

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 17, 2013 – 6:00 PM

OC Free Public Library, Room N110

Re: Capital Presentation (attached)

ATTENDANCE: Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Guinosso, Mr. Ping, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Allegretto. Also attending were Mayor Gillian and Mr. Dattilo, Business Administrator. Mr. McClellan attended via telephone. Absent: Mr. Hartzell

Council President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer.

Mayor Gillian updated the public that he was in receipt of a letter from Congressman LoBiondo, Governor Christie and the brigadier of the Army Corp of Engineers in regards to the Southern Ocean City Beach Replenishment with a project start date of March 2014. Mayor Gillian then turned the meeting over to Michael Dattilo for the Capital Presentation.

Mr. Dattilo remarked at the last capital meeting there was a great deal of emphasis on roads and drainage, however, Hurricane Sandy sent the City in some new directions. However, the City was able to maintain a great majority of what was planned and adopted in the capital plan. He said the presentation focuses on current projects, Sandy related projects, projects that were in the "pipeline" and a new Capital Plan for Council to consider adopting in December 2013. Mr. Dattilo expressed his appreciation to those involved in developing the plan. Georgia Arnold, Director of Capital Planning was introduced and Frank Donato will "weigh in" the finance matters at the end of the Presentation.

Sandy Related Projects

Ms. Arnold reported in her Power Point presentation on the north end beach fill and the south end berm was completed. Installation of sand fence and beach grass is currently underway; ADA beach paths were constructed at various locations as well as ADA beach ramps and mobi mats also have been installed at various locations from 50th to 57th Streets.

She reported on the various bayfront bulkhead replacements that were in the close out stage. Mr. Dattilo commented that this has been one of the most aggressive bulkhead approaches that he has seen.

Ms. Arnold reviewed the paving that was completed in several areas of the City. Also presented were paving projects completed by Cape May County. She reviewed the recreation facilities and public buildings projects that are being worked on. This concluded Sandy Related Project update from June 2013. Ms. Arnold asked if there were any questions and moved on to the 2013 Capital Plan update.

2013 Capital Plan Update

Ms. Arnold reported the beach easements for South end fill to be finalized and the contract for sand hauling is scheduled for award on October 22, 2013. Mr. Dattilo noted that the number of easements needed has gone from 30 to 18.

Bay dredging status includes permit modification for Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) for increased capacity at the Route 52 site. Also, permitting the use of a mechanical dredge as well as a hydraulic dredge.

The presentation moved on to paving and drainage. Projects include 2012/2013 spring paving that was postponed to Fall 2013 and is currently underway. A \$1M contract was awarded for 2013 fall to 2014 spring paving. Ms. Arnold reported on the areas the utility company will pave with a city share which are in bid phase. Utility Company paving with no city share sites were also presented. Ms. Arnold reported on the 2014 spring paving program currently in the design phase and that two bulkhead replacements are scheduled for reconstruction.

Boardwalk reconstruction from 5th to 6th Street is currently underway with the new substructures (built off site) would support heavier vehicles and definitely be better than in the past.

Public buildings and recreational facility projects currently underway include the 15th street playground. Mr. Ping question the surface of the playground and Ms. Arnold commented that it would be the "poured rubberized surface". Council President Wilson questioned the type of restroom facility and Mr. Dattilo replied that it would be a seasonal trailer, not portable potties.

Updates on Parking, Intermodal, Large Equipment and Trucks followed, with no comment.

2014 Capital Plan

Ms. Arnold began the presentation with south end beachfill update. Mr. Guinasso questioned the mobi mats and the quantity the City has acquired. Administration replied that 7 to 8 mats have been purchased at a cost of \$5,000. for each mat with the intention to purchase more in the future.

The paving and drainage slated for 2014 was listed. Mr. Dattilo interjected that there are several factors that go into the recommendations. The results and ratings will be made widely available. The mention of the October 18, 2013 Paving and Drainage report will be posted on the City's website.

A Pump Station is included in the 2014 Capital plan with funding from the Federal Government with a City Share. A public information session is forthcoming.

Boardwalk reconstruction for 2014 is slated for 6th street to 7th Street.

Public buildings include replacement of the rooftop condensing unit at the Music Pier. Ms. Arnold stated that sand and salt air is a constant battle and the City has reviewed other ideas including building renovations to place the units indoors. The recommendation is to keep the units at their current location with a replacement timetable of every 5-7 years. Public facilities include the Fenton-Carey Track and field replacement. Councilman DeVlieger questioned the "Value of Astro-Turf". Mayor Gillian replied that a team should be developed to enhance the vision and use of the entire area.

Dale Foster, Cape May County Engineer presented a Bike Lane Improvement on West Avenue. The results were a conglomerate effort from Bike OCNJ, City Administration and County Participation. Departmental equipment, communications, large equipment and vehicles ended Ms. Arnold's presentation. A pie chart of the categories was projected and the forecast for 2015 to 2018 followed.

Frank Donato, Director of Financial Management presented the 2013 Debt Service related to the Capital Plan. Maturity schedules and forecasting slides were presented.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Michael Hinchman, West Atlantic Boulevard - commented on the "Use of Funds".

Jim Tweed, 1512 Wesley - expressed his appreciation to City Council, Bike OCNJ, Administration, Dale Foster (Cape May County Engineer) and Freeholder Marie Hayes for Bike Path efforts.

Drew Fasy, 3217 Simpson - thanked Dale Foster (Cape May County Engineer), Sergeant Hopely (Ocean City Traffic and Safety), Freeholder Marie Hayes on their Bike Path efforts.

Dale Braun, 326 West Avenue - commented on the placement of the public restroom facilities.

Mike Hyson, 637 Simpson - thanked the Mayor, Administration and Council for the aggressive approach on paving.

Mr. Ping commented that the placement of the bike path belongs on the railroad trail.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Ping; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.



Linda P. MacIntyre, City Clerk