

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014 – 10:00 AM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

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 10-28-14 Regular Meeting and 10-28-2014 workshop. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

**REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:** Mayor Desiderio presented Irene Bukowski with the Municipal Alliance Committee's Volunteer of the Year Award along with a Proclamation recognizing November 12, 2014 as Irene Bukowski day in Sea Isle.

Mr. Savastano reported that on Saturday, the SIC Police Department were called to a home where they found a 30 year old male unresponsive. After determining it was an overdose, Narcan was administered, he was taken to Cape Regional Hospital and released later. This is the first use of Narcan by the SICPD.

Mr. Divney asked for an update on the Boulevard project and Mr. Savastano said he would get an update for the next meeting

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

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

**RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:**

- 175 – Authorizing Approval of Vouchers
- 176 – Authorizing Refund of Unused Off Duty Police Funds
- 177 – Authorizing Refund of Unused Escrow Monies
- 178 – Authorizing Advertisement of Bids for Towing, Storage & Lockout Services
- 179 – A Resolution in Support of the Creation of a Veterans Court
- 180 – Authorizing the Rejection of Bids and Authorizing Re-Bid of Aerial Bucket Truck

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to approve Resolutions #175 to #180. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

**PENDING BUSINESS:** Mr. Divney announced that the Planning Board has agreed to begin the Master Plan process as requested by the Council.

Mr. Divney next began the continued discussion regarding the proposed Ludlam Island Brewery. He said the current ordinance prohibits another licensed premise if it is within 1,000 feet of another licensed premise, church or school. The proposed brewery is within 1,000 of a church and licensed premise and at his request, the Solicitor prepared a draft ordinance with the option to waive the requirement if both the church and other licensed premise signs off. He went on to say that the Council has been involved and supportive of the enhancement of the commercial districts and he feels this would be a great addition.

Mr. Gibson said that he previously indicated he did not want to change the ordinance and that has not changed.

Ms. Tighe said that she continues to support the proposal and as yet received very little feedback but what she has heard is that there are concerns that it will skirt the rules and become another bar. She went on to say that if it does receive approval, the City should create controls to address those concerns.

Mr. Divney expressed concern that the waiver options takes the control away from the City and Ms. Tighe suggested adding a requirement that the Governing Body must also agree by adopting a resolution.

There was much discussion and all agreed there wasn't interest in amending the ordinance and taking the control away from the City. Mr. Divney said that no other Municipality has amended the Statute from the 200 feet and perhaps Sea Isle should consider going back to the 200 ft. State Statute requirement. He said that discussions will continue in the future.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Matt Pittaluga, Owner – Hanks Sauce:** Said that it is difficult to keep a business going in Townsends Inlet and supports the brewery as it would be a great draw.

**Lynn Shirk-209 54<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked where it would be located and was told 8405 E. Landis Ave. She expressed concern with parking.

**Christina Weiler-74<sup>th</sup> St:** Said that Sea Isle has enough alcohol, but the brewery idea is intriguing.

**Lynn Shirk-209 54<sup>th</sup> St:** Said that it sounds like an opportunity to make another bar, especially because the product is pre-made. Ms. Tighe explained that it is a powder mix that has to be activated and fermented.

**Stacey Spiegel:** Said that she is the widow of police officer Michael Cullinane and she is trying to have his pension reinstated. She collected at the time of his death, but forfeited it upon re-marrying. She is now divorced and if he were a State Trooper, the pension would be reinstated, but it is not available for the widows of local police. Mr. Divney asked what she was asking for and Mr. Baldini said that he prepared a sample resolution that recognizes her as the widow of Michael Cullinane. Mr. Divney said it would be placed on the next agenda.

Ms. Spiegel was supported by **Peg Mallon** who is the widow of State Police Det. John Mallon and an advocate for survivor benefits and is working to get benefits reinstated for local police widows.

**Matt Mashura-233 58<sup>th</sup>:** Said that he works for the gentleman proposing the brewery and that they are professional, know what they are doing and he supports it.

**Steve Stier-4100 Landis Ave:** Said he supports the brewery, it is a great idea and shows forward thinking to keep the commercial district going.

**Bill Topley-5909 Central Ave:** He is one of the principals proposing the brewery and he is willing to talk with anyone answer questions, etc. He also encouraged everyone to check out his website [ludlamisland.com](http://ludlamisland.com).

**Mike Davis-361 46<sup>th</sup> Pl:** Said that he wished there was this much discussion on the amusement park.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk