

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Divney, Mr. Edwardi, Mr. McHale, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Kehner. Also attending was 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 also announced that he would have to leave the meeting at 10:45 am.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 7-10-12 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: There were no reports by the Administration.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Divney reported that the Landis Avenue Streetscape Committee continues to meet and is moving forward with beautification plans similar to the Braca Plaza upgrades.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading and Public Hearing:

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1524 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1524 – A Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Water/Sewer Utility Improvements to the Water/Sewer Utility in and by the City Sea Isle City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$2,000,000.00 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,000,000.00 in Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance 1524.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1524 on second reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1525 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1525 – A Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements of the City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$4,600,000.00 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,370,000.00 in Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ann Organ – 209 39th St: Asked when the bond will come due and what is the interest rate? Mr. Savastano explained that interest rates are not incurred until the bonds are sold at some time in the future.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1525 on second reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1526 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1526 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 6, “Beverage Control” Amending and Regulating Outdoor Sales of Alcohol and Penalties for Violations**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jerry Murphy-27 85th St: Asked if the ordinance removed financial penalties only and Mr. Baldini confirmed that it did.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked if the amendment affects the sunset provision and was told it did not.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1526 on second reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT-Resolutions on Consent Agenda: There was no public comment on Resolutions #135 to #141.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 135** Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 136** Authorizing the Award of County Co-Op for Recycled Photocopy Paper
- 137** Authorizing the Award of County Co-Op for Janitorial Supplies
- 138** Authorizing the Advertisement of bids for Well Maintenance and Repairs and HVAC Maintenance and Repairs

- 139 Authorizing Refunds of Tax Overpayments
- 140 Authorizing the Execution of Subcontract with the County of Cape May for the Municipal Alliance Program
- 141 Authorizing a Designated Bus Stop for NJ Transit

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adopt resolutions #135 to #141. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. McHale indicated that the School Board is talking with the Cumberland County YMCA about using the school for a YMCA facility and that the Council and the City have not publicly discussed how it wants to utilize the building and encouraged a public meeting to discuss. Mr. Divney stated that the School Board has reached out for a meeting next week with the Administrator and he and Mr. Kehner will also attend. All agreed that a public meeting should be held.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Kehner reminded all that the next meeting of 8-14-12 will be at 6:00 p.m. Also, due to a conflict with the Planning Board, the 11-13-12 meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. will be changed to 10:00 a.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

John Farrell-8401 E. Landis Ave: Complained about a vacant lot at 8401 Pleasure Avenue that needs to be mowed and cleaned. He said he has make several calls to the City, Mr. Teefy has sent violation letters to the owner, but nothing has been done to rectify the problem. On another issue, he suggested that the yellow curbs in T.I. need to be repainted. Mr. Kehner said that the process to enter private property is time consuming and that once a list of properties has been identified, the City goes out to bid for the service.

Jerry Murphy-27 85th St: Agreed that the lot is an eyesore and added 89th & Pleasure as another problem lot.

Mr. McHale asked Mr. Savastano if Public Works could at least cut the grass and bill the owner rather than going out to bid for the service. Mr. Savastano said he would follow-up on the issue.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Added that the lots are a health issue and urged the City to have public works do it.

John Felicetti-8400 Landis Ave: Suggested the business owners in the downtown be required to clean the sidewalks, as the new pavers already look old. Mr. Divney asked who is responsible and Mr. Baldini said the owners.

Alan Fisher-122 55th St: Complained about alcohol consumption on the beach and that the curb at westbound JFK and Landis sticks out too far to make the left turn. He then explained an article in AARP regarding policies in NJ regarding pedestrian safety and suggested Sea Isle be a part of the "Complete Streets" program.

Steve Stier-4105 Landis Ave: As a business owner, he said he does sweep his sidewalk, but his power washer is not effective in removing the gum, etc. He then indicated that the enforcement of the parking permits has become problematic in the downtown and suggested allowing overnight parking, with the permits, at the 10-hour spots. He also suggested lowering the speed limit on Pleasure due to the bike and pedestrian traffic.

Mr. McHale agreed that the speed limit should be reduced or limited to local traffic only. Mr. Savastano said he would discuss with the Police Chief.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Suggested closing Pleasure Avenue on the weekends from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon from JFK to 57th Street, allowing only local traffic. She went on to explain that at the last Town Watch/Town Pride meeting, there were many complaints about the outside bars staying open until 2:30 a.m. and asked when the Council will address the ordinance again.

Mr. McHale indicated that a date should be determined and announced in advance of the discussion.

Phyllis Evans-15 43rd St: Agreed that the date should be advertised in advance of the discussion and added that she has concerns with the definition of the enclosure.

Mr. Edwardi agreed with Mr. Stier that the parking permit issue must be addressed and he agreed with his suggestion about allowing overnight at the 10 hour spots. There was much discussion among Council and all agreed to visit the issue in the Fall.

Mr. McHale asked Mr. Baldini about the purpose of the enclosed structure and Mr. Baldini said it was to control the patrons for leaving the property with alcohol.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.