

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

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

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 3-11-14 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio announced that on March 11, 2014 the Freeholders awarded a \$571,000 contract to increase the drainage at 59th St and Landis. He also announced that a meeting with the Army Corp and DEP last week confirmed the beach replenishment project will begin in the Fall. The Mayor went on to state that the City and County accepted another award for the engineering on the JFK Boulevard project. His final report was that FEMA will be doing a documentary on Sea Isle outlining its CRS successful progress.

Mr. Savastano reported that the Central Avenue project is on schedule for completion and paving in May. Ms. Tighe asked about the paving on the side streets and Mr. Savastano said some would be paved and he would provide a list.

REPORTS-Council: Ms. Tighe introduced School Board President, Dan Tumolo who announced the school's approved budget will represent a \$428,000.00 reduction or an 18% reduction in taxes. He went on to explain that there remains 2 issues for the future; if Bishop McHugh closes 22-23 students will begin going to Ocean City at a cost of about \$300,000.00 for tuition. Also next year the enrollment will go from 93 to 80 creating a rebate of about \$200,000.

Ms. Tighe announced the new City Hall will have a ground breaking ceremony on 3/31/14 at 10:30 am.

ORDINANCES SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up ordinance 1561 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the ordinance by title: **1561 - An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21 Entitled "Beach Badges" of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City to Allow for Free Access to Our Beaches for Qualifying Veterans as A Gesture to Acknowledge and Thank Each and Every Veteran for Their Service and Sacrifice to Our Country.** Ms. Tighe suggested the title was self-explanatory, free beach tags for qualified veterans.

PUBLIC HEARING: There was no public comment on Ordinance No. 1561.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance no. 1561 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up ordinance 1562 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the ordinance by title: **1562 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11 of the Revised General Ordinances for the City of Sea Isle City to Twenty-Four Months and Three Complaints for all Rental Properties.** Mr. Baldini explained that this will amend our Ordinances to be consistent with the State Law.

PUBLIC HEARING: There was no public comment on Ordinance No. 1562.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1562 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up ordinance 1563 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the ordinance by title: **1563 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" to Establish Awning and Canopy Requirements and Sub-Ordinances Necessary to Effectuate this Ordinance.** Mr. Baldini explained the ordinance will allow access awnings/canopies at doorways be anchored; many businesses currently have them and this will legitimize them. He added that it will also allow outside dining canopies be permanent with permission from the Chief and the Zoning Official.

PUBLIC HEARING: There was no public comment on Ordinance No. 1563.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance no. 1563 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT-Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

John Fee-220 43rd St: Asked if there were other beach concessions besides water/ice cream and kayaks. Ms. Tighe responded there were umbrellas, rafts etc. as well.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 043** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 044** – Authorizing Refund of Rental Bond Monies (Baker)
- 045** – Authorizing Funland Termination Agreement
- 046** – Approving Raffle Application – VFW Post 1963
- 047** – Authorizing Award of Contract for Printed Sports Clothing
- 048** – Authorizing Award of Contract for Printed Matter
- 049** – Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorizing of On-Line Auction (walk behind concrete saw, 2002 trailer and Polaris (2)
- 050** – Authorize Advertisement of Bids for Beach Concession 2014 & 2015
- 051** – Authorizing Refund of Rental Bond Monies (Hack)
- 052** – Amending Shared Services Agreement with Ocean City for New City Hall Facility (SIC Resolution No. 161 (2014)

Mr. Edwardi suggested the termination agreement with Funland includes leaving the building and asked if the fence could also remain. The Mayor said Funland is responsible for removing the fence and does not think they would leave it.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt resolutions on the consent agenda. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Divney presented options for possible changes in the C-2 zone; allowing developers to build only residential with increased parking requirements. He also suggested reviewing the conditions in the zone for possible changes.

Ms. Tighe said she agrees with the concern of too much commercial, but does not support only residential. She used the size of the 63rd Street development and suggested if that was all residential in a residential area it would be too much. So if the development option is residential, it should be zoned that way to allow for the basic duplex or single family.

Mr. Gibson suggested getting input from the Planning Board.

Mr. Edwardi said he does not agree with Mr. Divney. He does support mixed use and if the developer wants changes they can go before the Planning Board and get variances. Mr. Baldini cautioned that the ordinances need to regulate what should be in the zone. All agreed that Planning Board input was needed and Mr. Divney said he would discuss at the next Planning Board meeting and get feedback.

Mr. Kehner suggested changing the permitted commercial uses to include bike rentals as an example. Also attempt to seek more variety in the commercial units. Mr. Kehner also suggested consideration be given to the design standards to attract more “mom & pop” type businesses.

Mr. Divney next asked if Council was interested in defining “large parcels” and future development. All agreed he should present to the Planning Board as well.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Kehner reported that the MUA has recommended that it will no longer accept electronics after July 1st without a fee. He said the issue is that manufactures are required to pay for recycling; however, that is not happening. The MUA will back charge municipalities by reducing the rebate. He said that he has reached out to Senator VanDrew and the DEP as he does not believe the cost should be born by taxpayers. Mr. Kehner asked the Council if it wanted to adopt a resolution or wait for the final policy from the MUA. Mr. Savastano said he would stay on top of the issue with the MUA.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

John Fee-220 43rd St: Regarding the mixed use zoning, he said that he supports hiring a professional planner. He also suggested the same recommended changes be made in the C-3 zone. Mr. Divney explained the thought process for only considering the C-3.

Norma Poole-5100 Central Ave: Complained that the contractor ruined her curb and driveway apron during construction. Mr. Savastano said he would reach out to the contractor and would be in touch with Mrs. Poole.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.