

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Divney, Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Kehner, Mr. McHale and Ms. Tighe. Also attending was Mayor Desiderio, Administrator Mr. Savastano and Toni Gheen from Solicitor Baldini's office.

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 6-1-11 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:

Mayor Desiderio announced that there have been two successful and well attended concerts at the new Band Shell on Excursion Park and that there will be a ribbon cutting at 7:30 p.m. on June 18, 2011. He also reported that the new basketball courts and playground on JFK are completed.

Mr. Savastano reported that beach tag sales are up about \$24,000 over the same time in 2010.

He next reported that a bond ordinance will be on the July 19, 2011 agenda for introduction to include funds for the beach fill and several other Capital Plan items. Regarding the beach fill, surveys are being done for 1st to 15th St. and 40th to 52nd St. and the initial reports are that the sand loss was not too bad. He added that if the City wanted to include 15th to 40th Streets the permit would require amendments.

Mr. Savastano then announced that the DEP did grant permission to perform a one-time beach rake in the north end and that if necessary the City will request permission for another prior to July 4th weekend.

The last report was a presentation of the proposed Welcome Center. He distributed renderings of a conceptual plans to put an addition on to the front of the Community Lodge. He then gave an overview of the process that lead to the recommendation put it at that location as well as the reasons for the decision. He concluded by stating the Administration is looking for Council to agree to move forward to ensure completion by next summer.

REPORTS-Council: Ms. Tighe announced that the 2:00 p.m. Zoning workshop has been cancelled and rescheduled for July 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Divney indicated that one of the concerns with the proposed location of the Welcome Center is traffic and asked Chief D'Intino to reiterate his report from the last meeting. The Chief explained that his department has been monitoring the traffic flow and believe that it is easy to pull into the spaces or to go around on Park Road to utilize the parking lot next to the Lodge. He added that a traffic light is planned for JFK and Park Road by the County and that will also help. He went on to explain it would be more hazardous to place it at the old library sight as visitors would then have to make a U-Turn to access it.

Mr. McHale responded to a complaint at the last meeting regarding the errors in the Historical Society Brochure stating that everything had been corrected. He also acknowledged the Fean sisters for being named "Volunteers of the Year" by AARP.

Ms. Tighe then asked what the Administration would like from Council regarding the Welcome Center and Mr. Savastano indicated that confirmation to move forward is needed before the City authorizes the construction documents be started.

Mr. Edwardi said he supports it, but suggested keeping the addition gray so that all sides will not have to be re-sided to cut costs. Mr. McHale suggested some of the programs that use the Lodge may want to move to the Library and that would allow just renovation to the Lodge, but he would like to hear from the public first. Mr. Kehner said he has heard concern that the north side will lose windows and that interior storage lockers are needed, perhaps in place of the kitchen. In conclusion, the majority of the Council members agreed to move forward.

ORDINANCES – Introduction and First Reading: Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 1500 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Kehner. 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 14, "Flood Damage Prevention: Regarding Certification of Proper Vents to Correct Error.** Mrs. Gheen explained that when the Flood Damage Prevention section of the ordinance was recently amended, the section requiring an affidavit was erroneously removed and this will correct it.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1500 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. Ms. Tighe announced second reading and public hearing will be 7/19/11.

ORDINANCES –Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up ordinance 1499 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. 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.** Ms. Tighe explained that this will change the use of the BOCA property maintenance code to IPMC as used by the State since 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ordinance 1499:

Marlene Denber-323 JFK Blvd: Asked for and received a more in-depth explanation.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1499 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda.

Steve Hansbury- 5712 Central Ave: Regarding #90, he requested the residents of Central Avenue be advised in advance of the project.

Meg Lennon-18 – 87th St: Asked for an explanation of #91 and Ms. Tighe explained all of the change orders that totaled \$111,448 or a 5.6% increase on the total cost of the project.

- 083** Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 084** Authorizing Use of Tennis Fee Trust Funds
- 085** Amending Resolution No. 059 – Establishing Beaches with Lifeguards for 2011 Summer Season (Add Volleyball & Kayak Beach at 35th Street)
- 086** Certifying the Governing Body Reviewed the 2010 Audit
- 087** Authorizing Cancellation of Sewer Excess Charges
- 088** Authorizing the Issuance of ABC License
- 089** Authorizing an Interlocal Services Agreement Between the City of Sea Isle City, the Borough of Avalon and Borough of Stone Harbor for Utilization of the Comcast Local Access Channel
- 090** Authorizing an Amendment to the Award of a Fair and Open Professional Service Contract for Engineering/Architectural Services (*BCM Engineering ~ Central Avenue*)
- 091** Authorizing Change Orders of Excursion Park, Promenade and Pavilion

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #083 - #091. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe reiterated the 2:00 p.m. workshop was cancelled and rescheduled for 2:00 p.m. on July 19, 2011. She also announced that the next meeting will be the reorganization as 12:00 noon on July 1, 2011 at the Band Shell on Excursion Park.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe asked if the yellow no-parking areas around the school are opened for parking after school is out and the Police Chief said yes.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Jaklyn Ramos-7608 Central: Attends the aerobics class at the Lodge and suggested sound-proof walls due to noise if the addition for the Welcome Center moves forward. She also suggested the reception area be revisited to insure the space is large enough.

Dottie Fean-350 44th St: Asked if the Mayor Haffert dedication sign for the play ground will be put back after the playground upgrade is complete and Ms. Tighe responded it was in storage and will return. She then expressed her opposition to the Welcome Center addition to the Lodge.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Stated Ocean City is putting a Welcome Center in the ACME lot as you enter on 34th Street and suggested Sea Isle do the same. She also suggested a partition wall be installed in the Lodge.

Marlene Denber-323 JFK Blvd: Complained about newly metered parking spaces on JFK that are in front of her property and that when the recent road construction project began, she was not notified in advance. She asked if she could be given consideration and remove the meters. Ms. Tighe indicated that the best solution would be to purchase a parking permit.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Asked what is being done about the illegal sign at Brizzles and Ms. Tighe said that the construction office and Administration are working towards a solution.

Steve Hansbury-5712 Central Ave: Asked who will use the office space at the Welcome Center and Ms. Tighe responded it will move the tourism operation out of the old firehouse. Community Services Director Mrs. Feeney added that the Chamber of Commerce, SIC Revitalization and beach tag operations will also move to the new facility.

Linda Layton-4445 Venician Rd: Stated she supports the Welcome Center at the Lodge and suggested adding mirrors to the walls to help with the loss of windows.

Meg Lennon-18 87th St: Had several questions regarding the Capital Plan as it relates to the introduction of a bond ordinance on July 19. Ms. Tighe responded.

George Marinari-222 55th St: Asked if the addition will affect the use by AARP as the group may not be interested in moving to the new library. He was advised that the existing lodge will not change, except for new ADA accessible restrooms.

Irene Jamison-1500 Landis Ave: Expressed concern that the addition to the lodge will affect the aerobics class due to the increase in parking. She added that if the school closes, the group would move to the gym and the lodge can be renovated as the Welcome Center without the addition. She also supported the Welcome Center on the causeway and expressed concern that the proposed space is not large enough due to 4 additional offices. In conclusion she asked if the County is still considering back-in angle parking on JFK and was told no.

Chris Donahue-235 56th St: Stated that everyone that comes into the information center on the promenade loves the improvements at Excursion Park.

Dottie Fean-350 44th St: Reminded Council she submitted a petition opposing the Welcome Center at the Lodge.

Meg Lennon-18 87th St: Asked Council to not move forward on the plan and to hold an open forum to discuss further. Mr. McHale then asked the Council what it was going to do and Ms. Tighe responded that the majority supports moving forward with concept plans as there are multiple layers during the process for public input. Mr. Divney agreed adding that there have already been many open discussions and requested another presentation when the plans are 50%-75% complete.

Steve Hansberry-5712 Central Ave: Stated he enjoys the newsletter but it doesn't always have all of the information about happenings at council meetings.

Bob Thibault-8101 Pleasure Ave: Agreed about the newsletter and complained that the minutes are only a summary and are not put on the website timely. The clerk advised that the minutes are not verbatim and are put on the website after adopted by the Council.

Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Asked for and received an update on Central Avenue reconstruction project.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk