

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Divney, Mr. McHale, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Kehner. Also attending was Mayor Desiderio and Administrator Mr. Savastano. **Absent:** Mr. Edwardi

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 then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 10-23-12 Regular Meeting, Workshop and Closed Session for content only. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Mr. Kehner then thanked School Board President, Dan Organ who was present for the cooperation in relocating the police and city hall to the school.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano reported that the storm is over, but the clean up continues and that all should be proud of the community, government, volunteers and employees. He then explained that Resolution #192 is a requirement of the law to allow municipalities to operate during emergency situations.

Mayor Desiderio expressed his heart-felt gratitude to all of Sea Isle, a “Special Community” saying that he has never been more proud of the police, fire, ambulance corps and city employees. He went on to say that many weren’t with their families while taking care of Sea Isle City. Several employees were present and were recognized by a standing ovation. The Mayor said that there is significant damage to the public safety building and city hall and again thanked the school board for its cooperation in moving those operations to the school. He is also working with the Chamber/Revitalization to set-up an account at 1st Bank for monetary donations for Sea Isle residents and to offer 10 homes to displaced neighbors from northern counties over Thanksgiving weekend. The VFW will be accepting food and clothing as well.

Mr. Savastano added that due to the extensive damage to city hall and the public safety building all operations will be moving to the school and the gym will continue to be used by the recreation department. While it did not take on any water, it is being inspected to determine if there was any damage under the building. He went on to announce that the plan is to construct a new municipal facility at the public safety location for all city hall and public safety operations and that the current facilities study will be accelerated and public meetings will be held to discuss further.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. McHale congratulated Mayor Desiderio on his successful bid for Freeholder and Meg Lennon and Pat Halfpenny on being elected to the School Board.

Mr. Divney announced that a capital plan workshop will be held at 2:00 pm on 11-27-2012.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading and Public Hearing:

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1528 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1528 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the city of Sea Isle City Chapter 12 “Property Maintenance” to Create a New Section Entitled “Maintenance of Commercial Property” and Require that the Windows and Doors of Vacant or Closed Commercial Buildings be Covered with Acceptable Window Coverings.** Mayor Desiderio thanked the Council for this ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance 1528.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1528 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1529 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1529 – An Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance No. 1463 of the City of Sea Isle City, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, Heretofore Adopted on the 27th Day of January, 2009 and Entitled Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$4,380,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,161,000 in Bonds and Notes of the City of Sea Isle City for the Various Improvements or Purposes Authorized to be Undertaken by the City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey.** Mr. Savastano explained that this will amend an existing bond ordinance to use \$250,000 to purchase a trash truck and a new computer server. No new debt will be incurred.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance 1529.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1529 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1530 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1530 – An Ordinance of the City of Sea Isle City Authorizing the Acceptance of Land Donation Of Block 19.03, Lot 1, In Furtherance of Chapter XIV of the Sea Isle City Revised General Ordinances Entitled “Flood Damage Prevention” (Mitros).** Mr. Savastano explained that this is another land donation that was delayed, however, the taxes have been paid and the City can now accept the land donation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance 1530.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1530 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

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

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 191 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 192 – A Resolution Declaring an Emergency for the City of Sea Isle City, NJ
- 193 – Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations
- 194 – Authorizing Award of State Contracts
- 195 – Appointing A Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment
- 196 – Extending 4th Quarter, 2012 Property Tax Payment Grace Period

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adopt resolution #191 to #196. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Divney asked if the Council was prepared to introduce an ordinance regarding enclosed structures and vestibules for outside bars and all agreed to review a draft at the next meeting before introduction. He also asked about the status of the ordinance regarding prohibiting parking lifts in the residential zones and requiring they be hidden in the commercial zones and Mr. Savastano said that the solicitor is preparing something for review at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe asked if it was possible to make Pleasure Avenue 2-way during the on-going construction and repairs and Mr. McHale suggested the light at 88th Street be blinking only. Mr. Savastano said he would discuss with the Chief and make a recommendation

Mr. Divney asked about emergency appropriations and the cost of the storm. Mr. Savastano said that an emergency appropriation resolution will come forward, however a final number is not yet prepared. Mr. Divney suggested discussing at the next capital plan workshop.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ray Dundas- 22 74th St: Indicated that the FEMA reimbursements may not be what residents believe and asked if municipalities receive more and other than taxes where will the City get the funds and suggested the City review the “lessons learned” after the storm. Mr. Savastano said he would find out if municipalities receive a different rate of reimbursement and the “lessons learned” is a standard protocol. The Mayor responded that he is seeking all avenues for potential funds.

John Fee – 220 43rd St: Gave Kudos to City Employees.

Ann Organ – 209 39th St: Complimented the police organizing the return to the island. She also expressed concern with a “sludge” material on the sidewalk that she is unable to remove.

Dan Organ-209 39th St: Asked if JFK was the only egress now open and Mr. Savastano said the north end was open. Mr. Organ added that one lesson learned is that the new municipal facility should be built at higher elevation and consideration should be given to the elevation levels of the new commercial buildings as many of the new businesses were flooded.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Complimented the use of dumpsters throughout the town.

Mike Monichetti – 4222 Park Rd: Reiterated his offer to recognize city employees with a buffet at Mike’s Seafood.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.