

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
INAUGURATION AND RE-ORGANIZATION
AND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2011 – 12:00 NOON
BAND SHELL AT EXCURSION PARK**

The Inauguration began at 12:00 p.m. with the VFW Post 1963 Color Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem lead by Russell Briggs.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Mayor Leonard Desiderio by Freeholder Director Dan Beyel, followed by Mayor Desiderio administering the Oath of Office to Councilman Frank Edwardi, Jr. Dennis Township Mayor, John Murphy administered the Oath of Office to Councilman William Kehner, Sr.

Newly Re-elected Mayor Desiderio and Councilmen Edwardi and Kehner each had the opportunity to address the audience.

Before asking for nominations for Council President, the clerk asked everyone to join in recognizing past Council President, Mary Tighe and she received a standing ovation. The clerk then asked for nominations for Council President for a one-year term, ending June 30, 2012. Mr. Edwardi nominated Mr. Divney and Mr. Kehner seconded the nomination. A unanimous aye vote followed.

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

Council President Divney called the business meeting to order and announced that 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 6-14-11 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

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

REPORTS-Council: There were no Council reports.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda.

Ann Organ – 209 39th St: Asked for and received an explanation of Resolutions #103 and #104.

- 092** Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 093** Appointing Councilman Kehner to the Planning Board (1 year)
- 094** Re-Appointing Councilman John J. Divney to the Tourism Commission (1 year)
- 095** Authorizing the Re-Appointment of Cindy Griffith as City Clerk of the City of Sea Isle City
- 096** Authorizing the Appointment of Shannon Romano as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics
- 097** Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for City Solicitor {*Paul Baldini, Esq.*}
- 098** Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Professional Services for Auditing and Accounting {*Leon Costello, RMA*}
- 099** Confirming Mayor Desiderio's Nominations of Department Heads
- 100** Authorizing a Reduction of a Performance Guarantee for a Project at 4204-06 Landis Avenue
- 101** Authorizing Cancellation of Municipal Alliance Grant Funds
- 102** Authorizing Award of Kayak Franchise – Area 2
- 103** Authorizing a Reduction of a Performance Guarantee for a Project at 228 – 43rd Street
- 104** Authorizing Release of Rental Bond Funds
- 105** Authorizing Approval of a Raffle Application
- 106** Re-Appointing Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mr. Edwardi asked that resolutions #092 and #103 be removed from the consent agenda due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #093 - #102 and #104 - #106. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to adopt resolutions #092 & #103. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed, except Mr. Edwardi abstained due to conflict of interest.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was no pending business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Lou Albig-119 W. 60th St: Complained about the condition of the “Mr. Boardwalk” at 60th Street beach

Dan Otto-117 54th St: Thanked the Mayor and Council for their service to the community.

Dottie Fean-350 44th St: Read a prepared statement expressing her opposition to the Welcome Center addition to the Lodge. *Note: Ms. Fean provided a copy of her statement and it is available in its entirety in the Clerk’s office – Library File.*

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked for an update on the demolitions at Sounds Avenue and Mr. Baldini indicated one has indicated 3800 Sounds will be demolished by the homeowner and if not, the City will perform the demolition and 204 Sounds has re-scheduled the initial hearing. He next asked about the Clemente Gazebo and Mr. Baldini responded that it is still non-compliant and the City is prepared to proceed.

Mayor Len Desiderio-6400 Landis: Recognized Beach Patrol Captain Renny Steele as being named “South Jersey Chief of Chiefs”. He also thanked Ms. Tighe for the past year and stated he was looking forward to working with Mr. Divney.

Sandy Lukens-222 79th St: Stated she received a letter from Mr. Byrne regarding a FEMA violation and her calls to him have not been returned. Mr. Baldini explained the purpose of the letter and assured her that Mr. Byrne would get back to her.

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked for the status of the new library and the Mayor responded it was scheduled to open by the beginning of September. She also questioned the 9:00 a.m. Quality of Life Squad meeting on 7/19 & 8/23 and Mr. Divney indicated that a decision was made to present updates prior to council meetings in the summer as to better utilize staff. She then announced the next Town Watch/Town Pride meeting will be 7/23 at 7:00 pm.

Cass Buben-6700 Central Ave: Complained about poison ivy on the beach access at 67th St and also requested an extension on the “Mr. Boardwalk”.

Mr. Savastano stated that Public Works will go out to both the 60th & 67th Street beach areas and assess the situations.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All eyes followed and the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk