

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 057** – A Resolution Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Potential Litigation: *SIC Jitney Association vs. AC Jitney Association {Superior Court of NJ Chancery Division, Atlantic County – Docket No. ATL-C-06-15*

The Clerk read the resolution by title and Mr. Edwardi asked for a motion to adopt the resolution and go into closed session. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned into closed session at 9:05 a.m. Mr. Divney arrived at 9:05 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Divney 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. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 3-24-2015 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

**REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:** Mr. Savastano introduced Cape May County Engineer Dale Foster who provided an update on the SIC Blvd. project. He explained that the fill should be done by Friday and the required 8” – 13” of settlement should occur over the next 12 to 18 months and before it is paved a new gas main will be installed. The same process will then begin on the South side of the Boulevard making the project completion sometime in 2019. Mr. Foster explained the difficulties with mitigation of the wetlands, installation of a silt fence and tubing to protect the terrapins and addressing settlement issues at the intersections of the parkway. Mr. Edwardi suggested consideration be given to smooth the roadway as it transitions onto the bridge. Mr. Foster then answered questions for the residents.

**Lynn Shirk-209 54<sup>th</sup> St:** Complained that strong winds blow the sand and blasts it onto cars, potentially causing damage and suggested a silt fence be installed. Mr. Foster said that the sand would continue to blow over the fence, but alternatives are being discussed such as a chemical on top of the sand.

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked how long it will take to settle and Mr. Foster said at least a year, maybe 18 months.

**Christina Weiler-74<sup>th</sup> St:** Concerned that it will be too high to drive on while the South side is being worked on and asked why sand is used instead of dirt. Mr. Foster explained that sand is better for drainage and road bed stability and that guiderails will be installed on both sides with a berm in between.

The next report by Mr. Savastano was on behalf of the Mayor, who had to leave on an urgent matter, was that the City’s Division of Tourism recently received an Excellence in Tourism Award for Digital Outreach from the NJ Tourism Industry Association. The award was a result of the positive way the City’s visitor website, social media campaigns and mobile app have engaged visitors.

The Business Administrator also reported that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Army Corps of Engineers and Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company will present a full update on this year’s beach replenishment project at the April 28, 2015 meeting. Mr. Savastano added that Avalon recently awarded a beach fill contract to Great Lakes to use the same dredge with a specific deadline and that the City believes if the dredge leaves our project to go to Avalon, it will be a breach of contract.

**REPORTS-Council:** There were no council reports.

**ORDINANCES - Second Reading and Public Hearing:** Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1577 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1577 - Calendar Year 2015 Ordinance to Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank.** CFO Ms. Doll explained the annual ordinance is adopted in conjunction with the budget to bank CAP funds in the event the City needs it. It does not increase the budget or taxes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked how much was allocated for 2015 and Mr. Kehner read the amount \$322,588.94.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1577 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

**RESOLUTION #040-A** –Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2015 Local Municipal Budget. The Clerk read the Resolution declaring the budget was introduced on 3-10-2015, advertised on March 25, 2015 and the amount to be raised by taxation \$15,807,189.36.

Mr. Savastano explained that there was no tax increase in the 2015 budget, all services will continue to be provided and for the first time stipends for the Ambulance and Fire Departments are in the budget.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – As Introduced (Resolution #040): There was no public comment on the budget.

Mr. Kehner thanked the Administration for a “0” increase. Mr. Divney agreed adding he was glad that holding the tax rate with the 2 additional line items was possible. He added that the favorable surplus in Water & Sewer will be reviewed after the summer.

Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #040A – Adoption of the 2015 Local Municipal Budget. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

Mr. Divney asked about FEMA reimbursements and Mr. Savastano said that about \$600,000 has been reimbursed with about \$1.2 million outstanding with another possible \$700,000 to \$3 million for the new City Hall. It has been a difficult task as FEMA Personnel continue to change but the City is staying on top of it.

**CITIZEN COMMENT~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:**

**John Fee-220 43<sup>rd</sup> PL:** Asked about #062 and Mr. Savastano explained that every 3 years, the State allows the CFO to approve the budget. He then asked if about #064 and Mr. Savastano said it was a grant for the Central Avenue project.

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked if #66 & #67 are included in the Bond Ordinance adopted for the project and was told yes. .

**RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:**

**058** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

**059** – Approving Arcade License for Uncle Mikes

**060** – Authorizing Change Order No. 2 to Hessert Construction – New City Hall {+\$95,809.46}

**061** – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to ASG – security equipment – New City Hall {+\$7,538.84}

**062** – Authorizing Local Unit Budget Examination

**063** – A Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of an Amount not to Exceed

\$2,514,000.00 General Obligation Bond of the City of Sea Isle City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey and Providing for the Sale of Such Bond to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

**064** – Authorizing and Providing for the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the Purpose of Providing a Portion of the Cost of Acquiring, Constructing, Enlarging, Improving and/or Extending its Sewer Facility to Serve an Area Lawfully Within its Jurisdiction to Serve (*Central Avenue Utility Roadwork ~ USDA Loan in the amount of \$2,514,000.00 @ 2.75% interest rate*)

**065** – Authorizing Sale of Abandoned Bicycles & Live Auction

**066** – Authorizing Award of State Contract for Dispatch Furniture, Installation & Moving of Radio Communication Equipment for Police Department – New City Hall {GTBM - \$341,407.60}

**067** – Authorizing Award of State Contract for Furniture for New City Hall Facility (*Various Vendors ~ \$280,959.07*)

**068** – Authorizing the City’s Participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) for Contract #0060311-CN- Acquisition of a Case 821F Wheel Loader ~ TRICO Equipment Sales, Inc. {\$208,880.00}

**069** – Authorizing Award of Contract for 83<sup>rd</sup> Street Drainage Reconstruction – {*Kline Construction Co. ~ \$47,152.00*}

Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #058 to 069. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**John Henry-119 45<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked if City rescue and fire volunteers are insured for injury and compensation for lost wages and was told yes. He also suggested a study to determine if it makes sense to pump sand on the beach and not address the jetties’ that should keep the sand in place. Mr. Divney said that the City is doing the project in cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers that do extensive studies prior to the replenishment and that the goal is shore protection.

**Christina Weiler-74<sup>th</sup> St:** Distributed information regarding the hazards of cell phone antennae/towers.

**John Fee 220 43<sup>rd</sup> PL:** Said that realtors are concerned with the revaluation inspections occurring when properties are rented. There was discussion regarding disseminating information and Mr. Baldini said all information will be on the website under “City Projects” including a schedule of when inspectors will be in certain areas.

**Dan Tumolo-7407 Pleasure:** Congratulated the City for the most “impressive budget in years”.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.