge Commission has agreed that in the event of a temporary closure on the Blvd., the SIC Police can call the Bridge Commission and the tolls will be lifted during the closing. Additionally, a decision was made to not place cameras on the Blvd. Mr. Gibson thanked the mayor for the update, however he will still like to adopt the resolution and forward to the Commission.

The Mayor next announced that NJ Monthly Magazine listed the top 100 places to live in NJ and SIC was Number 35; the highest in Cape May County.

Mayor Desiderio then reported that the next meeting on 9/22/2015 will be in the new City Hall and on Monday, 9/21/15, he invited all to attend the dedication at 9:00 a.m. He also thanked Councilman Kehner and his wife who provided teal shoe laces to all bar and wait staff this past weekend in recognition of Ovarian Cancer Awareness.

Mr. Savastano reported Beach Tag Revenue through 8/31/15 is \$35,000.00 over the same time period in 2014. He also announced that the beach fill dredge left for Norfolk, VA for repairs and should return on 9/22/2015 to complete the beaches North of 82nd Street.

ORDINANCE-Second Reading and Public Hearing: Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1582 for second reading and public hearing as amended. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe 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.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance No. 1582.

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1582 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Due to a conflict of interest, Mr. Gibson turned the meeting over to Council Vice President, Mr. Divney who opened up for citizen comment on Resolution No. 146.

CITIZEN COMMENT: Resolution No. 146 - There was no citizen comment on Resolution No. 146.

146 - Authorizing the Award of Construction Management for Landis Avenue Streetscape

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to approve Resolution no. 146. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All Ayes followed, except Mr. Gibson abstained.

Mr. Divney turned the meeting back to Mr. Gibson.

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

Mr. Edwardi asked that #151 be removed from the consent agenda as he is on the refund resolution.

151 – Authorizing Refund of Unused Escrow Monies.

Mr. Gibson asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 151. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed, except Mr. Edwardi abstained.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 147 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 148 – Requesting the CMC Bridge Commission to Address Traffic Backlog during Temporary Closures of Sea Isle City Boulevard
- 149 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 – Emergency Storm Sewer Replacement within Easement, 4426 Venician Road (+\$6,110.00)
- 150 – Authorizing Refund of Payment for Rental Permit (*Borden - 109 54th Street*)
- 152 – Authorizing the Submittal of the Grant Application and the Execution of the Grant Agreement for the FY2016 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Road Program Application (Reconstruction of Pleasure Avenue, John F. Kennedy Blvd. to 53rd Street)
- 153 – Authorizing Award of Contract – Streetscape Improvements for Landis Avenue, 43rd to 39th Street (*Think Pavers Hardscaping \$796,648.33*)
- 154 – Amending Annual Notice Designating City Council Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2015 – (Location Change)

Mr. Gibson next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #147 to #150 and #152 to #154. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Gibson addressed a concern expressed at the last meeting regarding handicap beach chairs. He reported that the City has 12 with donated funds to purchase more, but the lifeguards do not have the space to store more. He asked the Administration to address for next year. Mr. Gibson also reported that the naming of the boat after the recently deceased past SICPB Captain continues to be discussed among the alumni association and current beach patrol. Mayor Desiderio added that the Administration is also considering developing protocol.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Edwardi reported that at 75th Street beach at the end of the weekend at 5:00, the lifeguards blew the whistle and everyone on the beach stood and clapped in honor of a 20 year lifeguard. He said it was a special moment.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Dan Tumolo-President, SIC Board of Education: Expressed concern that at a recent OC/Middle Township football game, a drone was hovering over the field which stopped play. It was learned that there are no laws and asked if SIC should consider at least privacy laws. Mr. Baldini said if anyone has a problem, the police should be called as it is a privacy issue, but do not knock it down. He added that any local laws would be null and void to any State or Federal laws that are apparently forthcoming.

John Henry-119 45th St: Asked that the City do something to enforce/educate pedestrians regarding crossing the street. He also asked that signs be placed on the jetties.

Mayor Desiderio agreed that pedestrians do not stop according to the law. There is pending legislation that on-coming vehicles “flash headlights” if stopping to alert opposite direction vehicles you are stopping for the crossing pedestrian. There was much discussion regarding educating the public via the e-newsletter, police face book page and distributing information through the real estate offices at check-in

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Agreed the problem is educating the public and there most likely is information from the State to handout.

Dave Cohan-5100 S. Marine Pl: Asked for more volleyball nets on the beaches.

Alan Fisher-122 55th St: Presented a flyer he got at the library regarding pedestrian safety, he also suggested buying and distributing night lights for bicycles. He concluded by complaining about the lack of enforcement regarding bikes on the promenade and dogs on the beach.

John Evans-237 79th St: Expressed concern that if a drone is over his property, he is not protected by a local law.

John Fee-220 43rd: Asked when parking meters are finished and was told Labor Day.

Mr. Gibson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned 10:35 a.m.