

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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

Council President Kehner called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and remain standing in silent prayer for those lost in Boston and Texas. He then announced that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P. L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Representing the School Board, Solicitor Mark Toscano announced that the Board did not have a quorum. If the council adopted its resolution, the Board would adopt the agreement by resolution at the regular meeting at 7:00 pm tonight, 4/23/13.

Board of Education President, Dan Tumolo thanked the Board, Mayor, and City Council and the Administration for the efforts to make the transfer of ownership happen.

Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Divney and Mr. Kehner all expressed gratitude for working together and getting it completed.

Mr. Kehner then opened the meeting up for citizen comment on resolution #080.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked for an overview of the agreement and Mr. Kehner responded.

RESOLUTION #080 – Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the Sea Isle City Board of Education to Accept Ownership of the Public School Property located at 4501 Park Road in the City of Sea Isle City, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt resolution #080. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Mr. Kehner then called to order the City Council Regular Meeting.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 4-9-13 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed, except Mr. McHale abstained due to absence.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: There were no reports from the Mayor or Administrator.

At 10:15, Mr. Toscano returned and announced that the School Board now had a quorum. Mr. Kehner reconvened the joint meeting and Mr. Toscano called the roll. Present: Mr. Tumolo, Mr. Birkmeyer, Ms. Carruso, Ms. Drew and Ms. Ramsey.

Mr. Toscano then read the Board's resolution Authorizing the Agreement to Offer the Building to the City. Ms. Carruso offered the motion to adopt and Mr. Birkmeyer seconded the motion, followed by a unanimous aye vote. Mr. Toscano then adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.

The Mayor and Board President signed the agreement.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Kehner announced the beach clean-up on Saturday, 4-27-13 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, followed by Mike's Seafood luncheon for all volunteers; also on Saturday, the Police will collect unused prescription drugs from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Beautification Committee will dedicate the north end entrance at 10:00 am on 5-4-13 and the "We're Ready" campaign concert will begin at noon.

Mr. Kehner then announced that the Council meetings of 5-11-13 and 5-21-13 have been cancelled and there will be one meeting on Community Day, May 18, 2013 at 9:00 am.

ORDINANCES - Introduction and First Reading:

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to Introduce Ordinance 1544 on First Reading. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1544 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 7 Entitled "Traffic" of the Revised General Ordinance of the City of Sea Isle City to Reflect Changes Necessary to Allow for Safer and More Efficient Navigation of City Streets and Overall Traffic Flow.** Mr. Kehner explained that the ordinance will increase the number of 15-minute spaces on Landis Avenue.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1544 on First Reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. McHale. **Vote:** Mr. Divney, Mr. McHale and Mr. Kehner – yes. Mr. Edwardi and Ms. Tighe – no.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading and Public Hearing:

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1541 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1541 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 4, Entitled “General Licensing” to Further Regulate Taxicab Services Within the City.** Mr. Baldini explained that this will modernize our current ordinance to increase insurance requirements, allow for up to 9 occupants and require background checks for drivers.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on ordinance 1541.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1541 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1542 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1542 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter VII of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Entitled “Traffic” to Reflect Changes Necessary to Allow for Safer and More Efficient Navigation of City Streets.** Mr. Baldini explained that the ordinance will allow for the placement of 15-minute and handicap spots in front on the school. Mr. Edwardi asked if the 15 minute spaces should be limited to Monday-Friday during City Hall hours. There was much discussion and in conclusion, all agreed not to limit to City Hall hours as the gym is used on the weekend and it allows for drop-off/pick-up.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Helfrich – 21 - 36th Street: Expressed concern that parking in the back in the new lot has no access into the building.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1542 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1543 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1543 – An Ordinance to Amend Various Sections and Schedules in Chapter 7 Entitled “Traffic” 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 and Overall Traffic Flow, Update Parking Permits, Parking Lot and Meter Operation Dates.** Mr. Baldini provided an overview of the parking amendments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Confirmed parking prohibited on 63rd, South Side and 1 hour on the North; 36th – 46th on Landis is all 1 hour and Pleasure Avenue JFK to 38th change to 3 hr.

Ralph Pasceri – 3910 Pleasure: Opposed the changes on Pleasure as he has no off-street parking and previously, there was no parking on the West Side and 10 hour on the East. There was much discussion among council members and in conclusion, all agreed to leave the ordinance unchanged in that block.

Mr. Kehner had several recommended changes, some were “housekeeping” and after much discussion, all agreed to adopt Ordinance 1543 and hold another meeting to further discuss Mr. Kehner’s amendment recommendations; a date will be determined under pending business.

Mr. Baldini advised that the ordinance can be adopted by not amending Section 4 to delete Pleasure Avenue and in Section 6, Schedule D will not add the 3 hour parking on Pleasure. This will leave the Ordinance that is currently in effect for that block unchanged.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 1543 on Second Reading. Ms. Tighe made the motion to adopt the ordinance removing the amended sections relating the Pleasure Avenue JFK to 38th Street. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT-Resolutions on Consent Agenda: There was no public comment on the resolutions.

Ann Organ – 309 39th St: Asked how much space will be given to the amusement park and Ms. Tighe explained about 60 feet to the east, but the parking lot will be re-done to create more parking.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

081 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

082 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Skate Park Installation {A-Tech Concrete \$102,825.05}

083 – Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a License Agreement to Expand Amusement Area {*Gillian's Funland*}

084 - Authorizing Approval of a Raffle Application {*Madonna Marie Council #3560, Knights of Columbus*}

Mr. McHale asked that #084 be removed from the consent agenda as he has a conflict.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #081 to #083. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

Mr. Kehner then asked for a motion to adopt resolution #084. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed, except Mr. McHale abstained due to a conflict of interest.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was further discussion regarding additional amendments to the parking ordinance. Also Mr. Divney and Mr. McHale advised that they will not be present at the May 18, 2013 meeting for second reading on Ordinance 1544. All agreed to hold a special parking meeting on May 7, 2013 at 10:00 am to further discuss Mr. Kehner's recommendations as an introduced Ordinance and hold second reading and public hearing on Ordinance 1544.

Ms. Tighe asked if there were any FEMA updates and Mr. Savastano said that the preliminary maps should be out by the end of October. Mr. Byrne said that he will be attending a meeting on Thursday in Ventnor with Cape May County and Atlantic County officials and consultant Stuart Farrell. Also, Congressman LoBiondo is introducing a bill to change the proposed rates.

Ms. Tighe said that Bob Tigro, the gentleman that did the marsh clean-up would like to do the same along the Boulevard. Mr. Savastano said that he would have to contact the County and Dennis Township.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Edwardi asked about the possibility of blinking lights on Central Avenue at 59th & 63rd Streets. Mr. Baldini suggested waiting until the road work is done as signs will be bigger and "stop ahead" will be painted on the Street.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Jack Moore-42 74th St: Complained that the engineers are not doing their jobs on the Landis and Central Avenue projects as the patch work does not hold up and there continues to be dips in the road. He also asked what is required to convert his condos to side-by-side singles and Mr. Baldini said if both parties agree, it is a change in the deed.

Ralph Pasceri-3910 Pleasure: Said he has one year-round tenant and the other unit is seasonal and he isn't sure how the 10 hour and/or parking permit will affect them.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Suggested Pleasure Avenue be two-way during all of the construction. She also complained that the recreation fields are not ready and tee-ball participants have to go to Avalon. Mr. Divney said the fields were affected by Sandy and Mr. Edwardi agreed saying that the Recreation Department is working hard on getting them ready.

Dave Helfrich-21 – 36th St: Suggested the new paver cross-walks on JFK are not good as they aren't level with the road and was advised that the top coat will be level with the cross-walk, eliminating the bump.

Mr. Kehner asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk