CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Kehner, Mr. McHale, Ms. Tighe and Mr. Divney, Also attending was 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 9-27-11 Regular Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Ms. Tighe. All ayes followed.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano explained several years ago the Administration began providing budget projections in the fall for the next year. He went on to state that based on current data it is anticipated that there will be a 1 ½-cent increase for 2012; however the utility budget has no increase projected at this time. He explained that the significant drivers are the 2.9% contractual salary increase, estimated 10 – 15% health care increase and a 9% increase in debt service. He added that on November 30, 2011 the Department Heads would present budgets to the Mayor so that the budget will be ready for him to give to Council in January.

REPORTS-Council: Mr. Divney announced a Capital Plan Workshop would be held on October 25, 2011 at 2:00 pm in Council Chambers. He added that debt service would also be discussed. Mr. Divney next announced the joint meeting with the school board to be held on October 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the school.

Mr. McHale announced the Halloween Parade is October 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm and Mr. Kehner announced the Oktoberfest is 10/22/11 and the committee is seeking entrants to the baking contest.

Mr. Divney reported that the Library opening would be 11/15/2011; however, the old Library is now closed.

Mr. Savastano concluded by reading the Mayor's Proclamation designating Trick-or-Treat on October 31, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT ~ Resolutions on Consent Agenda
John Fee-220 43rd St: Asked for an explanation of #152 and Mr. Savastano provided an overview of the change order.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

150 Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers
151 Authorizing Transfer of Tax Overpayments
152 Authorizing Change Order No. 1 – 43rd St Utility Reconstruction Project
{+ $31,739.96 Total Contract $242,663.46}

Mr. Divney then asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions on the consent agenda #150 - #152. Motion moved by Mr. McHale and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: There was no pending business.
NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT:
Lynn Shirk-209 54th St: Complained that the trash drop-off area was not opened on Monday, the Columbus Day Holiday. Mr. Divney asked the administrator to consider that for next year due to the increased number of visitors in shoulder season has been getting.
Ann Organ-209 39th St: Complained that the trashcans on the promenade were overflowing from the Holiday weekend and asked the Council if anything has been done to address the outside deck bars and Mr. Divney said a meeting has been held but nothing is resolved yet.
Bill Buchanan, V.P. SIC Revitalization and Chamber of Commerce: Asked the Council to review the zoning ordinance for mixed use on large commercial sites to prevent over developing and loss of parking such as the current application to develop the Acme Shopping Center. Mr. Edwardi challenged the definition of what they consider large commercial sites. After much discussion, Ms. Tighe indicated that the ordinance has been identified as something that needs to be reviewed and Mr. Divney said that he would report back on how to take up the issue.
Dina Korber-121 90th St: Complained that the current Acme is not adequate and that the City should ask the developer to enlarge it. Mr. Divney advised her that is was private property and not a City matter.
Dottie Fean-350 44th St: At the last meeting, she asked Council members to sit for 30 minutes at the Lodge to see the traffic problems and asked if anyone did and no one responded yes.
Ann Organ-209 39th St: Announced Town Watch/Town Pride will hold a meeting in council chambers tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.
Jack Moore-42 W. 74th St: Asked if any of the employees named in the recently settled lawsuit were disciplined and if and when the flood insurance discount will be realized.

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

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Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk