

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

ATTENDANCE (9:00 a.m.): Mr. Divney, Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Kehner, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Gibson. Also attending was Administrator Mr. Savastano, Solicitor Mr. Baldini and CFO Ms. Doll.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 137 – A Resolution Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations – Sea Isle City FOP & Superior Officers

Mr. Gibson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 137 resolution and go into closed session. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned into closed session at 9:02 a.m.

ATTENDANCE (10:00 a.m.): Mr. Divney, Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Kehner, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Gibson. Also attending was Administrator Mr. Savastano and Solicitor Mr. Baldini

At 10:00 a.m., Mr. Gibson 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. Gibson next asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 8/11/2015 regular meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed, except Ms. Tighe abstained due to absence.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administration: Mr. Savastano reported that the beach fill project is completed to 73rd Street and is currently on 73rd and heading South; expecting to be completed within the next 3-4 weeks followed by dune crossovers, fence and dune grass plantings. He next reported that beach tag revenue through 8/16/15 is at \$1,376,185 about \$48,000 more than 2014 for the same time period. Mr. Savastano then gave a report regarding the Master Plan Re-Exam, announcing the public workshop has been changed from 9/12/15 to 10/24/15 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Welcome Center. In conclusion, he responded to a concern expressed at the last meeting regarding public safety when the T.I. Bridge is closed and he confirmed if necessary, the Fire Department has a Mutual Aid Agreement with Ocean View Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps has the same with Belleplain.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Gibson asked the status of the plaque dedicating the Beach Patrol Headquarters and Mr. Savastano said it was ordered and should be ready in about a month.

CITIZEN COMMENT~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked for an explanation of #144. Mr. Savastano explained it was the hiring of a Professional Planner to prepare the Housing Element for compliance with the fair share plan

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

138 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

139 –Authorizing Cancellation of Outstanding Check

140 - Authorizing Refund of Escrow Funds for Dune Line Determination – Block 79.01, Lots 283.2 & 284.02

141 - Authorizing Cancellation of Sewer Excess Charges

142 – Authorizing Refunds of Tax Overpayments

143 – Authorizing Advertisement for 2015-2017 Preventative Maintenance & Service of Existing Heating, Ventilating & AC Equipment

144 – Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Preparation of Sea Isle City’s Master Plan Housing Element and Fair Share Plan

145 – Authorizing the City Solicitor to Execute a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release Between the Sea Isle City Jitney Association and Atlantic City Jitney Association

Mr. Gibson next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #138 to #145. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Gibson addressed the request at the last meeting to name the lifeguard racing boat after past Beach Patrol Captain, Joseph Bowen. He said he spoke with the Administration and agreed the Lifeguard Alumni Association would participate in the preparation of the creation of protocol regarding these matters. He said there is a meeting the week after Labor Day and he will report the findings.

Mr. Gibson next reported that at the last meeting suggested a change in the bridge toll patterns to address concerns when SIC Blvd. is closed and the toll bridges back up with traffic. He said he was prepared to put a resolution on the next agenda requesting a reverse in the toll pattern or some alternative.

Mr. Divney said he has concerns that the lack of enforcement on the SIC Blvd. regarding bikes and pedestrians is a problem and will continue to be over the next 5 years of the project. He suggested asking for cameras on the Blvd. to assist with enforcement. Mr. Edwardi agreed but asked who would view it because the SIC Police does not have jurisdiction. Ms. Tighe also agreed it was a good idea but logistically does not see how it would work because while accidents are a priority, bikes and pedestrians are not. Mr. Divney suggested the State Police and Sheriff Departments would have to figure that out. Mr. Gibson agreed to discuss with Administration to pursue it.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Christy Madden-5507N. Central Ave: Complained about the overgrown weeds and partying at her neighbors. She provided photos and Mr. Savastano said he would look into it, but encouraged her to call the Code Enforcement Officer when she has a problem.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Said that she hopes the dunes will be re-planted with other trees that have been planted in the past. She also sympathized with the previous speaker saying that there are many laws, like riding bikes on the boardwalk and bad rental properties and there continues to be no enforcement.

Ann Organ- 209 39th St: Asked that the contract negotiations do not provide a wage increase more than 2%.

Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave: Expressed concern over the height of the new dune crossovers and suggested lifeguards utilize flags to delineate use of boogie boards. He next asked when TI Bridge will close and Mr. Gibson explained one lane will be open during construction, with total closure for 2 months between December and March. He next asked when the ACME will close and Mr. Kehner said 9/23/15. He then expressed concern with the damage to his home if large construction vehicles utilize Central Avenue, which is prohibited.

Frauke Vogel-4405 Venicean Rd: Complained about a project at the end of 45th Place that has removed the rocks serving as the bulkhead and is now eroding without the new bulkhead in place. Mr. Gibson asked the Administration to have the Building Inspector investigate.

Joe Meyer-117 92nd St: Regarding contract negotiations, he suggested consideration be given to health insurance after retirement as NJ has the highest cost for taxpayers.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked what time trash pick-up begins and Mr. Savastano said 6:00 a.m.

Karen Rogers-126 E. 59th St: Complained about the lack of handicap beach accesses and the limited number of beach chairs available. She suggested rather than renting the chair all day, the City consider delivery for access then take the chair away so others can use it. She also suggested more handicap accessible restrooms. Mr. Gibson said he would talk to the beach patrol about the chairs adding that the new access cross-over will be handicap accessible at 32nd, 40th, 44th, 63rd & 85th Streets.

Mr. Baldini added that an Eagle Scout project is underway to identify all handicap accessibility throughout the City and prepare a brochure for distribution.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: She reiterated her request to have more ramps onto the promenade.

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk