

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2015 – 6:00 pm**  
**OC Free Public Library**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> Street Entrance Lecture Hall, Room N110**  
***5-Year Capital Plan - 2015-2019***

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Allegretto, Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Guinosso, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Madden, Mr. McClellan, and Mr. Wilson. Also present was Mayor Gillian, Mr. Mallon, Business Administrator Mr. Dattilo, Aid to the Mayor, Mr. McLarnon, City Engineer and Mr. Donato Financial Director.

Mr. Wilson called the workshop meeting to order at 6:00 pm and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. He announced the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P.L. 1987, Chapter 231.

Mr. Wilson turned the meeting over to Mr. Mallon. Mr. Mallon introduced Matthew von der Hayden, Manager of Capital Planning, who replaced Ms. Arnold. Mr. Mallon said Mr. von der Hayden comes with a wealth of experience in grant writing and did a great job in this evening's presentation.

Mr. Mallon then turned the meeting over to Mr. Donato and Mr. McLarnon, City Engineer. Mr. Donato provided handouts of the presentation to Council members and said the entire presentation will be available on the City web site.

Mr. Donato presented to Council an updated map of the island. The color coded map depicted, roads, drainage and bulkhead improvements in the city of accomplished projects and future capital project from 2010 thru 2019.

Together Mr. Donato and Mr. McLarnon outlined a detailed slide presentation on the various improvements and cost's associated in the capital plan.

Dredging, boardwalk replacement, beach replenishment, roads and drainage improvements for the city allocates \$7,851,950 in the 2015-2019 Capital Plan. Business Administrator Mr. Mallon said the plan is not set in stone, it's just a plan.

Mr. Donato discussed the funding for the bay and lagoon dredging at \$3 million in 2016 and \$1 million in 2017 and 2018 that will include the spoil site near the 34<sup>th</sup> Street bridge to be partially emptied. Mayor Gillian said the City has not gotten any direction what to do about finding an appropriate place for the dredge spoils. Mayor Gillian said the City is working as hard as it can to get help to relocate those spoil sites and start dredging again.

The Boardwalk reconstruction project has set aside \$3.85 spread out over 2015 – 2017 to bring the project to completion from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup>. The plan will also include the construction of pavilions at 5<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Street locations.

Mr. Donato and Mr. McLarnon continued their presentation touching on other road, paving and drainage improvements throughout the City. Other topics of discussion were dredging, beach and boardwalk projects. The exterior of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Lifesaving Station that received a NJ Historic Trust Grant of \$750,000 and City Hall storm damage restoration & improvements that received a NJ Historic Trust Grant of \$230,000 to replace the exterior doors and window replacements. The Historic Transportation also received a Historic Trust Grant of \$501,000 to replace a Turret.

Mr. Donato said the 5-year plan totals \$79,381,377 with a focus on back bay dredging being a big ticket item. The plan indicates that in 2016 proposes \$25 million in capital spending; 2017, \$13 Million, 2018 \$9.5 million and in 2019, \$7 million. Mr. Donato said the last capital plan was about \$51.5 million an average of \$10 million a year for the average. Mr. Donato said the new five-year plan is \$27.78 million more than the previous capital plan mostly going toward roads drainage and dredging.

Mr. McLarnon and Mr. Donato entertained Council questions and provided an explanation for slated projects in the Capital Plan.

Mr. Donato added that he would ask Council to adopt a resolution at the February 12, 2015 to endorse the 5-year Capital Plan. He asked Council if they had any questions on any of the proposed plan to come forward prior to that meeting that would help pave the way to enact any Bond Ordinance to get off the ground.

#### **PENDING BUSINESS -**

Mr. McClellan and Mr. Hartzell reminded residents on the upcoming Martin Luther King celebration slated for the weekend.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

**Michael Hinchman, West Atlantic Blvd.** – commented on the numbers in the capital plan being a management challenge and impressed with the numbers. He complimented Mr. Donato of a work plan chart that was provided and prioritize the drainage issues the City is experiencing. He thinks that the City should take advantage of the interest rates that are presently at all time low. Mr. Hinchman also suggested that the use of fiberglass to coat pilings.

**Roy Wagner, 2834 Wesley Avenue** – alleys should also be considered when paving work is done as they are used most often by residents.

**Susan Hornick 30<sup>th</sup> & West Avenue** – provided pictures of her home surrounded by water at a recent rainstorm that has left debris in her yard, and disintegrating her sidewalk.

**Eric Sauder, 2829 Central Avenue** - reserving comment on the Capital Plan and suggested that a study be done of those areas with drainage issues and to prioritize those areas.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Guinasso, seconded by Mr. Allegretto. The 2015 Capital Workshop adjourned at 8:10 pm.

  
Sheila Cottrell, Deputy City Clerk