

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2014 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Gibson (arrived at 10:20), Mr. Kehner, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Divney. Also attending was Administrator Mr. Savastano and Solicitor Mr. Baldini. **Absent:** Mr. Edwardi.

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 11-12-14 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano reported that the Federal Beachfill Project notice to proceed was issued 11/21/14 and that a schedule will be provided within 15 days.

He next announced that after concerns expressed at the last meeting, the SIC Police and Fire Departments met with the State Police and Dennis Township officials to ensure there will be coordination of efforts for emergency use on the Boulevard during the construction. Mr. Kehner suggested better lighting be installed and Mr. Savastano said that it will be.

Mr. Savastano's final report was that the sand that piled up in the North end from Super Storm Sandy is being removed and prepared for parking use next summer.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Divney announced that the Planning Board has agreed to begin the master plan re-examination and will begin discussions at its January, 2015 meeting. He also reported that a group is being formed to include Planning Board Members, Council Members and Administration to assist in the process.

ORDINANCES ~ Second Reading and Public Hearing: Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1574 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1574 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 4, Entitled “General Licensing” Authorizing the Recognition of the Sea Isle City Jitney Association as the Official Jitney Service for the City of Sea Isle City.** Mr. Divney explained that the amendments will provide for continued service as well as increasing the license fee to the same as all other mercantile licenses.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance 1574.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1574 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

John Fee – 220 43rd St: Asked for an explanation of #183 and Mr. Savastano said it was unspent grant funds and Mr. Kehner added it was from 2013 and total \$228.00.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 181** – Authorizing Approval of Vouchers
- 182** – Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations
- 183** – Authorizing the Cancellation of Municipal Alliance Grant Balances (MAC)
- 184** – Authorizing the Change of Deferred School Tax
- 185** – Authorizing Participation in the National Cooperative Contract with National Joint Power Alliance Vendors for the Remainder of 2014 and the Calendar Year 2015
- 186** – Recognizing Stacy Spiegel as the Surviving Spouse of a Fallen Hero, Law Enforcement Officer Michael P. Cullinane Sr., Who Died in the Line of Duty on August 26, 1992 as a Member of the Sea Isle City Police Department
- 187** – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Final Payment for Lagoon Maintenance Dredging Contract, Project No. SIC020 – Wickberg Marine Contracting, Inc.
- 188** – Authorizing Refunds of Overpayments (taxes)

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to approve Resolutions #181 to #188. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Divney said that at the next meeting he will be discussing further the possible amending of the Ordinance to allow the Ludlam Island Brewery; either by adopting the State law or providing for a waiver by Council. He said that he wanted to discuss it when all council members were present.

Mr. Divney next addressed the Capital Plan and asked for an update. Mr. Savastano reported that a 2-year road work schedule was provided to the Council; the skid-pumper equipment purchase (\$20,000) was moved from 2016 to 2015; the \$30,000 allocated for beach signs should be sufficient, but other funds will be available if not

and that there will be a presentation at the 12/9/14 meeting regarding the 9-1-1 communication dispatch equipment. Mr. Divney explained that there was a lot of discussion regarding the use of the school facility and requested the tax impact on the proposal to build a new building with a pool, or renovate the school with a pool. He also asked for information from the recreation department regarding current programs and future plans when the school becomes available.

Mr. Gibson arrived at 10:20 a.m.

Ms. Tighe agreed adding that it is important to understand the staffing impact of future programs and a possible pool. She went on to explain that the Capital Plan that may be adopted will be primarily for funding plans in 2015; there was no possibility of a pool in 2015 as the new City Hall isn't scheduled for completion until June but it can still be included in the outer years if that is the direction all agree to go.

Mr. Gibson said that while he missed the vote on the resolutions, he would have voted yes on the consent agenda and specifically for the #186 support Stacy Spiegel.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Bill Topley-5909 Central Ave: As the principal proposing the brewery, he read a letter of support from a neighboring business owner. He then asked if the Council had received any opposition and Ms. Tighe read an e-mail from a neighboring resident expressing opposition.

Gail Hughes-8305 Landis Ave: As the owner of Scoops, she expressed support of the brewery explaining it is not a bar, will not be opened until 2:00 a.m. and the Townsends Inlet commercial area needs new businesses.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Said there was a lot of misconception about the brewery and agreed it is not a bar and more information should be disseminated so that neighbors understand and will support it. She next suggested the vehicles purchases in the capital plan be re-visited as there may be opportunities for sharing.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Said she was also concerned about the emergency use on the Boulevard during construction, but also the white lines that have been painted black are still visible at night and it is confusing.

Harry McCann-6504 Central Ave: Asked for the status of the ambulance corps and Mr. Divney said the Administration continues to work with the officers and an update should be expected in February/March, 2015. He also asked if the pension problems are being discussed and Mr. Divney said that the State laws control the pensions, it is not negotiable with employees and Mr. Baldini added that Sea Isle City and the employees have contributed as required.

John Henry-119 45th St: He said reports suggest the beach replenishment will raise the beaches by five feet and asked if the jetty will be adjusted and Mr. Savastano said there is no plan to increase the jetty.

Phyllis Lynn-8406 Landis Ave: Said that currently the Ambulance Corps uses City employees as allowed by law and that those employees can be working and then go on runs; if EMT's are hired they will only be able to go on calls and will sit around not being allowed to do other duties. She also expressed opposition to the brewery as she feels it is a factory more suited to rural areas.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All eyes followed and the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk