

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2011 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 5-17-11 Regular Meeting, Workshop and Closed Session for content only. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:

Mr. Savastano announced that a hearing has been scheduled with the owners of 3800 & 201 Sounds Avenue on 6/16/11 to advise the properties must come into compliance or the City will begin demolition proceedings.

He next reported that the City has an opportunity to partner with Upper Township and the State to replenish beach sand lost during the November, 2009 storm. He went on to explain that the Administration is recommending taking advantage of the project as it will be reimbursed for 75% of the projected \$4.5 million and that he has been working with the CFO to ensure the 5% down payment funds are available. The State plans to go out to bid in July and begin the project in late September or early October. All Council members agreed with the plan, with Ms. Tighe requesting a breakdown on the down payment funds and how the budget will be affected.

Mr. Savastano then announced that the Police Department's "Quality of Life Squad" would be providing updates at 9:00 a.m. prior to the July 19 and August 23 council meetings. He also announced that the Police Department has reviewed the request to eliminate parking on the west side of Landis to create a bike path in the north end and has determined it is not feasible due to the limited right of way width and other considerations. Also regarding the North end, due to the adopted Beach Management Plan, the DEP prohibits beach raking in protected zones due to nesting shore birds. Unfortunately, trash has also been caught in un-raked sea grass and the city has requested permission from the DEP to rake.

His then introduced Chris Glancey and Bill Buchanan of the Chamber of Commerce and Revitalization. Along with the Mayor and Councilman Divney, other shore towns have been visited to determine the best location for the welcome center. They reported that the conclusion is it should be in the City and on the right side as you enter with the goal to be one-stop-shopping for visitors. There was discussion with council and the Administration regarding putting an addition onto the Community Lodge so that all of the groups that currently use it will continue to use it without interruption. Mr. McHale suggested moving the groups to the school and the Library eliminating the need for an addition. Mr. Savastano indicated that the consensus is that the Lodge should remain available, as the Library is not a City facility. Ms. Tighe suggested that the administration meet with the groups and discuss the plan. Mr. Savastano stated he would get a concept plan prepared and present to the groups and to City council at the 6/14/2011 meeting. Chief D'Intino reported that he does not expect traffic problems if the Welcome Center is at the Lodge and in fact does have a concern if it is placed at the old Library with visitors trying to make the U-Turn onto the north side of JFK Blvd.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. McHale announced that the Turtle Party was a success and Ms. Tighe gave kudos to Public Works for the landscaping at the base of the bridge. Mr. Divney thanked everyone for assisting him at the Memorial Day service. He also reminded everyone that Saturday, 6/4/11 the Strathmere Ensemble will perform at the opening night of the Entertainment Complex.

ORDINANCES – Introduction and First Reading: Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 1499 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City Chapter 12, Various Sections Entitled "Property Maintenance Code" Each of Which Pertains to Residential and Nonresidential Properties.** Mr. Baldini explained that this will change the use of the BOCA property maintenance code to IPMC as used by the State since 2006.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1499 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be 6/14/11.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked for and received an explanation of #075 and #076.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 073** Authorizing Various Refunds
- 074** Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 075** Request the State to Issue Conflict of Interest ABC License
- 076** Authorizing the Issuance of ABC Licenses
- 077** A Resolution Authorizing Refund of Payment for Rental Bond Money
- 078** Authorizing Approval of a Raffle Application (Cape May County Bar Association)
- 079** Requesting West Jersey Avenue be Renamed Laricks Lane
- 080** Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refunds
- 081** Authorizing the Sale of Abandoned Bicycles & Authorizing of Auction
- 082** Authorizing Release of a Performance Guarantee *{Project at 3414 Landis Avenue}*

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #073 - #082. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Mr. McHale asked if anything has been done regarding the suggestion to contact the county regarding tree planting on Landis Avenue. Mr. Savastano said that he will be meeting with them prior to the scheduled workshop.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Complained about the lack of enforcement for not cutting grass. She also suggested trees be planted at Veterans Park for shade.

Irene Jamison-1500 Landis Ave: Stated that she hates the podium, suggested the activities at the Lodge move to the school and Library to avoid an addition for the Welcome Center; that city-wide bulk pick-up not be after a holiday weekend, that the Sea Isle sign at Rt. 9 has been hit and is pointing in the wrong direction, a step walkover is needed to get over the dune at 15th Street and suggested allowing dogs on the beach with a special license from 6:00 a.m./p.m. to 9:00 a.m./p.m.

Gordon MacDonald-130 39th St: Complained that the Historic Society brochure had spelling errors and expressed concern about the cell antennas on the water tower and the potential microwave danger. He stated that we would like to be sure that they are safe. Mr. Divney asked the Administration to get the information from the providers.

Dave Cohan-5100 Marine Pl: Stated he opposed the suggestion to allow dogs on the beach.

Thomas Timby-347 46th Pl: Complained about the number of telephone poles and suggested lines be placed underground when road reconstruction is done.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Also expressed concern with the cell antennas as cell phones' link to cancer is all over the news.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked what is being done about the illegal sign at Brizzles and Mr. Savastano said they were working on it.

Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave: Complained about the speeding on Central Avenue and requested additional stop signs to slow traffic.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk