

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 – 5:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Allegretto, Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Guinosso, Mr. Hartzell and Mr. McClellan. Also present: Mayor Gillian, Mr. Dattilo, Business Administrator and Ms. McCrosson, City Solicitor. Mr. Madden arrived at 5:07 pm. Absent: Mr. Wilson.

Council Vice President Allegretto called the meeting to order at 5:00 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

Richard Burns, 4509 Central Avenue – suggested making Central Avenue one way going north with a bike path and make Asbury Avenue one way south with a bike path.

Dave Allegretto, 9 Arkansas Avenue – spoke in support of Resolution #1 saying using artificial turf enables the city to host a variety of year-round events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Allegretto asked for a motion to adopt the Regular City Council Meeting minutes of Thursday, August 28, 2014 (all present). Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Dattilo reported the City received the following grants: \$149,000 State Historic Preservation Grant for windows and doors for the 9th Street City Hall entrance; \$500,000 Transportation Center restoration; \$143,000 for the 4th Street Life Saving Station and a \$298,000 Community Development Block grant for ADA for sidewalks. Mr. Dattilo acknowledges the work of city employee Benny Tafoya for obtaining the historic preservation grant money. He reported the County Freeholders approved a \$500,000 open space recreation grant for a skate park project at 5th Street and announced the project will not force the relocation of the Ecumenical Council Clothes Closet building and he reported the Planning Board adopted an open space and recreation plan for the city.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL

Mr. McClellan reported the Planning Board tabled Ordinance #14-30 after discussion and hearing residents speak against the proposed district change. Mr. Hartzell spoke about why council goes door to door speaking with individual residents when their area is affected by a zoning change and said neighborhood meetings would be welcomed prior to second reading of an ordinance if requested.

ORDINANCES: INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

Mr. Allegretto asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #14-33 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title **#14-33: A Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$1,435,000.00 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,363,250 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 outlined the improvements or purpose as follows; \$35,000 for construction, rehabilitation and repair of public buildings including but not limited to the installation of a generator at the 46th street firehouse; \$1,250,000 for Carey Field turf and track and \$150,000 for acquisition of a fire truck. Mr. Mallon provided an explanation on how the city would save money by changing to a turf field.

Mr. Guinosso asked about useful life of a turf field and questioned how much revenue is anticipated with the new field. Mr. Mallon answered the maximum life is 16 years; the city expects a 10-12 year useful life with a 40% injury reduction. He said the revenue is unknown at this time, but there is a lot of interest in using the field.

Mr. McClellan questioned the replacement cost after a 10-12 year period and asked about a warranty. Mr. Mallon said the cost to replace the green is approximately \$400,000 to \$430,000 with a 10 year warranty on the field.

Mr. Hartzell asked what the current cost was to lease the field. Mr. Mallon indicated the current fee as set by ordinance would need further examination.

Mr. DeVlieger said looking at financial projections is wise; felt this was a good investment and provided for increased field safety and it was a good time to raise the level of the field.

Mr. Allegretto spoke in support of reviewing the fee structure to see what the demand is to generate revenue.

Mr. Allegretto asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-33 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. Mr. Allegretto announced second reading and public hearing would be held on September 25, 2014.

Mr. Allegretto asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-34 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **#14:34: An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter XVII (Streets, Sidewalks and Sanitation) of the Revised General**

Ordinances of the City of Ocean City (Introduced by Councilman Hartzell & Councilman Wilson). Ms. McCrosson stated this would create a requirement for properties located in residential zones to provide a grass/sod curb with irrigation in the area between the curb and sidewalk. She said an exception to the requirement would be based upon the city engineer if he feels concrete would be a better surface based on pedestrian traffic in the area. Mr. Hartzell said curb strips allows more area for water to sink down into and the installation of irrigation is to prevent inconsistencies with some green grassy curb strips and others that are brown which will improve the overall appearance of a well-maintained lawn.

Mr. Guinosso said people should not be forced to install an irrigation system.

Mr. DeVlieger spoke in favor of grass which he felt adds value to a property but had concerns with making people install an irrigation system. Mr. Hartzell said the cost is very nominal since irrigation is required for all lawns.

Mr. Allegretto said for aesthetic reasons he favors grass curb strips, but he questioned if council should put another regulation on the homeowner by requiring them to install irrigation in the curb strip area.

Mr. Allegretto asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-34 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. McClellan. Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Madden and Mr. McClellan voted yes. Mr. Allegretto and Mr. Guinosso voted no. Mr. Allegretto announced second reading and public hearing would be held on September 25, 2014.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Allegretto asked for a motion to take up Ordinance #14-28 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed, except Mr. McClellan stepped away from the table during the vote. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **#14-28: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Deed of Dedication and Perpetual Storm Damage Reduction Easement on Real Property Attached as Schedule A and Block 611.11, Lot 217 to the State of New Jersey.** Ms. McCrosson explained the ordinance authorizes the execution of documents necessary to the NJ Army Corp of Engineers for easements over street ends and right-of-ways in the project limits for the south end beach fill as well as an easement over an isolated lot that the City has recently taken over.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no comment on Ordinance #14-28.

Mr. Allegretto asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-28 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

14-50-208 - #2. A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

14-50-209-#3. A Resolution Consenting to the Mayor's Appointment of Kristen Gallagher as the Director of Community Services for the City of Ocean City

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

RESOLUTION – NON CONSENT AGENDA

14-50-207 - #1. A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #14-35, Renovations to Carey Field. Mr. Guinosso said he was still looking at the positive and negatives regarding artificial turf. Mr. Mallon said the only time he witnessed flooding on the field was during Hurricane Sandy.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resolution #1

Drew Fasy, 3217 Simpson Avenue – spoke in support stating there is huge potential to bring in outside venues. **Matt Purdue, school facility member and track coach** – spoke in support of the project and thanked council for taking the initiative on moving the project forward.

Mr. Allegretto asked for a motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed, except Mr. Guinosso, voted no.

PENDING BUSINESS

Mr. McClellan announced the Historical Museum luncheon will take place on September 17 at the Flanders.

Mr. Guinosso reminded the public of the Airport Festival to be held Saturday at 9:30 am and announced he would be holding a 4th Ward meeting on September 20th at 9:30 am at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Mr. Hartzell thought the idea of bike lane along Central Avenue deserves consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

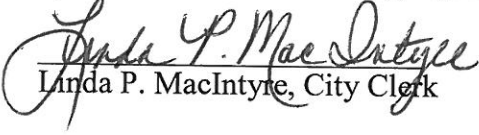
Mr. McClellan reminded the public to attend the 9/11 ceremony at the 6th Street Fire Station at 7:00 pm tonight.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Kathy Guinosso, felt mislead because Council assured the taxpayers that the open space application sent to the Freeholders for a skate park was strictly to meet an application deadline and not a guarantee to build the skate park at the 5th Street location.

Dale Braun, 326 West Avenue – commented on Ordinance #14-34 stating he agrees with grass curbing but felt further discussion was warranted regarding irrigation in the curb area.

Mr. Allegretto asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.


Linda P. MacIntyre, City Clerk