

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014 - 7:00 PM  
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**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Guinosso, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. McClellan Mr. Ping, and Mr. Wilson. Also present: Mayor Gillian, Mr. Dattilo, Business Administrator and Ms. McCrosson, City Solicitor. Mr. Allegretto arrived at 7:05 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**

**The following persons spoke in support of a skate park at the 5<sup>th</sup> & Asbury Avenue location**

**Kirk Greaser, 869 Third Street**

**Lois Greaser, 869 Third Street**

**Chris Pustizzi, 9 Homestead Court**

**Willie Fannon, 5020 Asbury Avenue**

**Mike Cormady, 415 Ocean Avenue**

**Dave Bridgens, 611 Simpson Avenue**

**Ricky Hardin, 119 Bay Avenue**

**John Bonino, 410 4<sup>th</sup> Street** – thanked the Mayor and Council for their dedication to the community and for the consideration of a skate park.

**Kris Stanwood, 5824 West Avenue, Trustee and Past President of OCEC** – not against having a skate park but said the Ecumenical Council wants to keep the integrity of the clothes closet program; addressed concerns with the possible relocation of the Closet to the 6<sup>th</sup> Street, the parking and accessibility to their clients.

**Robert A. Miller, 57 Central Road** – spoke about the costly ambulance bill he received and requested help for all senior citizens.

**Lorraine Lewis, 3244 Simpson Avenue** – thinks the 5<sup>th</sup> Street location is not appropriate and requested consideration of a different location.

**REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Gillian spoke about the meeting he had with the Ecumenical Council regarding the Clothes Closet and announced the boardwalk at 5<sup>th</sup> Street is completed and will be opened this coming weekend. Mr. Dattilo announced he received a call from Washington notifying the City will receive a Community Development Block Grant of \$298,000.

**REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL**

Mr. Wilson spoke about yesterday's meeting in the Mayor's office with the Ecumenical Council and he gave his word the Ecumenical Council will be included in the process regarding relocation of the Clothes Closet.

Mr. Hartzell asked the administration to address Mr. Miller's concerns regarding his ambulance bill and said he is glad that everyone will work together on the skate park project. Mr. Dattilo said the city has an obligation to collect outstanding funds after Medicare pays according to City ordinance and assured Mr. Miller that the matter will be reviewed by Fire Chief Breunig.

Mr. McClellan spoke about the resident meeting he and Mr. Hartzell held Saturday to address concerns related to the skate park and Clothes Closet which would be made whole, not be displaced and guaranteed the clients will not suffer.

Mr. DeVlieger spoke about a great citizen, Herb Adams who recently passed away. He then reported on the town meeting that followed the workshop to address citizen concerns and take questions. He said a question came up about the use of BMX bikes in the skate park, which will have designated hours, not simultaneous with skate boards. He spoke about parking concerns and about forming a non-profit organization to support the park.

Mr. Allegretto spoke in support of moving the forward with the process of working toward a skate park.

Mr. Wilson announced Ordinance #14-09 and #14-10 originally scheduled for second reading have been postponed until the April 24<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**ORDINANCES: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #14-12 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Ping. All ayes followed. The Clerk read the ordinance by title: **#14-12: An Ordinance Amending Chapter XXX (Municipal Fees) of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Ocean City, New Jersey regarding Beach Fee Exemption for Veterans (Sponsored by Councilman Allegretto, Councilman Hartzell and Councilman Wilson).** Ms. McCrosson explained this ordinance provides free beach tags to veterans which a change in state law enacted in January provides this option. Every council member spoke in support of the ordinance. Mr. Guinosso announced he would abstain from the vote as a veteran he would be eligible for a free tag under this ordinance.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-12 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Allegretto. All ayes followed, except Mr. Guinosso abstained from the vote. Mr. Wilson announced second reading and public hearing will be held on April 24, 2014.

#### **RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

**14-50-079-#1.** A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of City Contract #14-12, Acquisition of One (1), Model Year 2014 Hydraulic Pump Powered Surf Rake

**14-50-080-#2.** A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) for Contract #KPN-201105-08, Acquisition of Vehicles with Rodeo Ford

**14-50-081-#3.** A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) for Contract #031710-FSC, Acquisition of an Elgin Sweeper with Gran Turk Equipment Company, Inc. an Elgin Company Dealer

**14-50-082-#4.** A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) for Contract #11312-FRM, Acquisition of a Falcon Hot Asphalt Patcher with McGrath Municipal Equipment, LLC a Falcon Equipment Company Dealer

**14-50-083-#5.** A Resolution Authorizing the Extension of City Contract #12-02, Digital Recording Production Services for the City of Ocean City

**14-50-084-#6.** A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of a Used Salt Spreader from Sea Isle City, New Jersey

**14-50-085-#7.** A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of a Used Fire Skid Unit from the Township of Egg Harbor, New Jersey

**14-50-086-#8.** A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Used Motorola HT1250 Portable Radios & Chargers from the City of Audubon, New Jersey

**14-50-087-#9.** A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

**14-50-088-#10.** A Resolution Consenting to the Mayor's Appointment of Steve Wajda as a member to the Shade Tree Committee

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS: NON CONSENT AGENDA**

**14-50-089-#11.** A Resolution Adopting the City of Ocean City's Year Round Employee Handbook and the Seasonal/Temporary Employee Handbook. Mr. Guinosso asked questions about the city uniforms and cell phones. Mr. Dattilo spoke about those employees receiving a clothing allowance who are required to wear city uniforms and some seasonal employees. He said there are some city issued cell phones at the managerial and supervisory level.

**14-50-090 -#12.** A Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application to the Cape May County Open Space Program Mr. Guinosso spoke on the history of the Ecumenical Council's Clothes Closet and said he was in favor of the Closet remaining at its current location at 5<sup>th</sup> & West Avenue.

Mayor Gillian gave his word his administration would never place the Ecumenical Council Clothes Closet on the back burner.

Mr. Wilson said he was shocked and unhappy with the speed of the skate park process. He said approval of Resolution #12 provides a mechanism to obtain grant money from the County Open Space program which is a savings to the taxpayers and added the project will not move forward from this point on without taking the time to properly vet this project and include the Clothes Closet.

Mr. Ping said he was against the way the process went forward regarding the skate park; spoke in support of a skate park but said he was not convinced the 5<sup>th</sup> Street location in the place to build the park and suggested 34<sup>th</sup> Street & West Avenue be given consideration.

Mr. Hartzell spoke about the small part he had in building the clothes closet at the West Avenue location.

Mr. DeVlieger spoke about his support of building this skate park and said he personally takes responsibility for not reaching out to the Clothes Closet prior to bringing this matter forward.

Mr. Wilson said he is looking at the silver lining in that the Clothes Closet is receiving good press from this issue and he then reiterated his point that the city will properly vet this matter as it moves forward.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT – NON CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no comments on Resolution #11 and #12.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #11. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #12. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed, except Mr. Guinosso recued himself from the vote.

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

Mr. Ping reminded the administration the bike lane is dangerous and needs to be removed at 9<sup>th</sup> Street & West Avenue.

Mr. Allegretto asked for an update on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Street road projects. Mr. Dattilo said utility work was almost complete which will let the primary contractor back in to pave with completion by Memorial Day.

Mr. DeVlieger suggested using orange car delineators separating the bike lanes at 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

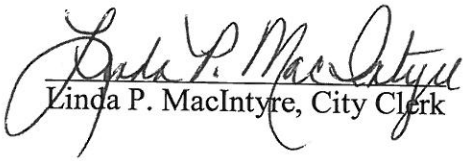
Mr. Guinosso stated he was going to call the county to discuss mosquito trenches.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

**Al Keleher, 3304 Haven Avenue** – asked if the City is doing anything with traffic around 33<sup>rd</sup> Street at Bay Avenue. Mr. Wilson said he has made inquiries at the County level and will contact them again.

**John Bonino, 410 4<sup>th</sup> Street** – thanked Council for their thankless efforts.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed. The meeting adjourned at pm 8:37 pm.

  
Linda P. MacIntyre, City Clerk