

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011 – 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Kehner, Mr. McHale, Ms. Tighe, and Mr. Divney, Also attending was Mrs. Doll, CFO and Solicitor Mr. Baldini. **ABSENT:** Mr. Edwardi.

Council President Divney 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. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 10-25-11 Regular Meeting and the 10-25-11 Council Workshop. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: There were no special reports.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Divney responded to a question from the last meeting regarding a sign that was not code compliant at a local establishment. He reported that he met with the owner and it will be resolved by the end of the week.

ORDINANCES - Introduction and First Reading: Mr. Divney asked for motion to introduce ordinance 1511 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed and the clerk read the ordinance by title: **1511 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of Sea Isle City, Chapter 4, (Section 4-1.2), 20 (20-3.4) and 21 (Section 21-1.2) Entitled “Fees” Providing for the Increase of Certain User Fees.** Mr. Divney explained that the ordinance would increase beach fees, mercantile licenses, rental permits and the marina fees. He added that there is also a proposal to eliminate free beach Wednesdays. Mr. Divney went on to suggest changing the marina increases from three years to two years, as there have been significant improvements that warrant the increase. He then made a motion to reduce from three years to two years and make the 2014 proposed increases effective in 2013. Mr. Kehner seconded the motion. A unanimous aye vote followed.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1511 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed. Mr. Divney announced second reading and public hearing would be 12/13/2011.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda: There was no public comment on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 161** Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 162** Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Middle Township for Video Conferencing (Municipal Court)
- 163** Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refunds

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #161 - #163. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Divney announced that the bids for the welcome center were rejected at the last meeting and that the specifications are being redone for advertising next week.

Mr. Baldini distributed and offered an overview explanation of a draft ordinance amending the rules and definitions for the sale of alcohol at outside bars. There was some discussion regarding the music ending at 9:00 pm with Ms. Tighe suggesting 8:00 p.m. The majority of the council agreed to 9:00 pm.

Mr. Divney also announced that he sent a letter to the Planning Board asking it to review the commercial zoning ordinance as it relates to parking and density for potential development of the four large lots discussed. He stated that the Board has agreed to take the matter up for discussion early in the new year.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. McHale presented a letter and sample resolutions from other municipalities requesting the County to apply for more Green Acres funding/loans. He indicated that the Environmental Commission is asking the Council consider passing a similar resolution. Mr. Divney stated that he would like to get some feedback from the County prior to adopting a resolution all agreed and he indicated he would discuss with the Mayor.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Regarding the draft ordinance, she asked if a canopy over the outside bar would be considered an enclosed bar and Mr. Divney responded that it would need sides. She next complained about problems with recreation program sign-ups. Mr. Divney said he would discuss with Director Mrs. Feeney.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Asked why there would be anything other than soft music for outside dining and Mr. Divney clarified it was for the outside bars.

Dottie Fean-350 44th St: Asked if the concrete being removed on JFK was new and Mr. Divney explained that it was and will be replaced with pavers.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked what other fees are being increased and when the library will open. Mr. Divney advised it was marina, mercantile and rental fees and no date on the library.

Steve Hansberry-5712 Central Ave: Thanked Mr. Savastano for getting back to him with answers after the last meeting, complained about the increase in beach fees and the recent capital plan presentation has too much of an increase over the next couple years, suggesting some reductions should be made at the next workshop.

Meg Lennon-18 87th St: Asked if the City looked at other towns like Avalon when addressing the outside bar ordinance suggesting the proposal is not very family oriented. She also asked for clarification on the request for planning board review of parts of the commercial zoning ordinance. Mr. Divney indicated Avalon's outside bar ordinance was reviewed, but the times differ depending on the location of the bar and he explained the request to the Planning Board. In conclusion, she complained about 2:00 p.m. workshops and Mr. Divney offered to meet with her at any time to discuss the capital plan.

Irene Jamison-1500 Landis Ave: Opposed the elimination of the free Wednesday for beach tags.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Opposed the elimination of the free Wednesday for beach tags.

Dottie Fean-350 44th St: Opposed the elimination of free Wednesday for beach tags.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk