CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Council President Divney called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. He then 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 11-29-11 Regular Meeting and 11-29-11 Workshop . Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mayor Desiderio announced that he is supporting the fire department recommendation to appoint Fire Chief Frank Edwardi, Sr. and Deputy Chiefs Frank Primavera and Mike Ryan. He next announced that the grand opening of the new library will be today at 1:00 pm.

Mr. Savastano introduced City Engineer, Mr. Previti who provided an update on the status of the I & I project that should be completed by March, 2012. Mr. Previti then introduced Gus DeBlasio who gave an overview of the JFK Streetscape project that will be done in conjunction with the Cape May County project to reconstruct JFK Blvd. Mr. McHale asked if the center light poles will have hanging planters with auto watering as previously discussed and was told it is a possibility, but all plans are not finalized. He also suggested JFK Blvd. be identified as Veterans Blvd. Mr. Kehner asked about the existing trees and Mr. Previti stated it will be difficult to save, but they will try to relocate them. Mr. Edwardi suggested solar panels for the decorative street lights and Mr. DeBlasio responded that he would pass on the suggestion to the County.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Divney introduced Tourism Commission Chairperson, Jim Bennett who gave a presentation on the Commission's 2012 marketing plan.

Mr. McHale announced that the School Board meeting will be at 4:00 pm today and the Museum will host a dedication in the new library on Saturday 12/17/11 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Kehner announced JCP&L will host an information session at the Lodge on 12/17/11 from 3:00-5:00 pm.

ORDINANCES - Second Reading and Public Hearing: Mr. Divney asked for motion to take up ordinance 1511 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed and the clerk read the ordinance by title: **1511 – An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, Chapter 4 (Section 4-1.2). 20 (20-3.4) and 21 (Section 21-1.2) Entitled "Fees" Providing for the Increase of Certain User Fees.** Mr. Savastano explained that this will increase mercantile licenses and rental permits, marina boat slip fees and beach tags.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Ann Organ 209 39th St: Stated that no one wants beach tags to be raised and asked that Council consider Mr. Kehner's suggestion at the last meeting to have pre-season start at $17 through April 1st, then go to $20, then $25 and increase weekly rates from $10 to $15. She also asked about holiday tags and if there was always a limit and Ms. Tighe responded that 1500 are purchased every year and there are always left over.
John Felicetti-8400 Landis Ave #2: Complained that taggers never approach beach goers on 85th Street beach.

There was much discussion regarding Mr. Kehner's proposal as well as increasing the fees at all. Mr. Divney indicated he would support the increase as over $14 million has been spent on sand replenishment in recent years and that an increase will help recover costs to maintain rather than a tax increase.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1511 on second reading. Motion moved by Ms. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McHale. **Vote:** Mr. Divney, Mr. McHale and Ms. Tighe – aye. Mr. Edwardi and Mr. Kehner - no.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to take up ordinance 1512 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed and the clerk read the ordinance by title: **1512 – An Ordinance Of The City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey Amending Ordinance No. 1217 (1999) Entitled "An Ordinance Establishing and Fixing Wages, Salaries And Compensation Overtime Payments of Officers and Employees of the City of Sea Isle City, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey" and Repealing Ordinance No. 1165, 1176 (1996), 1208 (1998), 1217 (1999), 1240 (2000), 1284 (2001), 1297 (2002), 1307 (2002), 1336 (2003), 1363 (2004), 1385 (2005), 1406 (2006), 1436 (2007), 1458 (2008) and 1481 (2010) as amended.** Mr. Savastano explained that this is the salary ordinance required by law for Department Heads and includes contractual increases of 2.9%.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked what the percent of increase was and Mr. Divney responded 2.9% as agreed to in all of the contracts.
John Burke-143 44th St: Complained that salaries are exuberant.

Mr. Divney explained that the contracts were re-negotiated from 4% to 2.9% and Mr. Savastano reminded Council it authorized the salary survey that created the ranges included in the ordinance.

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1512 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda:
Ann Organ-209 39th St: Opposed #176.
Dottie Fean-350 44th St: Opposed #176.
Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked how many Holidays are included in #174 and Mr. Divney said 14.
Steve Hansbury 5712 Central Ave: Suggested postpone #178, the demo of the old library until the new welcome center is done.
Irene Jameson-1500 Landis Ave: Opposed #176
Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Regarding #178, asked what will happen in the spring for beach tags and Mr. Savastano explained that the Lodge will have restroom renovations in January & February and will be available in the Spring.

Mr. Edwardi asked that #172, #173 & #176 be removed from the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

169 Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
170 Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refunds
171 Authorizing the Cancellation of Outstanding Checks (Accounts Payable)
174 Establishing the 2012 Holiday Schedule
175 Authorizing the Annual Notice Designating the 2012 City Council Meetings
177 Authorizing Award of TI Park Contract *{$149,820.00}*
178 Authorizing Advertisements of Bids for Old Library Demo/ Parking Lot Construction and Landis Avenue Utility Reconstruction Project
179 Authorizing Amusement Games License – Island Breeze Casino
180 Authorizing Award of Central Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project *{$2,404,229.42}*

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #169 - #171, #174 & #175 and #177 – 180. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed.

172 Authorizing Finding and Determination – 50/50 Raffle- Bishop McHugh
173 Authorizing Finding and Determination – Casino Night– Bishop McHugh

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt resolutions #172 & #173. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed, except Mr. Edwardi abstained due to a conflict.

176 Eliminating the Free Beach Day on Wednesday. Mr. McHale agreed to keep the free Wednesday as did the other Council members, but all agreed that the Chamber of Commerce and Revitalization needs to support it and advertise it.

Mr. Divney next asked for a motion to adopt resolution #176. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. McHale. All voted NO and the motion and resolution failed.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was no pending business.
NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Savastano explained that several Planning and Zoning Board members did not file required Financial Disclosure Statements and a citizen has filed a complaint with the State. He went on to say that these are all non-paid volunteers and the City will establish a protocol to ensure all are compliant.

CITIZEN COMMENT:
John Burke-143 44th St: Stated that he has a personal interest in local government as his wife is a CFO and Purchasing Agent and that his comments regarding salaries were not personal. Mr. Divney said he would be happy to meet and talk with him about Sea Isle.
Dottie Fean-350 44th St: Thanked the Council for voting down #176 and opposed the addition to the Lodge, suggesting the City consider the Title Company building is now available and make a good Welcome Center.
Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked if the crosswalks for JFK Blvd will be impervious and was told no. She then suggested the JFK playground composite needs to be addressed again.
Irene Jameson-1500 Landis Ave: Thanked the Council for voting down #176.

Mr. Divney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. McHale. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

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Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk