

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014 - 7:00 PM
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ATTENDANCE: Mr. Allegretto, Mr. Guinosso, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Ping, and Mr. Wilson. Also present: Mayor Gillian, Mr. Dattilo, Business Administrator and Ms. McCrosson, City Solicitor. Mr. McClellan and Mr. DeVlieger 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

Eric Sauder, 2829 Central Avenue – requested an explanation regarding proposed heights of the bulkhead and requested that all bulkheads are contiguous in Ordinance #14-09.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes of Thursday, February 19, 2014, February 20, 2014 and the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of Thursday, February 27, 2014 (all were present). Motion moved by Mr. Ping; seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

The City Clerk read an announcement for the sale of notes requested by Frank Donato, Chief Financial Officer who certified that he issued Note 2014-01 dated March 6, 2014 in the amount of \$5,000,000; the note consists of \$5,000,000 in bond anticipation notes. Ocean City received 4 bids and the note was awarded to Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC. The maturity date is September 10, 2014, with a net interest cost of 0.45% payable at maturity.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Donato presented an updated report on the status of the budget process and announced the budget will be introduced at the council meeting of March 27th with second reading on April 24, 2014.

Mr. Guinosso requested golf course statistics. Mr. Hartzell asked if his request of revenue goals were being worked on by the department heads. He then made a request to reduce fund balance by \$250,000 each year to reduce the tax rate or place \$250,000 of fund balance into the capital budget for roads and drainage. A discussion ensued with Mr. Donato saying if the city decided to borrow money using the \$250,000 the city would have to commit to spending the \$250,000 per year for the life of the bond.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Guinosso reported the City's Division of Human Resources made a presentation on harassment to the Aviation Advisory Board at their last meeting.

ORDINANCES: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #14-09 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **#14-09: An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Ocean City Pertaining to the Construction of Bulkheads.** Ms. McCrosson explained the ordinance provides minimum specifications for oceanfront bulkheads, change the pertinent datum to NAVD 1988, and changes the reference from Director of Public Works to Director of Community Operations.

Mr. Guinosso had questions under minimum specifications related to drainage and wanted to know where the city came up with the minimum elevation of the top of the bulkhead at 11.0'. Ms. McCrosson explained the city engineer will review all permit applications with the city's inspector to insure bulkheads are contiguous and indicated she would speak with the city engineer as to what the rationale was for choosing 11.0.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-09 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Ping. All ayes followed. Mr. Wilson announced second reading and public hearing will be held on April 10, 2014 and will be sent to the Planning Board for consistency review.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to take up Ordinance #14-06 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. 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 this ordinance and Ordinance #14-07 is an offer to gift their land which is valued at \$100.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment on Ordinance #14-06.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-06 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to take up Ordinance #14-07 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. McClellan. 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.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment on Ordinance #14-07.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-07 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 #14-08 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Guinosso; 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.** Ms. McCrosson explained there were five blocks being offered.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment on Ordinance #14-08.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-08 on second reading. Motion moved by Mt. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

14-50-063 - #1. A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #14-05 R-1, Maintenance of City Owned Grounds & Garden Plots

14-50-064 - #2. A Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between the City of Ocean City, New Jersey and the City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey

14-50-066 - #4. A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

14-50-067 - #5. A Resolution Supporting NBC 40

14-50-068 - #6. A Resolution to Welcome the 2014 Special Olympics U.S.A. Games and all Special Olympic Athletes and Volunteers to New Jersey

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

RESOLUTIONS – NON CONSENT AGENDA

14-50-065 - #3. A Resolution Adopting Certain Policies of the City's Policy and Procedure Manual. Mr. Guinosso had questions under Section 7.8 Progressive Discipline relative to stealing and 7.2 Employee Personal Appearance relative to city uniforms. Mr. Dattilo addressed Mr. Guinosso's questions.

Mr. DeVlieger requested any future policy changes come red-lined so the changes are easily noted and spoke in support of the policies on Domestic Violence Leave, Military Leave and the Computer Conduct, Information, Security and Social Networking Policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no comments on Resolution #3.

PENDING BUSINESS

Mr. Hartzell asked the status of the pending Historic District ordinance which he said he would sponsor, wanted to know the status of the road repair on Bay Avenue by the County and asked if the pump station was confirmed to be built on the corner of 3rd & Haven and questioned the design of the station. Ms. McCrosson stated the Historic Ordinance was ready for introduction. Mr. Dattilo said the county's road work will not be completed by Memorial Day; said a neighborhood meeting is a couple of months away to be scheduled to review and discuss with the 3rd Street area residents the conceptual plan for the pump station. Mr. Donato stated both engineering firms had designs that were neighborhood friendly such as a gazebo design and said the station must be built on public ground; most likely at 3rd & Haven with some consideration around the 6th street area.

Mr. Hartzell asked if there was any progress on the CB2 Zone regarding first floor stores and asked if Ms. McCrosson had an opportunity to review the street opening ordinance which had been discussed at a prior meeting. Ms. McCrosson said the ordinance is still being discussed with the city engineer.

Mr. Guinosso reported he met with the south end focus group whose consensus was the building heights in the south end of the City is too high; they would like the height based at 30' off the center line of the street and requested this be addressed on second reading of Ordinance #14-04. He addressed concerns on street repairs not be done properly. Mr. Dattilo indicated the street ordinance will be reviewed over the next several months.

Mr. Wilson suggested that other shore community's street opening ordinances be looked at looked.


NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DeVlieger suggested some reasonable height adjustments in the area of St. James Place be looked into and said he had requests from north end residents for the city to explore a suitable location for a restroom in the north end, north of the lifeguard station to the Longport Bridge for our visitors.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Al Keleher, 3304 Haven Avenue – suggested the city resurrect the plans for consideration of a pump station in the mid section of town; spoke about the need to mill and pave alley ways; commented on free Veteran beach passes and asked if \$250,000 becomes available do we have pending projects that the funds could be used for.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Allegretto. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.


Linda P. MacIntyre, City Clerk

