

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011 – 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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 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 2-22-11 Regular Meeting and workshop. Motion moved Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

Ms. Tighe congratulated Mayor Desiderio on being named “Freeholder of the Year” by the New Jersey Conference of Mayors. The Mayor indicated he would be accepting those honors at the Borgata on April 28, 2011.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: The Mayor read a Proclamation recognizing “Sunshine Week”, March 13 – 29, 2011. He next reported on the recent library meeting and announced the opening date should be early September and that the Historical Museum will have space provided in the facility vacating the city-owned building on Landis Avenue. The volunteer group S.O.S. has asked that it have use of the building until the City decides what to do with it and to that end, the Mayor asked that Mr. Baldini do what needs to be done to allow the use of the 1st floor and porch for the cost of paying the utility bills. The Mayor then announced that retired employee and veteran Jim Schirmuhly complained that Atlantic County offered a veteran discount card and the Mayor happily reported it is now available at the Cape May County Clerk’s office. Mayor Desiderio next provided updates on the Landis Avenue paving from 54th – 69th Streets, the 2011 paving schedule for the City, a recent meeting with TI residents regarding one-way street options, cross walks at every cross street on Landis in the north end, mobi-mats at almost every beach entrance, traffic light at JFK & Central changed to the maximum time and Veteran beach tag program to be in effect for 2011. His final reports included a request for the solicitor to move quickly on the demolition of 38th & Sounds and 204 Sounds, the City being a pilot area for 2 wind and solar panel street lights and he proudly drew attention to the ACPress article identifying Sea Isle as the most Irish town.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. McHale expressed concern that the S.O.S. group be permitted to use the building before all of the historical items are removed and the Mayor suggested only the front room and porch until that time. Mr. McHale next reported that the Beautification Committee is working with public works on the north end entrance sign and that he and Mr. Edwardi had the first meeting regarding new memorial ideas and that the first recommendation is to place pavers on the west side of the library with proceeds going to the Museum; however all ideas are welcomed.

ORDINANCES-Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to take up Ordinance 1497 for second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Divney and seconded by Mr. Kehner. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **1497 - Calendar Year 2011 Ordinance to Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limit and to Establish a CAP Bank.** CFO Mrs. Doll provided an explanation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment on Ordinance 1497.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt ordinance 1497 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – Second Reading and Public Hearing of the 2011 Local Municipal Budget. The clerk read the budget resolution as introduced by title. And Ms. Tighe opened the budget up for the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – As Introduced on 2-8-2011 and advertised 2-23-2011. There was no public comment on the introduced budget.

#029 – Amending the 2011 Local Municipal Budget. Mr. Costello explained that the amendment was made at the workshop and it removes \$20,000 from Public Works Director Salary and Wages.

Mr. McHale indicated he was voting yes, however, he expressed concern with the City’s financial future particularly holding to the hiring freeze and continuing on the path to further reduce staff. Ms. Tighe and Mr. Divney agreed.

#030 – Adopting the 2011 Local Municipal Budget as amended.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adopt resolution #029 and #030. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed. Mayor Desiderio thanked Council for its due diligence over the past several years to get to this zero increase budget.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda. There was no public comment on the resolutions.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

- 031 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
- 032 – Authorizing Local Unit Budget Examination
- 033 – Establishing a Change Fund for Beach Fees
- 034 – Establishing a Change Fund for the Environmental Commission – Beachcomber Walks
- 035 – Establishing a Change Fund for the Tennis Courts
- 036 – Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorize On-Line Auction
- 037 – Authorizing Bids for W & S Pipes & Fittings
- 038 – Authorizing the Extension of Option Year for Repairs to Pumps and Motors Contract
- 039 – Authorizing the Release of Rental Bond Funds (Gillin & Fletcher – 123 32nd St E)
- 040 – Authorizing the Release of Rental Bond Funds (Delrossi – 215 38th St)
- 041 – Authorizing Refund of Unused Escrow Fees
- 042 – Authorizing Award of Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contracts for Summer Recreation Program Vendors
- 043 – Authorizing the Issuance of a License to Conduct Amusement Games
- 044 - Authorizing Award of JFK Park Improvements {\$631,000.00}

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #031 - #044. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: At the request of Ms. Tighe, Mr. Baldini provided an update on pending litigations of Muller and retirees, both are pending mediation with no further update reported.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. McHale reported on a request council received from Cape Assist to adopt underage drinking ordinances. Mr. Baldini responded that most likely the ordinances already exist. The clerk was asked to review and respond to Cape Assist. He then questioned the sewage back up problem in a couple of homes in the south end. Mr. Savastano responded that he will check into it as he does know that public works is cleaning the sewer line.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Complained that the pedestrian light on the South East side of JFK and Central does not work and the light colors are difficult to see at 44th and Landis.

Dave Helfrich-21 36th St: Complained about the “disrepair” of the property next to City Hall and the Mayor said he would pass on the complaint to Neil Byrne so that he can send the appropriate letter.

Joe Griffies-6400 Central Ave: Complained that the Veterans Way sign has not been put up and that the free SIC Veteran beach tags are first come, first serve as they should never run out.

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 6:50 pm.