

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015 – 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY HALL – 233 JFK BLVD.**

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

Council President Gibson called the meeting to order and announced the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. Mr. Gibson then asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer.

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 10-13-15 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administration:

Administrator Mr. Savastano reported that he and Mr. Gibson will be attending a meeting with the County and the T.I. Bridge contractor on 10/29/15 with the contractor of the T.I. Bridge work.

He next announced that the beachfill dredge is currently refilling lost sand from 56th Street South and the low areas on the west side of the dune between 88th & 91st. The Army Corps is currently evaluating all of the project for possible replacement of the erosion experienced after the last storm. He also reported that the crossover walkways construction is continuing.

Mr. Savastano announced that there is a plan to purchase more ADA Surf Chairs for next year and he is working with the Beach Patrol to create more storage at the school.

His final report was regarding the successful Master Plan Workshop held on Saturday. He said over 200 people attended to review the data received from 3500 responses to the survey. Mr. Divney added that the Planning Board will now review all of the information for recommendations to Council regarding the Master Plan and possible legislative changes. Mr. Divney said there is a Planning Board meeting on 11/16/15 to begin the discussions.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Edwardi announced that the City has been involved with the Cape May County Soccer League for many years and this year, the 9-10 year old team won the league championship.

Ms. Tighe reported the Halloween parade and dance party was a huge success and well attended.

Mr. Gibson invited everyone to the Beach Patrol Building on 11/7 as it is dedicated with a plaque honoring Michael Castaldi.

ORDINANCES – Second Reading and Public Hearing: Mr. Gibson asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 1583 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **1583 - An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 2 Entitled “Administration” Section 13 Entitled “Fire Department” to Establish a Nominal Monthly Stipend Program to an Individual Who Volunteers on a Regular Basis to the Sea Isle City Fire Department.** Mr. Savastano explained the ordinance will provide for a maximum stipend of \$150.00 per month to qualified volunteer firefighters.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

John Henry-119 45th St: Asked if volunteers that do not work for the City get compensated for leaving their jobs to fight fires and Mr. Savastano said no.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Expressed concern that the title indicates “Individual” and is not plural to include all volunteers. Mr. Baldini indicated it was not necessary to make a change and Mr. Savastano added that the body of the Ordinance is clear that it is all volunteers that meet the criteria.

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1583 on second reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

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

Mr. Gibson removed Resolution No. 175

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

170 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

171 – Authorizing the Extension of the Stipend Program for Volunteers of the Sea Isle City Ambulance Corporation Who Meet Certain Minimum Standards of Participation as Set Forth in Resolution No. 108 (2014); 120 (2014); 165 (2014); 024 (2015) And Resolution 101 (2105).

172 – Authorizing Award of Contract for Utility Reconstruction Program- Various Streets (RTW Construction \$744,713.00)

173 – Authorizing Approval of a Bingo Application {Boys Scout of American - Arapaho Troop}

174 – Authorizing Change Order to Resolution 055 (2015) – Award of Contract to Media Passport for Computer Move to City Hall (+\$3,708.37)

Mr. Gibson next asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions #170 to #174. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

175 – Authorizing Cancellation of Excess Sewer Charges

Mr. Gibson then asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 175. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed, except Mr. Gibson abstained.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. Gibson announced that there will be a Capital Plan workshop at 1:00 pm today. Ms. Tighe indicated she will not be able to attend and asked that beach signage (entrances and sub-merged items) be put in the plan. Mr. Savastano said there is already funds for signs after the beachfill. He added that the City is working towards a solution for the jetty signs. Mr. Edwardi said he would like funds for restrooms south of 57th Streets, such as 75th.

Mr. Divney asked if after the T.I. Bridge construction is complete, will there still be times when it will close due to the wave activity on the Avalon side and Mr. Savastano said yes. Mr. Divney suggested investing in signs at each of the other bridges indicating the Bridge is open or closed.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Tony Costello-90th & the Beach: Regarding signs, he requested more “stay off the dunes” signs.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Said she was unable to find the agenda on the Website and the Clerk explained the website was recently updated and you can click on agendas at the bottom of the City Council page.

John Henry-119 45th St: Said that when the dredge left for repairs the pumping station out in the ocean turned off all lights and he believed it was hazardous. He also expressed his support of not covering the jetties but is concerned with the dangers left after the beach fill with breaks onto the beach. In conclusion he explained the struggles some people have on the beach walkovers and that access should be available year-round.

Phil Ryan-205 44th St: Followed-up on an e-mail request to Council to prohibit demolitions between Memorial and Labor days and to require notice to adjoining property owners when a demolition is going to occur.

John Evans-237-79th St: Suggested initiating a text blast when T.I. Bridge is closing. Mr. Gibson asked how that would be done and Mr. Evans said residents would have to sign-up and provided cell phone numbers to the police. He also said regarding the Master Plan re-exam, many residents would like density issues resolved sooner. In conclusion, he said there is a pending bill preventing the hunting of diamondback turtles and he asked the City to request the NJ League of Municipalities to send out to all municipalities for support of the bill.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Suggested the Police already have cell phone numbers for the reverse 9-1-1

Steve Ahern-1905 Landis Ave: Said he rescues hatchling turtles from storm drains and since Super Storm Sandy, he has noticed a 60-75% reduction in the number he is finding. He went on to say that skunks are predators of the turtle eggs and have also become a big problem since the storm due to the increase in the predators numbers.

Dan Tumolo-7407 Pleasure Ave: Said he has 3 skunks at his property and trapped at least 2 in the last year. Also, he announced that Lynn Shirk was voted in as the Board of Education Vice President at the last meeting.

Susan Ahern-1905 Landis Ave: Provided information and requested Sea Isle apply for “Sustainable Jersey” status. She also said as a member of the Environmental Commission, she would volunteer to participate in the program.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Said she has a white skunk at her property and is concerned with rabies.

Dan Tumolo-7407 Pleasure Ave: Said the white skunk is an albino.

Steve Ahern-1905 Landis Ave: Said that animal control can only remove them if they are living under the home. If they are not, the State Div. of Fish and Wildlife consider them wildlife and cannot be trapped.

Mr. Gibson said he would discuss the Sustainable Jersey re quest with the Administration..

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