

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012 – 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 054 – A Resolution Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Pending Litigation (Retirees v. SIC).

The clerk read the resolution by title and Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adopt the resolution and go into closed session. Motion moved by and seconded by. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned into closed session at 9:02 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m., 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 3-13-12 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano announced that the City will hold a \$14 million bond sale today and expects favorable interest rates due to recent increased bond rating.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Divney reported that he and Mr. McHale met with representatives of the City Administration, Landis Avenue business community, chamber/revitalization and beautification committee to discuss improvements to the Landis Avenue streetscape. Mr. McHale added that the improvements are long overdue and will include 35th – 51st, and some preliminary plans were discussed.

Polar Bear Plunge Committee Chair, Jim Bennett next gave an overview of the successful weekend that generated \$2,200 for the Autism Walk and \$26,824.35 for SIC Revitalization/Chamber of Commerce from the revenue of the 2117 plungers.

Autism Walk Organization, Mike Monichetti gave a report on the walk, that had 2400 participants that grossed \$101,000 with a net of \$60,000 to be distributed to various Autism organizations.

Police Chief Tom D'Intino provided a public safety report of the plunge weekend stating that it was the safest, most controlled event to date. He added that there is a lot of time spent planning and everyone is always looking for ways to improve.

ORDINANCES – Introduction and First Reading:

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1517 for introduction and first reading. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1517 - An Ordinance to Amend Various Chapters and Sections of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City to Reflect changes Necessary to Allow for Safer and More Efficient Navigation of City Streets, Along with Parking Lot and Meter Rate Amendments.** Mr. Baldini first identified three amendments that the Council would have to adopt: 7-7.5 d. JFK Blvd – change Monday/Saturday to Monday/Friday, 7-7.5 a. Landis Avenue change 37th to 36th Street and f. change Saturday to Sunday; 8-2.2 c. change Twenty (20) to up to Fifty (50). Mr. Baldini then provided a summary of all of the changes proposed to the meter placement, rates, stop signs and parking lots.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1517 on first reading as amended and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1518 for introduction and first reading. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1518 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Use of Capital Surplus for the Purchase of Various Items (police radios, cameras and message signs).** Mr. Savastano explained that the items will not be purchased thru bonding, that capital surplus funds will be utilized.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1518 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1519 for introduction and first reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1519 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 4 Entitled “General Licensing” to Further Regulate Jitneys, Taxicabs and Limousine Services Within the City.** Mr. Baldini explained that there have been complaints about taxicabs and limos and that this will clarify the licensing requirements and also allows for the issuance of licenses for jitneys.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1519 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1520 for introduction and first reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed, except Mr. McHale voted no. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1520 - An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of Sea Isle City, Chapter VI, Section 4, Entitled “Regulations of Licenses” to Provide for Clarification in Sales and Delivery in the City of Sea Isle City Sales.** Mr. Divney explained that this will change the current 12:00 noon alcohol sales to allow alcohol sales at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. Mr. McHale indicated that he feels Sunday morning is a sacred time for church and that bar should not be open. Ms. Tighe asked if the time for keg deliveries changed and Mr. Baldini confirmed that it did not change.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1520 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes, except Mr. McHale voted no.

Mr. Divney announced second reading and public hearing for Ordinances 1517, 1528, 1519 & 1520 will be April 24th at 10:00 a.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Ann Organ – 209 39th St: Asked for an explanation for #065 and Mr. Baldini explained the Planning board asked the owner to grant an easement for trash pick up. She also expressed her opposition to #063.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Regarding #059, she suggested there be more protected beaches in the North End.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 055** Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 056** Authorizing Advertisement for Bids – Mobi-Mats
- 057** Authorizing Refund of Payment for Rental Bond Money
- 058** Authorizing Approval of a Raffle Application {Friends of Tourism, Inc.}
- 059** Establishing Beaches with Lifeguards in Attendance for the 2012 Summer Season
- 060** Authorizing an Interlocal Services Agreement Between the City of Sea Isle City, the Borough of Avalon and the Borough of Stone Harbor for Utilization of the Comcast Local Access Channel
- 061** Authorizing the Award of Contract for Multi Space Pay Stations thru Cranford Police Co-op {*Parking Kiosks \$10,250 ea. Less 5% = \$68,162.50*}
- 062** Authorizing Award of Contract – 43rd Street Roadway Reconstruction {*Arawak Paving \$98,500*}
- 063** Determining that Wednesday, July 4, 2012 Shall Not Be a Free Beach Day
- 064** Authorizing the Issuance of a License to Conduct Amusement Games {*Boardwalk Casino Arcade*}
- 065** A Resolution of the City of Sea Isle City Extinguishing the Existing Easement and Acceptance of New Deed of Easement to Sea Isle City for Trash Pick Up for the Property Commonly Known as the Ocean Drive/Pour House Restaurant

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adopt resolutions #055 to #065. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was no pending business.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe suggested looking at the handicap parking spots along the JFK Corridor and Landis Avenue and behind the Entertainment Complex may need more as well as the VFW as there is not one near the ramp. Mr. Savastano indicated he would discuss with the Police Chief

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Mike Monichetti-213 43rd St: Supported Ordinance 1517 as the jitneys were a huge success during the polar bear plunge weekend. He also suggested the library parking lot should always have all spots open after the library is closed and suggested having the jitneys ride passed the lot in the evening.

George Marinari-222 55th St: Said he is reading about copper thefts county-wide and asked if Sea Isle has experienced any and the Chief said no. He also thanked the organizers of the plunge as he enjoys volunteering.

Joseph, Owner Off Shore Taxi, North Cape May: Supports Ordinance 1517 as he would like to operate his taxi business in Sea Isle.

Frank McDonald-124 34th St: Expressed frustration regarding a construction permit issued at 121-123 35th Street for a spiral staircase that he feels encroaches into the rear yard setback. He said he has been in discussion with Construction Official Neil Byrne but has received conflicting stories. His attorney has suggested he come

to City Council before filing a lawsuit. Mr. Divney said it will be investigated and someone will get back to him

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Stated that Town/Watch and Town/Pride members are not supportive of Ordinance 1520 and do not feel it is necessary. Also, she asked if the Mayor would have a conflict as a bar owner and Mr. Baldini said he does not vote or sign into law any alcohol ordinances. She then asked who requested the change and Mr. Divney said the SIC Tavern Association.

Irene Jamison-1500 Landis Ave: Suggested the jitney route go beyond 29th street in the north end.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St Added that the north end beaches also need more beach taggers and suggested the city parking lot be free at the lodge until it is complete.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk