

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014 - 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Allegretto, Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Guinosso, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. McClellan Mr. Ping, and Mr. Wilson. Also present: Mr. Dattilo, Business Administrator and Ms. McCrosson, City Solicitor. Mayor Gillian was absent.

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

Joe Young, 941 Palen Avenue – complimented the city for completing the work in his alley.

Bob Faustman, 5545 West Avenue – questioned how far south the dune fence would be placed in the south end. Mr. Dattilo spoke about the fencing and said the City was comfortable with the berm; if sand is needed it will be trucked in.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Dattilo announced the City received notification from the State that the City was awarded a municipal aid transportation grant in the amount of \$172,000 earmarked for paving 30th, 31st and 32nd Street between West to Bay Avenue. He announced the “Where Angels Play” foundation associated with the NJFMBA to build playgrounds impacted by Hurricane Sandy, and a tribute to the children and teachers who lost their lives at Sandy Hook, will be holding a ground breaking ceremony at the 29th Street playground reflecting the life of a student who lost his life at the Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Mr. Dattilo introduced Pete Ault, Chairman of the Environmental Commission who made a power point presentation on Ocean City Open Space and Recreation Plan. Mr. Wilson asked what type of bay access should the city explore and what type of walking trails. Mr. Ault spoke about possible promenade easements along the bay front when parcels are being developed; the 34th street boat ramp; the path along the old railroad bed or any street ends; the Bayside Center and enhancements at the 2nd Street marina and mentioned walking trails along the bay side of town and widening existing sidewalks in certain areas.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL –

Mr. McClellan asked for an update on dredging. Mr. Dattilo indicated a report will be forthcoming.

Mr. Hartzell requested an update on what has been done to help the store owners on Bay Avenue from 9th to 15th Street during construction. Mr. Dattilo stated that message board signs were installed by the Police Department stating stores are open and the Police will continue to man those areas for public access to the stores; discussions are pending with the county and utility company to expedite the project. Mr. Wilson said he noticed work being done along Bay Avenue to make it presentable. Mr. Hartzell thanked the administration for coordinating a meeting with those business owners affected by the work being done.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

14-50-009 #1 – A Resolution of Authorization to Accept a Subgrant Award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 of the Department of Homeland Security EMPG Program Funding through the Cape May County Office of Emergency Management

14-50-102-#4 – A resolution Amending Resolution #14-50-097 Consenting to the Mayor’s Appointment of Anne Gallagher as a member to the Local Assistance Board

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

RESOLUTIONS – NON CONSENT AGENDA

14-50-100-#2 –A Resolution Adopting Certain Policies of the City’s Policy and Procedure Manual. Mr. Guinosso stated he had requested changes to Policy 2.6 and 2.17 which were provided and asked which employees receive physicals. Mr. Dattilo said all employees receive physicals at the time of hire.

14-50-101-#3 – A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims. Mr. Guinosso addressed his concern of the increase in the water bills and requested the administration to provide an analysis.

14-50-103-#5 –A Resolution in Recognition of Municipal Clerk’s Week May 4-10, 2014. Mr. Allegretto commended the clerk and her staff for good work the office provides to council and the public, as did all other council members.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resolution #2, #3 and #5

The following persons acknowledged the work by the Municipal Clerk and the office staff under Resolution #5.

Roy Wagner, 2824 Wesley Avenue

Frank Worrell, 3305 Simpson Avenue

PENDING BUSINESS

Mr. Guinosso reported trash can lids are not being placed back on the trash cans after the trash is picked up and asked how Veterans can obtain information on the new military tags. Mr. Dattilo said information will be available on the city's web site.

Mr. McClellan announced volunteers and teams are needed for Stand Up 4-Seals event to be held on May 24th on the beach.

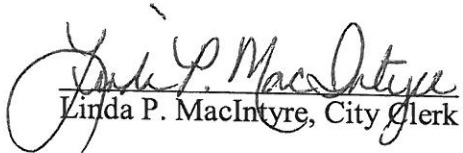
Mr. Wilson reported research is being compiled by the Clerk's office regarding Mr. Ping's request to bring an ordinance forward to ban smoking on the beaches.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ping reported on March 20th the State Assembly passed a bill to ban smoking on all beaches and parks which is waiting for Senate approval; Belmar and Rehoboth Beach have passed ordinances banning smoking and requests Council's support to bring such an ordinance forward to ban smoking on the entire boardwalk.

CITIZEN COMMENT – There was no citizen comments.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All eyes followed. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.


Linda P. MacIntyre, City Clerk