

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014 - 7:00 PM
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ATTENDANCE: Mr. Allegretto, Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Guinosso, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Ping, and Mr. Wilson. Also present: Mayor Gillian, Mr. Dattilo, Business Administrator and Ms. McCrosson, City Solicitor. Mr. McClellan arrived at 7:10 pm.

Council President Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. He announced the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

CITIZEN COMMENT – There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of Thursday, February 13, 2014 (all present). Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Ping. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Dattilo announced Channel 2 has moved to Channel 97. Mr. Dattilo presented a bay/lagoon update which will be emailed out to those persons who signed up to receive the updates.

Mr. Donato followed up with the statistical information requested by Council at the budget workshops related to the golf course, airport, sales by event report for tickets sold at the box office for Music Pier concerts and other entertainment, summary of grants, Police Department 9-year comparison of calls and tickets for violations of city ordinances, parking and traffic tickets, a 4-year parking lot averages for the city's 8 parking lots, revenue for Construction Code Enforcement and a beach tag sales statistics from 1984 through 2013. Mr. Hartzell requested in a future beach tag report he would like that report to show bad weather days.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL – There were no reports.

ORDINANCES: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #14-06 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Guinosso; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the ordinance by title: **#14-06: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Ocean City to Acquire Block 3704, Lot 23, Ocean City, New Jersey.**

Ms. McCrosson explained the first three ordinances are similar where the property owners are offering to gift their land in the wetlands which cannot be developed; New Jersey law permits a municipality to accept a gift of property by adopting an ordinance authorizing acquisition.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-06 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion made by Mr. Guinosso; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. Mr. Wilson announced second reading and public hearing would be held on March 13, 2014.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #14-07 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **#14-07: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Ocean City to Acquire Block 5006, Lot 4, Ocean City, New Jersey.** Ms. McCrosson reported this was the only parcel of wetland in the block the city currently doesn't own.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-07 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion made by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed. Mr. Wilson announced second reading and public hearing would be held on March 13, 2014.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #14-08 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **#14-08: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Ocean City to Acquire Block 3804, Lot 7; Block 3805, Lots 16 and 20; and Block 3806, Lots 6 and 13, Ocean City, New Jersey.**

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-08 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion made by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed. Mr. Wilson announced second reading and public hearing would be held on March 13, 2014.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to take up Ordinance #14-02 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the ordinance by title: **#14-02: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of the 15-Foot Wide Un-Named Unimproved Alley which runs through Block 3001, Lot 1 from 31st Street to the Existing Un-Named, Improved Alley Leading to 30th Street in the City of Ocean City, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey.** Ms. McCrosson explained this would vacate a 15-foot wide unimproved alley between Central Avenue and the beach.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment on Ordinance #14-02.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-02 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to take up Ordinance #14-03 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **#14-03: An Ordinance Accepting a Deed Dedicating the 20-Foot Wide Un-Named, Improved Alley Adjacent to and Between Block 3001, Lots 1 and 2 in the City of Ocean City, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey for Public Use.** Ms. McCrosson explained this is an acceptance of a deed dedicating an existing 20-foot wide improved alley.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment on Ordinance #14-03.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-03 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Guinosso; seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to take up Ordinance #14-05 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Ping; seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **#14-05: A Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$9,319,000.00 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$8,853,050.00 in Bonds and Notes of the City of Ocean City for the Various Improvements or Purposes Authorized to be Undertaken by the City of Ocean City, New Jersey.** Mr. Donato explained the improvements or purposes under Section 3 of the bond ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment on Ordinance #14-05.

Mr. Guinosso asked if this ordinance reduces debt. Mr. Donato said it did not and he proceeded to provide an explanation.

Mr. Hartzell requested specifics under category (D) regarding funding for the Second and Bay Avenue marina and under category (G) regarding downtown facilities and all items incidental thereto. Mr. Donato reported the 2nd Street marina was a FEMA related project that did not get funded last year; one pier will be erected by the summer season with some boat slips. He explained that \$200,000 is dedicated to marking of bike lanes and \$75,000 is dedicated for downtown improvements and miscellaneous pedestrian parking.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-05 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

14-50-049 - #1 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #13-62, 8th Street & Moorlyn Terrace Parking Lot Improvements

14-50-050 - #2 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #14-10, Emergency Medical Billing Services for the City of Ocean City

14-50-051 # 3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Mainline Commercial Pools, Inc. for Repair, Maintenance and Lease of the Triogen UV Ray 210 Purification System for the Natatorium at the Aquatic & Fitness Center for the Calendar Year 2014

14-50-052 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #13-39, 15th Street Playground Improvements

14-50-053 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #14-11, Supply & Installation of Downtown Decorative Pole Foundations – Phase 2

14-50-054 - #6.- A Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of Bid Proposals and Re-Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #13-64, Installation of Track Surface at Carey Field

14-50-055 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Contracts between the City of Ocean City and Atlanticare Physician Group, PA; Dr. E. Charles Dunn, Jr., MD; Dr. Gary W. Raab, DO T/A Ocean City Family Practice and Dr. Chandrakant I. Udani, MD for City Physician Services for the Calendar Year 2014

14-50-056 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Service Contract between the City of Ocean City & the Law Offices of Douglas K. Walker, P.C. for Municipal Public Defender Legal Counsel Services for the City of Ocean City

14-50-057 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Service Contract between the City of Ocean City and J.P. Bainbridge & Associates, Inc. for Commercial Appraiser Services for the City of Ocean City

14-50-058 - #11. - A Resolution Authorizing the Extension of City Contract #12-03, Furnishing, Installation & Maintenance of Leased Coin Operated Binocular Viewing Machines

14-50-059 - #12 - A Resolution Authorizing a 2014 Summer Season Lease Agreement between the City of Ocean City & the Flagship Condominium Association for the use of a Parking Office Facility & a Right of Way to Connect the Adjacent Municipal Parking Lots

14-50-060 - #13. A Resolution Deferring School Tax to 2014

14-50-061 - #14 - A Resolution Approving Tax Overpayment Refund 2014-1 to 8

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Motion moved by Mr. Guinosso; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS: NON CONSENT AGENDA

Tabled #10. A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City & Czar Engineering, Inc. for Plans, Specifications, Contract and Construction Administration for the Reconstruction of the 29th Street Firehouse – Station #2 located at 2901 West Avenue. Mr. Guinosso stated that he felt the cost of this contract was too high and the city should go out to bid. Mr. Dattilo explained the concept is to build a new structure south of the current building and connect the two buildings reporting the overall costs for the project is a fair price, added FEMA participation remains to be determined and recommended Council's approval.

Several council members said they were not comfortable supporting the resolution because they felt the costs were too expensive and asked the administration to solicit requests for proposals for this project. After further discussion there was consensus to table the resolution. Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to table Resolution #10. Motion moved by Mr. Guinosso; seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

14-50-062-#15 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims. Mr. McClellan requested line item #14-85 be pulled and voted on separately. Motion moved by Mr. Ping; seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to pay line item #14-85. Motion moved by Mr. Ping; seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed, except Mr. McClellan, abstained. Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to pay the remainder of the payment of claims. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Ping. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS

Mr. Ping said if the County is considering changing the West Avenue lines down to one lane each way, the south end residents he spoke to were not in favor of one lane. Mr. Hartzell stated he heard the same concerns, asked if the timing of the traffic lights along 34th Street and addressed concerns with a 4-way flashing light at the intersection of 34th Street and Central Avenue. Mr. Dattilo said he hadn't noticed any change by the county and would speak with Sgt. Hopely of Traffic Safety for an update.

Mr. Guinosso asked for an update on the CRS program, asked about the status of additional check valves, spoke about mosquito trenches, recommended the installation of a street light in the 3700 block of Central Avenue and said five to six years ago there was discussion of installing a pump station for the south end. Mr. Dattilo responded to Mr. Guinosso's concerns.

Mr. DeVlieger requested a permanent solution of the bump out at the stop sign on the corner at North Street & West Avenue to improve the look instead of orange cones which have been placed to slow down traffic and asked for consideration of a check valve at 2nd Street if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McClellan congratulated the Ocean City Girls Swim Team on winning the Group 3 Championship.

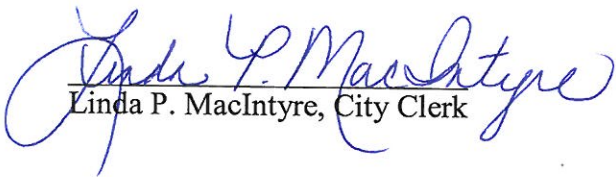
CITIZEN COMMENT

Al Keleher, 3004 Haven Avenue – suggested replacing the flashing red lights with 4-way stop signs and requested that city not forget to include the residents in the middle section of town when discussing pump stations and check valves.

Roy Wagner, 2924 Wesley Avenue – pleased that Resolution #10 was tabled.

Marty Mozzo, 3803 Westminster Lane – said 10% for scope of work under Resolution #10 is in line for the project.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.


Linda P. MacIntyre, City Clerk