

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Allegretto, Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Guinosso, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Madden, Mr. McClellan and Mr. Wilson. Also Attending, Mr. Mallon, 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

James Faulk, 336-338 Bay Avenue - Provided a petition signed by residents of the Bay Club Condominium and Marina requesting that the City allow them to participate in a dredging project proposed for Snug Harbor. The petition states that the underwrite is prepared to cover additional costs of moving the dredging equipment from Snug Harbor to Bay Club Marina and costs involved with the dredging. Mr. Faulk asked the administration to support the dredging of Marina.

Michael Hinchman, 281 W. Atlantic Blvd. – requested that a Chart be provided depicting the drainage issues in the City. Asked why the Police Contract is a 4 year settlement opposed to a 3-year contract stating that there are too many year round, full time positions. Mr. Hinchman asked to renew a request for a change in format of City Council to speak on a subject more than one time. He also said in light of the City raising the elevation throughout the City criticized why the elevation in Pecks Beach Village was not done after the storm. “It’s like putting good money after bad,” and believes that the spending of ½ million dollars to put new roofs on Pecks Beach Village after Hurricane Sandy and turn around and knock them down is ludicrous.

Mr. Hartzell objected to Mr. Hinchman’s remarks and clarified the remarks he made about Pecks Beach Village elevation rating. Mr. Hartzell asked Administration to respond on the Peck’s Beach Village newly slated project. Mr. Mallon said the roof project at Peck’s Beach family units began before Hurricane Sandy. The funds used were COAH money that was designated for rehabilitation to replace the roofs. Mr. Mallon said for families to live in deteriorated housing would be inappropriate while the city was making a plan to replace these buildings that may take many years to complete. Discussion continued among Council members.

Ms. McCrosson reminded Council that at the time of Hurricane Sandy there was no plan to demolish those units in Peck Beach Village. With the hiring of a new Housing Authority Director who is a visionary, there is a plan now to replace those units. Ms. McCrosson said the project for new units are in the early stages that may take years to put in place or may never put in place. Additionally there will be a very competitive bidding process for tax credits.

Mr. McClellan also agreed the roof project was in place before the storm, many steps will be taken before a plan is made to replace those buildings. Mr. McClellan said the City lost 8 to 10 families after the Hurricane Sandy that not only disrupted families lives, but the school system as well. He encouraged people to go directly to the Housing Authority with any questions they may have.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes of the Closed Executive Session of December 18, (all present). Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the Regular City Council meeting minutes of December 29, 2014 (all present). Motion moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Mallon reminded everyone of the scheduled 2015 Capital Plan workshop meeting, January 15, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Ocean City Library.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Allegretto reported that a Tourism meeting was held and the 2015 budget was approved. The 2015 Budget is \$27,000 less than last year budget.

Mr. McClellan and Mr. Hartzell encouraged everyone to attend the two day Celebration of the Martin Luther King weekend that will begin on January 17, 2015. Mr. Hartzell thanked all the organizations that participated in their support.

Mr. Wilson asked to support local businesses on Bay Avenue during the road construction.

RESOLUTION #1

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to introduce Resolution #1, the Special Improvement District Budget. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed.

The clerk read the resolution by title:

15-51-001 - #1. A Resolution Adopting the 2015 Budget of the Special Improvement District of the City of Ocean City

Mr. Donato said is the second reading and adoption of the 2015 Special Improvement District, it was introduced December 4, 2014 at Regular Council meeting and advertised in the December 17, 2014 edition of the Sentinel. Mr. Donato said there are 3 districts in town, Asbury Avenue, 9th Street corridor and the Boardwalk. The total budget for consideration is \$311,448. He said the reason the budget is brought before Council is that it is taxpayer money allocated to be approved. Mr. Donato detailed line items in the Budget and then entertained questions from council members.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the 2015 Special Improvement District Budget. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

15-51-002 - #2. A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #15-07, Supply, Installation, Removal & Storage of Holiday Decorations for Various Locations

15-51-003 - #3. A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #15-09, Lease of Airport Diner

15-51-004 - #4. A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #15-10, Lease of Cultural Center Café

15-51-005 - #5. A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #15-11, Lease of Coin Operated Binocular Viewing Machines

15-51-006 - #6. A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #15-15, 2014 Bulkhead Improvements at Various Locations

15-51-007 - #7. A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #15-20, Material Removal from Confined Disposal Facility #83

15-51-009 - #9. A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #15-05, Supply & Delivery of 100 Low Lead Aviation Fuel (AVGAS 100LL)

15-51-010 - #10. A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City and Scheule Planning Solutions, LLC for Professional Planning Service

15-51-011 - #11. A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1, Final Acceptance & Final Payment of City Contract #13-42, 2nd Street Outfall Upgrades

15-51-012 - #12. A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 to City Contract #13-47, 2013 Fall Road Improvement Program – Phase III

15-51-013 - #13. A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Fire & Safety Services, Ltd for Warranty, Maintenance and Service of the Pierce Fire Trucks for the Department of Fire and Rescue Services for the 2015 Calendar Year

15-51-014 - #14. A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to VCI, Emergency Vehicle Specialists for Maintenance and Service of the Department of Fire and Rescue Services Ambulances for the 2015 Calendar Year

15-51-015 - #15. A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City and Edmunds and Associates, Inc. for the 2015 Software Maintenance Contract for the Financial Management System

15-51-016 - #16. A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

15-51-017 #17. A Resolution Providing for a Temporary Budget for the City of Ocean City, New Jersey for Fiscal Year 2015

15-51-018 - #18. A Resolution Establishing Interest Rates for Delinquent Tax Payments and Other Municipal Charges

15-51-019 - #19. A Resolution Authorizing the Tax Assessor to file Tax Appeals on Behalf of the City of Ocean City

15-51-020 - #20. A Resolution Deferring School Tax to 2015

15-51-022 - #22. A Resolution Consenting to the Mayor's Appointment of Carol Frank as a Member to the Tourist Development Commission

15-51-023 - #23. A Resolution Consenting to the Mayor's Appointment of Vicki Scheetz as a Member to the Local Assistance Board

15-51-024 - #24. A Resolution Consenting to the Mayor's Appointment of Annmarie Chelius, David Eisele, Tony Galante, Jeff Heywood, Ashley McGuigan, Robert Monczewski, Denise Szymanski and the Reappointment of Robert Farnsworth, Gerald Gheen, Don Smedley, Kathryn Sykes, Jeffrey Thren and Christine Zellers as Members to the Advisory Council on Physical Fitness and Sports

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion moved by Mr. Guinosso, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

NON CONSENT AGENDA

15-51-008 - #8. A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #14-40, Supply & Delivery of I-5 Soil Aggregate for Beach Paths

15-51-021 - #21. A Resolution Authorizing a Cash Management Plan for the City of Ocean City

Mr. Guinosso asked to remove Resolution #8 because in the past there were complaints about material used on the beach paths. Mr. Mallon assured him the material will be surveyed and replaced if not acceptable. He also asked Mr. Mallon to increase the use of the MOBI mats for beach paths.

Mr. Guinosso asked to remove Resolution #21. Mr. Donato responded to Mr. Guinosso question regarding what banks the City uses.

CITIZEN COMMENT -

Michael Hinchman, 281 West Atlantic Blvd. - believes its good business for the City to use a bidding process for the City's banking.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions #8, #21. Motion moved by Mr. Guinosso, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS

Mr. Guinosso announced the Environment Commission is looking volunteer members to stop in the City Clerk's office.

NEW BUSINESS – There was none

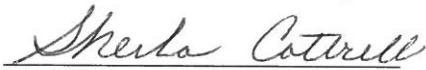
CITIZEN COMMENT

Michael Hinchman, 281 West Atlantic Blvd. – Suggested increasing the budget for advertising Ocean City in other areas would be well spent. He also disagreed with Mr. McClellan and Mr. Mallon's date reference to Pecks Beach Village roof replacement resolution and what the population is since Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Wilson said he would look into the matter.

Marty Mozzo, 3308 Westminister Avenue - Mr. Mozzo reported that the pumps in the Southend were working after a recent rain storm and a high tide, there was no water on the street. He thanked the Administration for their support.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hartzell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Guinosso. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.


Sheila Cottrell, Deputy Clerk