

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Allegretto, Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Guinosso, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. McClellan and Mr. Wilson. Also present was Mayor Gillian, Mr. Dattilo, Aide to the Mayor and Ms. McCrosson, City Solicitor. Mr. Madden arrived at 7:03 pm.

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.

RESOLUTION

15-51-063 - #1. 1. A Resolution Honoring the Memory of Henry S. Knight. The clerk read the resolution recognizing former Mayor Knight's legacy having served as one of the City's first council member under the change in the form of government in 1978 and his service as Mayor from 1992 through 2006.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Mike Colendo, 1127 West Avenue – thanked council for their consideration of funding pickle ball courts.

Suzanne Hornick, 2962 West Avenue – spoke as co-chair of the Flooding Committee; questioned why she was denied permission to put up No Wake signage in her area; requested clarification on the backup material attached to Resolution #5 and asked that Resolution #5 and #10 be pulled so that public meetings could be held to explain how the money is being spent.

Terry McKenna, 700 Gardens Parkway – disappointed the courts at 34th Street were resurfaced with asphalt and said he rather see those courts changed to pickle ball courts; he requested soft carpeted tennis courts remain at 18th Street.

Don Hepner, 2613 Central Avenue – thanked the Administration for including funds in the proposed budget for pickle ball courts for the players who have been patiently waiting for its turn to have courts in town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the City Council Closed Executive Session Meeting Minutes of Thursday, February 12, 2015 (Mr. Madden was absent). Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes of Thursday, February 19, 2015 (all present). Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of Thursday, February 26, 2015 (all present). Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Dattilo reported surveying for the south end beach project will begin in a few weeks and said the Army Corp of Engineer and DEP officials would like to make a report to Council on the first meeting in April.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL

Mr. DeVlieger reported he, Councilman McClellan and Councilman Allegretto met with Mrs. Hornick and members of the Flood Committee, to discuss flooding concerns throughout the city.

Mr. Guinosso reported meeting with Mike Dattilo and some of the outstanding issues regarding the skate park and the Ecumenical Council's Clothes Closet have been settled.

ORDINANCES: INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #15-08 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **#15-08: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #87-17, Chapter VII, "Traffic" of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Ocean City (Authorize Seasonal Operation of Traffic Signals in Flash Mode)**. Ms. McCrosson reported the police recommended that the 18th Street & 34th Street intersections be turned to flash mode on reduced traffic volumes from November 1 through March 15. Mr. Guinosso said he would like to see flash mode at traffic signals at 55th & West as well as 34th & Asbury.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #15-08 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed. Mr. Wilson announced second reading and public hearing will be held on March 26, 2015.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #15-09 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **15-09: A Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$8,293,300.00 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$7,878,635.00 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 reviewed the improvements or purposes outlined in

Section 3 of the bond ordinance. Mr. Guinosso questioned future boardwalk improvements at Moorlyn Terrace and downtown streetscape which Mr. Donato responded to.

Mr. Dattilo spoke about funding for pickle ball courts with Mr. Hartzell requesting adequate notice to the tennis and pickle ball community to keep them involved with the project and locations to be considered.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #15-09 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Guinosso; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed, except Mr. Madden had stepped away from the table prior to the vote. Mr. Wilson announced second reading and public hearing would be held on March 26, 2015.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Prior to taking up Ordinance #15-07 Ms. McCrosson announced it was made aware that a prior 1991 ordinance designates the Division of Coastal Resources of the DEP to approval all applications; since that Division no longer exists that language needs to be removed prior to adopting Ordinance #15-07. She requested council table the ordinance; with a new ordinance to be brought forward at the next meeting. **#15-07: An Ordinance Revising Chapter XXI, Flood Damage Prevention of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Ocean City, New Jersey (Designating Planning Board as Flood Damage Prevention Board of Appeals).**

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to table Ordinance #15-07. Motion made by Mr. Guinosso; seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. Ordinance #15-07 was tabled.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

15-51-064 - #2. A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #15-03, Supply & Delivery of Screws for the Boardwalk Reconstruction

15-51-065 - #3. A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #14-37, 2014 Road Improvement Program-Phase II

15-51-066 - #4. A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Service Contract to J. P. Bainbridge & Associates, Inc. for Commercial Appraiser Services for the City of Ocean City

15-51-067 - #6. A Resolution Authorizing the City of Ocean City to Execute a Resolution of Support for the Participation in the Safe Routes to School Program

15-51-068 - #7. A Resolution Authorizing the Preparation and Execution of the 2014 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Tonnage Grant

15-51-069 - #8. A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

15-51-070 - #9. A Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Temporary Appropriation

15-51-073 - #12. A Resolution Consenting to City Council's Appointment of David T. Hayes and Sara Allison Maas as Alternate Members to the Environmental Commission

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

RESOLUTIONS – NON CONSENT AGENDA

TABLED - #5. A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Service Contract between the City of Ocean City & Michael Baker Jr., Inc., A Michael Baker International Company for Engineering Services for 26th to 34th Street, West Avenue to Bay Avenue for Flood Mitigation. Mr. Dattilo clarified the original backup memo to the resolution was incorrect.

Mr. Hartzell pulled the resolution so council could discuss if the proposed area most deserved to receive flood mitigation since this issue had created a competition for other residents who also have flooding issues. Mr. Wilson said residents living in the 24th Street also experience flooding and feels that area may be in worse shape. Mr. Guinosso spoke in support of the resolution saying that he felt it was the worst area that needed immediate attention.

Mr. DeVlieger spoke about a meeting he had with Mrs. Hornick and other residents and said since she requested council to table the resolution he would agree to it. Mr. Allegretto agreed the problem areas are between Haven and Bay Avenue.

After further council discussion on the subject, Mr. DeVlieger requested that council have another two weeks to review the matter. Mr. DeVlieger made a motion to table Resolution #5; Mr. Hartzell seconded the motion. All ayes followed. Resolution #5 Tabled.

15-51-071 - #10. A Resolution to Adopt Capital Plan 2015-2019 and Specific Debt Service Guidelines. Mr. Guinosso pulled the resolution to ask if 50th Street & Haven Avenue was included in the plan; he asked about Disposal Site #83 and other ways to remove dredge spoils, he asked about alley paving; he asked if the study of the Public Safety building was completed and spoke about sod for the football field. Mr. Dattilo responded to Mr. Guinosso's concerns.

15-51-072 - #11. A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Communication Workers of America AFL-CIO, Local No. 1078. Mr. Dattilo pulled the resolution to explain the terms of the four year contract.

PUBLIC COMMENT - #10 & #11

Michael Hinchman, 281 West Atlantic Boulevard – addressed some issues in the capital plan and requested council prioritize and identify the top 10 largest projects to be completed; he spoke about the downtown streetscape and questioned what is more important flooding or downtown sidewalks; he spoke about dredging and suggested Ms. McCrosson’s paralegal do a search as to what constitutes a spoil site what makes an ideal spoil site and lastly he suggested council spend more time on capital planning and workshops.

Roy Wagner, 2824 Wesley Avenue - felt that a 5-year plan under Resolution #10 was not worthwhile.

Eric Sauder, 2928 Central Avenue – spoke about the need for the city to have a city-wide comprehensive flooding plan; he felt the road rating document was insufficient and felt there was no correlation between that and the drainage plan.

Bill Hartranft, 728-A Battersea Road – agreed there is a need to prioritize the flooding situation.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #10 and #11. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS

Mr. Guinosso indicated he was still waiting on a report for on the cost centers. Mr. Allegretto asked if the budget was ready to be introduced. Mr. Dattilo indicated the budget will be introduced at the next council meeting.

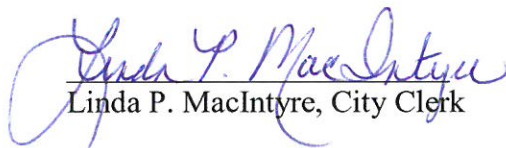
NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Al Keleher, 3304 Haven Avenue - spoke about drainage and road repairs in his area and requested 34th Street be included in the paving to finish the project from 33rd Street & Simpson north to the pond.

Suzanne Hornick, 2962 West Avenue – wanted to rebut some comments made by Mr. Hartzell regarding flooding but was denied permission to speak on the same issue by President Wilson since she spoke about flooding under Citizen Comment at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by; seconded by. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.



Linda P. MacIntyre, City Clerk