

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 – 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

Council President 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 5-26-15 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to approve for content only the closed session minutes of 5-26-15. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano announced that the County is indicating that the T.I. Bridge is scheduled to open by 6/19/15.

He next reported that Garden State Construction will be doing the storm drainage work at 4426 Venician Road and should begin in 3-4 weeks.

Also, Mr. Savastano responded to a request made at the last meeting to have mobi-mats placed on the beaches now that the beach fill project may be delayed. He said that all beaches South of the Promenade will have them and Public Works will begin putting them in place next week.

His final report was that the beach fill dredge is back in operation, but currently stalled due to rough seas.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Gibson reported that he had trouble with a credit card at the kiosks on the Welcome Center parking lot and Ms. Tighe added that taking cash was also a problem.

ORDINANCE-Introduction and First Reading: Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1580 for introduction and first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1580 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapters 26 Entitled “Zoning” to Allow for Attached Enclosed Shower Structures to Encroach Within Required Rear Setbacks.** Mr. Baldini explained that this will “grandfather” existing shower enclosures on undersized lots that encroach onto rear yard setbacks. The ordinance will also prohibit future enclosures without a variance. Ms. Tighe asked that an explanation of the ordinance be given to the Planning Board.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1580 on first reading and forward to the Planning Board for its Master Plan consistency review. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed. Mr. Divney then announced second reading and public hearing will be 7/21/2015.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1581 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: **1581 - An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 7 Entitled “Traffic” Designating Bus Stops and Making 93rd Street One Way West Bound.** Mr. Baldini explained that this will identify NJ Transit bus stops as well as correcting a problem on 93rd that occurred when Pleasure Avenue was made one way. When motorists turned onto 93rd eastbound, they cannot turn left on Pleasure and have to turn around. This will make 93rd street one way west bound.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1581 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. Mr. Divney announced second reading and public hearing for Ordinances 1581 will be 6/23/15.

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

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 096** - Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 097** – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Water System Improvements – Well Nos. 5 & 6 Modifications (*Clyde N. Lattimer & Son - +\$6423,82 or 1.2% increase in contract of \$514,400.00*)
- 098** – Authorizing Release of Rental Bond Money – McKenna 4701 Central Avenue, Block 47.03, Lot 13.02 C-1
- 099** – Authorizing Cancellation of Sewer Excess Charges
- 100** – Authorizing the Rejection of Bids and Approving Re-Bid for the Franchise of 2015-2016 Kayak Rentals on Public Beaches Area 1, 2 & 3
- 101** – Extending the Stipend Program for Volunteers of the SIC Ambulance Corps Who Meet Certain Minimum Standards of Participation as Set Forth in Resolutions No. 108 (2014), No. 120 (2014), No. 165 (2014) and No. 024 (2015)
- 102** – Authorizing Purchase from State Contract for Telecommunications Equipment & Services to Tricomm (*Additional Work & Equipment for the Data & Phones for the New City Hall Facility \$6,758.86*)
- 103** – Authorizing the City’s Participation in the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, for Purchase of Folding Tables and Fire Resistant Cabinets with VICRO, In. (*\$9,567.69*)
- 104** – Declaration of Surplus Personal Property and Authorization of On-Line Auction

Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #096 to #104. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Divney reported that at the 6/23/15 meeting, the City Administration and Engineer will provide clarifying facts regarding Floor Area Ratio (FAR) construction before the 2010 ordinance and what is currently being built. Mr. Gibson said at the previous meeting he took the position that the matter should be part of the master plan re-exam, so he would also like the estimated number of new structures to determine if the emergent need to make a change now is justified.

Mr. Divney next announced that the Planning Board reviewed the proposed master plan questionnaire and agreed to send it out the end of June. A previously scheduled 8/15/15 workshop to discuss it will be changed to 9/12/15 in the Council Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Edwardi requested lights be installed at the baseball field and Mr. Savastano said he would get an estimate and associates costs for the Capital Plan discussion.

Mr. Gibson discussed a complaint received regarding the flashing stop sign at 69th & Pleasure and asking that the flashing lights be removed now that it is 15 mph, it is unnecessary. Mr. Divney agreed adding that 63rd and Pleasure also be removed, but Mr. Edwardi was strongly opposed to it. Mr. Savastano said he would discuss with the Police Department and report back at the next meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Carl Miller-6300 Pleasure Ave: Agreed with Mr. Edwardi that the flashing lights should not be removed as prior to the lights, many cars did not stop.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked if all shower enclosures were grandfathered and was advised only on small size lots (95'x100'). She next asked why there were no crosswalks painted North of JFK and Mr. Divney said there was a project ready to start, but rainy weather has delayed it. She then suggested the residents on 93rd be sent a notice regarding the one-way.

Ron DelOrefice-114 53rd St: Agreed with Mr. Edwardi, do not remove the flashing lights on the stop signs. He also asked that reverse 9-1-1 be used to advise when T.I. Bridge is closed.

Steve Hansbury-5712 Central: Said that the corners on Central Avenue need to be painted yellow.

Dina Korber-121 90th St: Regarding possible changes to Floor Area Ratio, should she advise her neighbor to wait to submit plans for variance relief? Mr. Divney said that there is no assumption there will be a change, it is currently under discussion.

Joe Meier-117 92nd St: Suggested alternating one-way streets in T.I. like in the center of town. He next supported bringing back FAR as the size and density of the current construction is not good and that everyone needs to decide what SIC should look like. In the surrounding communities FAR is .70 and .75. He also expressed concern with the zoning board granting set-back variances on the smaller lots.

John Evans-237 79th St: Asked about the motion at the beginning of the meeting regarding closed session minutes. The clerk explained the Council had a closed Session to discuss all employee contract negotiations and the motion was to approve for content only. Release of the minutes will be when the matter is resolved.

Ron Grecco-115 49th St: Asked where the bus stops are in Ordinance 1581 and Ms. Tighe gave him a copy.

Dina Korber-121 90th St: Said she just returned from Florida and complimented everyone on doing a great job.

John Henry-119 45th St: Asked when the new City Hall will be completed and was told a date was unknown at this time.

John Ruzila-18 77th St: Suggested allowing homeowners to choose to eliminate curbs in front of properties so that cars can all park on the front of the residence and presented a photo of same to show the improvement to off-street parking. Mr. Divney said he would pass on the request during the master plan re-exam discussions.

Jack Moore-42 74th St: Complained about the lack of impervious coverage and that he called the construction official about his neighbor and he agreed and advised the neighbor to remove the bricks which he did but not the concrete.

Odus Cook-144 61st St: Said that yellow lines need to be painted on 61st street intersections.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Complained about the deteriorating curb in front of the school/city hall. Mr. Divney said that any work will be considered in the decision regarding the future of the building.

Mr. Edwardi asked Mr. Baldini if there is an ordinance to prevent solicitation of putting flyers in doors and he said that residents would have to put a "No Soliciting" sign on the property.

Mr. Kehner reminded everyone that Wednesday, 6/10/15 Eagle Scout Ben Jargowski will dedicate the Memorial he created in honor of fallen police officer Michael Culinane at 26th & Landis.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned 10:58 a.m.