

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015 - 10:00 A.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

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 1/13/2015 Regular Meeting and the 1/13/15 closed session for content only. Mr. Gibson addressed the minutes regarding the issue on Venetian Road and his request to the Administration to expedite the matter to address the flooding; he also asked that the Administration provide bi-weekly updates on the matter. Mr. Kehner made the motion to adopt the minutes with the amendment and Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. All ayes followed.

**REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:** Mayor Desiderio announced that he will present the budget and the State of the City Address at the 2/24/2015 meeting.

The Mayor then reported that a group of residents have formed a committee to honor Dr. Irene Jameson with a Polar Bear Queen Statue. He explained that Dr. Jameson is the founder of Sea Isle City's Polar Bear Plunge, the original "Queen" and the goal is to raise \$75,000 to have a statue made in her honor.

Mr. Savastano reported that he, the City Engineer and the Solicitor are meeting later today to try to expedite the issue on Venetian Road. He said that the one problem is that the current contractor was on the job 20 years ago and that is now in the legal dispute.

Mr. Savastano next announced that he met with the Army Corps and DEP and it is confirmed that the beach replenishment project will mobilize in Strathmere in early March and begin pumping in April, heading South and into Sea Isle in May through August. Unfortunately, during the 24/7 operation, 1,000 ft, (4 blocks) will be closed. He went on to announce that Seismic Surveys have been contracted to do exterior inspections and interior if permitted by the property owners prior to the beginning of the pumping. In conclusion, Mr. Savastano said the DEP will be making a presentation at the 2/10/15 Council meeting and has offered to meet with the real estate community as well. Mr. Divney asked Chamber of Commerce President, Mr. Glancy who was in the audience to get the word out to the realtors. Ms. Tighe suggested getting the information out about Seismic Surveys so that residents don't think it is a scam.

**REPORTS-Council:** Mr. Divney asked if a status report on the T.I. Bridge can be given at future meetings and Mayor Desiderio said yes.

Mr. Divney announced that the 1/29/15 budget workshop was cancelled and will be rescheduled after the Mayor presents on 2/24/15.

**ORDINANCE-Introduction and First Reading:** Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1576 for introduction and first reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1576 – A Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and by the City of Sea Isle City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,580,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,501,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost.** Mr. Divney said the Ordinance was a follow-up to the adopted Capital Plan and Mr. Savastano identified the items included in the Ordinance.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1576 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

Mr. Divney announced second reading and public hearing on Ordinance 1576 will be February 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Regarding Ordinance No. 1575, Mr. Divney explained it was scheduled for second reading and public hearing yesterday, but due to weather and the meeting being rescheduled, it will be re-advertised for the meeting of 2/10/15. Mr. Gibson stated he would not be at the 2/10/15 meeting when it will have its public hearing and while he is not a supporter of the Ordinance, he asked for it to be delayed to the meeting of 2/24/15. Mr. Divney responded that it has been a long time for the Ordinance to get to the second reading and he is going to keep it as advertised on the 2/10/15 agenda.

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

**RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:**

**019** – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

**020** – *Removed from the agenda prior to the meeting*

**021** – Authorizing Refunds of Overpayments (Taxes)

Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #019 and #021. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

**PENDING BUSINESS:** Mr. Divney reported that the Planning Board has begun discussion on the Master Plan Re-Exam and will be scheduling public hearings for input. He added the “Complete Streets Program” as presented at the last meeting will be considered in the master plan re-exam.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Lynn Shirk-209 54<sup>th</sup> St:** Regarding the beach replenishment she suggested sending letters to the beach front home owners as some do not have a computer or e-mail. She next complained about the salt water flooding at 46<sup>th</sup> & Central and asked for an update regarding the proposed parking lot at 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Savastano said 5<sup>th</sup> Street is going to be a staging area for the beach fill contractors, and that the area that is currently cleared is the extent of the size of the parking lot.

**Roy Cook-144 61<sup>st</sup> St:** Asked what the purpose of the Seismic Survey company is and Mr. Savastano said to ensure there is no damage from the vibrations during the beach replenishment project. He then asked when the beach access paths will be done and Mr. Savastano said after the project is complete.

**Jack Moore-42 74<sup>th</sup> St:** Said he was happy to hear 5<sup>th</sup> street will be used for parking, but expressed concern with the size of the homes being built and the lack of parking in the residential areas. Mr. Divney agreed and said it will be addressed in the Master Plan re-exam.

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked what happened on 39<sup>th</sup> Street and Mr. Savastano said a sewer pipe broke and is in the process of being repaired. She then asked about an advertisement for a supervisor and Mr. Savastano said that a supervisor recently retired. Mr. Kehner added that the position requires certain State licenses.

**Chris Glancey-4009 Landis Ave:** As President of the Chamber of Commerce, he announced that the jitneys will be going to the 5<sup>th</sup> Street lot on Thursday thru and Sunday.

**Tom Williams-215 W. 48<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked for a mobi-mat at the 48<sup>th</sup> Street beach and Mr. Divney said the beach replenishment project will eliminate the need for the mats and all beach walkovers will be hard gravel surfaces.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk