

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015 – 10:00 A.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SEA ISLE CITY HALL – 233 JFK BLVD.**

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

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

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 10-27-15 Regular Meeting and 10-27-15 Capital Plan Workshop. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

**REPORTS-Mayor and Administration:**

Administrator Mr. Savastano reported that the T.I. Bridge will be closing 11/16/15 for roadway repairs to the Avalon side. He went on to say that the bridge will be opened on 2/12/15 for Polar Bear Plunge and remain opened with one lane until the completion of the work. Mr. Savastano added that the Cape May County Engineer is considering placing signs on the SIC Blvd that will indicate when the Bridge is closed due to problems with wave activity.

Recognizing the Police Department, Mr. Savastano announced that in honor of “No Shave November” officers are not shaving to raise funds for St. Jude Hospital.

His final report was that the Landis Avenue Streetscape project will begin next week.

**REPORTS-Council:** Mr. Edwardi gave kudos to the Police Officers for the fund raising efforts.

Mr. Divney announced that the Planning Board will begin reviewing the Master Plan Re-Exam survey data at its 11/16/15 meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

**RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:**

**176** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

**177** – Authorizing the Cancellation of Grant Balances

**178** – Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations

**179** – Authorizing Cancellation of Capital Fund Balances

**180** – Authorizing Cancellation of Sewer Excess Charges

**181** – A Resolution of the City of Sea Isle City, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey

Appointing a Substitute Municipal Prosecutor for the Remaining of the 2015-2016 Contract for No Additional Fee to the City

Mr. Gibson next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #176 to #181. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

**PENDING BUSINESS:** There was no pending business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Gibson said he would like to discuss Mr. Edwardi’s suggestion to change the parking meter dates of operation. Mr. Savastano said it is estimated that changing from 9/15 to Labor Day this year represented about a \$20,000 loss of revenue. He went on to say that some Municipalities, like Ocean City keep meters in place until 10/31 through all of the festivals and that could be an additional \$30,000 - \$40,000. Ms. Tighe said that this had been reviewed several times and the decision to go from 9/15 to Labor Day was to allow year-round residents to not have to pay during the week when no one else was in town. Mr. Divney said he felt not having the meters in place brings more people to the festivals in the Fall and he was opposed to changing it beyond Labor Day. Ms. Tighe said she would go back to 9/15 but definitely not 10/31. Mr. Gibson asked the Solicitor to draft an ordinance for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Gibson next addressed the request to prohibit demolition and pile driving in the summer. The Council did not express support for a prohibition, but Mr. Gibson suggested consideration to change the starting time in the summer from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. during the week and from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on the weekends. The majority of the Council was in favor of the time change, but Mr. Divney said the issue isn’t just the demolition, it’s the disruption in the neighborhood during construction and that there is no notification to the neighbors that a demolition is going to occur. Mr. Kehner said he felt notification was important and Ms. Tighe agreed. Mr. Baldini suggested posting a sign on the property and Ms. Tighe said she liked that idea, but a mailed notice should also be required to the adjoining property owners. Mr. Edwardi said he was not going to weigh in, but he wanted to add that complaints about demolition has been few. Mr. Kehner agreed, there are more complaints about the construction start time. Mr. Gibson said he would like to keep the discussion going at the next

meeting and Mr. Baldini said he was look at other ordinances in other municipalities and be prepared to discuss further.

Mr. Kehner said he had a request from a resident to put additional handicap spaces at each of the ramps onto the promenade. Mr. Baldini responded that there should be at least one space at each ramp, but he will review with the Police Chief.

Mr. Kehner next asked that the Recreation Department better advertise the sign-up requirement for the New Year's Eve gala for kids at the school. He said there were some residents who were complaining that kids were turned away at the door because they did not sign up in advance.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Said she was opposed to extending the parking meters to 9/15 as the year-round-residents get the break in the Fall.

**Mike Monichetti-4222 Park Rd:** Said that the demolition complaints are few and far between because they are efficient, but if the times change due to noise it could be problematic for truck deliveries.

**John Henry-119 45<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked who will be responsible for the snow fence maintenance after the beach fill project is complete and Mr. Gibson indicated that it would be the City.

Mr. Edwardi interjected a follow-up to Mr. Monichetti's statement and asked how delivery of materials would be handled regarding a time change?

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Stated that many residents complain about the early morning trash trucks. She next complained that a current roadway construction project at 36<sup>th</sup> Street has trash all over the lawn.

**Bob Boyle-237 36<sup>th</sup> St:** Said he was present to support the Police Department

**Jodi Larosa-365 46<sup>th</sup> Pl:** Said she was also present to support the Police Department.

Mr. Gibson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned 10:39 a.m.

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Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk