

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2011 – 12:00 noon
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. She then announced the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Ms. Tighe turned the meeting over to Mayor Desiderio who announced that he received letters of resignation and retirement from two long-standing firefighters. Both letters indicated the leadership had been compromised and that there is some indication that firefighters may not respond to fires. He went on to state that last night at 8:00 pm he called an emergency meeting with the SIC Volunteer Fire Company officers to inform them that he would be issuing an executive order to place the Police Chief in charge of the overseeing and investigation of the fire company. He said that as the Chief Executive Officer of the City he believed that the threat of “not responding” left him no other option. He added that all of the officers present at the emergency meeting supported the actions being taken.

The Mayor introduced Detective Sgt. Rohrer who will be doing the investigation and will interview all 33 members. Det. Rohr indicated that he has already met with 24 firefighters and all indicated they would continue to respond to fires. He added that he will be investigating the allegations regarding Chief John Mazurie, Sr and the suspension of John Mazurie, Jr. The Mayor interjected that the City will not get involved in the problem, however, after looking at the by-laws, he has offered assistance to the Fire Company to up-date and modernize the much outdated 1896 document.

The Mayor then went on to read Executive Order #2011-1 in its entirety (a copy is attached to these minutes)

CITIZEN COMMENT – Any topic: There were no comments.

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 12:15 p.m.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk