

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
2012 – 2016 CAPITAL PLAN DISCUSSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011 - 2:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Kehner, Mr. McHale and Mr. Divney. Also attending was Administrator Mr. Savastano and CFO Mrs. Doll. **ABSENT:** Mr. Edwardi and Ms. Tighe.

Council President Divney called the workshop to order and asked everyone to rise for a flag salute. He announced that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with public law 1975, chapter 231.

Mr. Divney began the workshop presenting various data sheets including the Capital and Water/Sewer Authorizations from July 2007 to present, the General and Utility Capital debt through 2016 and the estimated debt service impact through 2020.

Mr. Savastano presented the draft capital plan, beginning with equipment and vehicles. He indicated that at the 11/29/11 meeting, an update regarding the fleet and equipment would be made to identify the inventory and explain replacements as identified in the 2012 plan. The beach, bay and promenade plan was next discussed. The majority of the 2012 funding is for the JFK streetscape at \$1.5 million to begin in the Fall of 2012. Mr. Savastano indicated that the project is in conjunction with the County road reconstruction and the cost to the City may be less if more of the work is included in the County's plan. Mr. McHale asked that the beach walkovers in the north end be included as requested by resident Irene Jamison and Mr. Savastano said he would look into it, cautioning that it may require permits. Also discussed was lagoon dredging, dune fencing and street end stabilization barriers. Regarding the roads and drainage category, Mr. Savastano explained that the report prepared and presented by City Engineer, Mr. Previti, at the 9/27/11 council meeting has been spread over the five year plan. He then displayed a color-coded map of the roadwork that has been done and scheduled to be done.

The funding for facilities and buildings included the items in the previous plan, plus some restoration work at the public works garages and \$50,000 for lighting at the school gym and curb work around the school. Mr. McHale asked if there was consideration for a parking lot at the school and Mr. Savastano indicated he would continue discussing with the School Administrator. Mr. Divney and Mr. Kehner expressed concern that a parking lot would require elimination of the trailers which would require ADA improvements in the school restrooms and there is a financial impact that must be considered, i.e. fix and maintain the gym vs. build a pole barn type recreation building. Mr. Kehner suggested an engineering report to identify the cost of improvements and all agreed. Mr. Savastano next reported that a facilities assessment was done of the public safety building that included an addition, however, the cost was prohibitive at this time and this plan includes funds for necessary work on the roof, mold remediation and ADA renovations as well as moving the fleet garage operation to public works and converting the space to a secure sally port. Mr. McHale suggested the \$50,000 improvements for a grass infield at the little league field should be considered as a tennis fee trust expenditure rather than a capital

expense. There were no funds in the plan for the marina and Mr. Savastano reported that the funding for the fishing pier was removed. The operations and equipment discussion was minimal.

The water and sewer capital plan eliminated funding for the fluoridation project. Mr. Savastano explained that there is some funding in place and he has asked his staff to provide a report to address the concerns as there are strong objects due to safety issues.

Mr. Kehner suggested creating a parking lot at the “paint chip site” in the north end, asked if there was an inventory of all city-owned land and wetlands, what is the plan for the old firehouse lot, the public works property and moving the operation off shore and the museum property. Mr. Divney agreed there are options for all of those items that need to be discussed. Mr. Kehner also questioned if there were plans for more public rest rooms, parking and transportation and if there was an inventory of all the grounds that need to be maintained so that privatizing can be considered.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Don Boyle – 5909 Central Ave: Asked if the city ever approached the coast guard regarding the building at 82nd street and if it could be turned over to the City and was told it was deed restricted that if it wasn’t used by the coast guard, it reverts back to the original heirs of the Landis estate.

John Fee – 220 43rd St: Had a dialogue with Mr. Divney regarding the debt service and asked if there was ever consideration of opening the original canals with bridges and was advised that it was reviewed by the City Engineer at one time and found to be cost prohibitive. He next complained that the city is now taking on a facilities analysis of the school when it hasn’t completed one for the City facilities.

Jerry Murphy – 27 85th St: Suggested some things do not need to be studied or analyzed, just decisions need to be made such as moving the public works operation off shore and using the space for parking.

Steve Hansbury – 5712 Central Ave: Suggested the City consider a “green program”. Mr. Kehner offered that an attempt at windmills with grant funds has been made as well as an offshore utility generating farm that was disallowed by the BPU.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Cindy Griffith, City Clerk