

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 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 Blough 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 1-7-11 special meeting, 1-11-11 Regular Meeting and 1-13-11 Workshop. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

**REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator:** Mayor Desiderio congratulated Mr. Kehner as he will be sworn in later this evening as President of the Cape May County League of Municipalities. The Mayor next announced that 2 weeks ago the County presented its 2011 road projects and Sea Isle was not on the list, however, he was happy to report that he was successful in adding Landis Avenue 54<sup>th</sup> – 69<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor reported that he was approached by two different couples recently in Ft. Myers airport that offered positive feedback on all the projects in Sea Isle. In conclusion, the Mayor read a letter from Governor Christie complimenting Sea Isle on all of its efforts to get to a zero increase in the 2011 local budget. He also announced the Lt. Governor will be visiting Sea Isle on Wednesday, 1-26-2011.

Police Chief D'Intino next provided an update on the Polar Bear Plunge plans. Mr. Savastano provided updates on the following projects: marina building, Excursion Park, basketball courts/playground, 47th Place bulkhead and the 85th Street restrooms. His final report was an update on the JCP&L remediation site at 39<sup>th</sup> & Central. He also responded to council about the cost to do a minimal overlay along Central Avenue would be about \$20,000 per block.

Mr. Baldini announced that the landlord hearings have been rescheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Mr. Divney asked if the landscape at the bridge will be done before summer and Mr. Savastano said yes. Mr. McHale asked when 63<sup>rd</sup> Street will be completed and Mr. Savastano said it should be done shortly.

**REPORTS-Council:** Ms. Tighe asked for the status of the gazebo litigation and Mr. Baldini responded that the engineer's report has been received, however, it has not been determined if the height is still an issue. He will be meeting with construction official, Mr. Byrne next week.

Ms. Tighe also asked about the status of the retiree's lawsuit and the Muller lawsuit. Mr. Baldini indicated the retiree's suit has been approved for mediation and are awaiting a date and that Frank Cook has completed his report and if council wants to review it, it is available in city hall.

Mr. Kehner announced that Town Watch/Town Pride is in need of volunteers and that anyone interested can contact Carl Lingesso.

Mr. McHale announced that a meeting with Library officials will take place at 9:00 a.m. on 2/22/11 in Council Chambers. He also recognized the Hottenstein family in the audience and expressed his sympathy to them.

**CITIZEN COMMENT – Consent Agenda:** There was no public comment on the resolutions.

**006** - Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

**007** - Authorizing Advertisement of Bids for Printed Matter and 47<sup>th</sup> Place Bulkhead

**008** – Authorizing Participation in State Approved Contracts

**009** – Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refunds

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #006 - #009. Motion moved by Mr. Edwardi and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

**PENDING BUSINESS:** Ms. Tighe indicated the friends of Tracy Hottenstein had requested a memorial and the city responded that at this time there is no memorial program. She went on to suggest a new program utilizing the beach plum trees on the dunes – whereas families could plant in honor of loved ones and have a plaque placed at the tree. Mr. Edwardi suggested memorial pavers at the new marina area. Mr. McHale agreed a new program should be started, but feels this request is different and should be accommodated. Mr. Kehner responded that there are a lot of projects going on in that area and perhaps it would be wise to wait. Mr. Savastano interjected that the city receives many requests and that everyone is saying the same thing regarding a new program and accommodating the friends. After much discussion, all agreed to form a committee to include the friends and determine an appropriate memorial as well as develop the possibilities of a new program.

Mr. Divney asked if there would be another budget workshop and Ms. Tighe responded that after introduction on 2/8/11, the council could hold another workshop or discuss issues under pending business at a regular meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. McHale asked who is working on the new by-laws for the fire company and Mr. Baldini responded it was the police and the officers of the fire company. Mr. McHale then asked about formal mutual aid agreements with surrounding municipalities and Chief D'Intino explained that there is a county wide mutual aid agreement that all participate through emergency management.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Kristin D'Iorio and several Friends of Tracey Hottenstein:** Reiterated the request for a memorial at the site where Tracy lost her life. At the conclusion, Mayor Desiderio suggested they go with him after they are finished speaking and visit a few sites/areas so that when they meet with council, they will have an idea as to what kinds of memorial they would like. They all agreed and left with the Mayor.

**Charles & Elizabeth Hottenstein-Telford, PA:** Thanked the friends of Tracey and read a prepared statement criticizing the polar bear plunge event.

**Eleanor Moore-42 – 74<sup>th</sup> St:** As a member of the beach comber program, she suggested meters be placed in the lot at TI Park and more enforcement on beach tags be instituted.

**Lynn Shirk-209 54<sup>th</sup> St:** Reminded everyone to be on the lookout for frozen pipes that are broken at unoccupied homes.

**Dottie Fean-350 – 44<sup>th</sup> St:** While watching Channel 2, she notices Avalon reminds homeowners to put name and address on trash cans so that DPW can return them to the proper address. She suggested Sea Isle do the same.

**Ann Organ-209 39<sup>th</sup> St:** Asked what the appropriate temperature is to pour concrete as yesterday it was being poured at the excursion park project. Mr. Savastano said that it can be poured in cold weather with chemical additives and then covering it.

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 11:20 a.m.

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Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk