

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015 – 7:00 PM  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Guinosso, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Madden, Mr. McClellan and Mr. Wilson. Also present was Mayor Gillian, Mr. Mallon, Business Administrator and Ms. McCrosson, City Solicitor. Mr. Allegretto arrived at 7:13 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 #1**

The clerk read the Resolution by title. Mr. Wilson asked Mr. and Mrs. Doll to come forward to accept the resolution honoring them for receiving the distinguished “Book of Golden Deeds” award. Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #1. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**Bill Hartranft, 728 Battersea Road** – spoke about Ocean City’s population decline; spoke about the need for open space

**John Walton, 846 Third Street** – came to promote the annual unlocking of the ocean and the ocean plunge on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Music Pier.

**Eric Sauder, 2928 Central Avenue** – presented a map of Ocean City showing the flooding areas and requested a meeting with the Administration to discuss the road rating and drainage.

**Karen Morelli, 2551 Haven Avenue** – addressed concerns about cutting of the Pops concerts at the Library.

**Michael Hinchman, 281 West Atlantic Boulevard** – requested a presentation on the extent of the environmental cleanup at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Palen Avenue; spoke about the current replacement of boardwalk pine from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Street being after only being down for 10 years and invited any member of the Library Board to attend the next Fairness In Taxes meeting to defend the purchase of the \$110,000 bookmobile.

**David Hayes, 641 Battersea Road** – spoke about the Planning Board approval of a three story warehouse on top of a building at the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Bay Avenue. He requested a workshop to discuss a shared vision for the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Gateway.

**Roy Wagner, 2824 Wesley Avenue** – requested clarification on Resolution #6 and #13.

**REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Gillian presented a Proclamation promoting Beach Safety Week to Beach Supervisor Tom Mullineaux. Mr. Mallon provided updates on drainage, bulkhead and the south end beach project; announced that Veteran and Military beach tags were now available and clarified the questions under citizen comment related to Resolution #6 and #13.

Mr. Mallon introduced Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kathleen Taylor who presented a school campaign in conjunction with other municipalities entitled “Did You Know” which will provide pertinent information on drug//alcohol prevention and awareness, monthly billboard messages, support services for students, parents and community members and links to our partners for health and fitness.

**REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL**

Mr. Hartzell announced he is going door to door from 26<sup>th</sup> to 34<sup>th</sup> Street providing a flyer regarding drainage; responded about the population statistics throughout the county.

Mr. Guinosso announced a 4<sup>th</sup> ward meeting May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Hall.

Mr. DeVlieger spoke about several ongoing projects in the north end.

Mr. Wilson spoke about the different venues the bookmobile could be used for and stated that the bookmobile will have value to the community when properly used. Mr. Wilson also addressed the population and need to look at the quality of life in Ocean City.

**ORDINANCES: SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

**#15-13: An Ordinance Amending Chapter XII, “Building and Housing” to add a new Section 12-12 Entitled “Abandoned Properties” to the Administrative Code of the City of Ocean City.** Ms. McCrosson reported that she had conversations with other municipal solicitors working on the same issue and requested that Council set aside the ordinance until a resolution is brought forward declaring that there is a need for an ordinance addressing abandoned properties; that it is an issue and that there are abandoned properties in the City; such a resolution would protect the city from litigation and would strengthen the ordinance to make sure the foundation of the ordinance is as strong as possible. Ms. McCrosson said a resolution could be brought forward at the next council meeting followed by an ordinance in June.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #15-13. There was no motion to adopt. Ordinance #15-13 died at the table.

## **RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA**

**15-51-117 #2.** A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of City Contract #15-08, Digital Recording Production Service for the City of Ocean City Cooperative Pricing System #251COCCPS

**15-51-118 #3.** A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of City Contract #15-26, Supply & Delivery of Portland Concrete

**15-51-119 #4.** A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of City Contract #15-27, Improvements to Various Racquet Court Facilities

**15-51-120 #5.** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #15-23, 10<sup>th</sup> Street Bulkhead Improvements

**15-51-121 #6.** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #15-24, Reconstruction of the Boardwalk from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Plaza Place

**15-51-122 #7.** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #15-25, Supply & Delivery of Fluorescent Bulbs, LED Bulbs & Electronic Ballasts

**15-51-123 #8.** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Provision of Electric Generation Supply Service for the South Jersey Power Cooperative

**15-51-124 #9.** A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract between the City Of Ocean City & Czar Engineering, LLC for the Restoration of the Ocean City Transportation Center

**15-51-125 #10.** A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Two (2) Used Lawnmowers, One (1) Used Tiger Lawnmower & One (1) Used Scag Mower from the Borough of Avalon, New Jersey

**15-51-126 #11.** A Resolution Authorizing the City of Ocean City to Execute a Grant Application to the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) Grant

**15-51-127 #12.** A Resolution Authorizing City's Participation in the Houston – Galveston Area Council of Governments National Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGAC-Buy) for Contract #HT06-14, Medium & Heavy Trucks & Truck Bodies with Chastang Enterprise d/b/a Chastang Ford and #RH08-14, Refuse Handling Equipment with Wayne Enterprises, LLC for Acquisition of One (1) Refuse Handling Compactor Vehicle for use by the Department of Community Operations

**15-51-128 #13.** A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1, Final Acceptance and Final Payment of City Contract #14-27, Reconstruction of the Boardwalk from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Plaza Place

**15-51-130 #15.** A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in State Contract #T-2776, Police Vehicles: Sedans and Sport Utility Vehicles for the Purchase of Two (2) 2016 or Newer Ford Police Interceptor Utility, AWD Vehicle

**15-51-131 #16.** A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

**15-51-132 #17.** A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 3301 Central Avenue, Block 3301, Lot 10, Project #13-047ZC

**15-51-133 #18.** A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with the City of Wildwood, New Jersey regarding the Handling, Transporting and Placement of the CDF Material for Landfill Capping and Closure

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

## **RESOLUTIONS – NON CONSENT AGENDA**

**15-51-129 #14.** A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #14-39, Installation of Track Surface at Carey Field. Mr. Guinosso pulled the resolution because he felt the cost of the contract was too high and should have gone out to bid. Mr. Mallon explained the reasons behind the change order was to get the shuffleboard courts completed while the contractor was already working on a project at the field complex.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – Resolution #14.** There were no comments.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #14. Motion moved by Mr. Guinosso; seconded by Mr. Allegretto. All ayes followed.

## **PENDING BUSINESS**

Mr. DeVlieger indicated that most of the hurdles have been cleared for the skate park to begin, and the park being completed sometime during the summer season.

Mr. Guinosso questioned who inspects the water company projects and spoke about his concerns regarding abandoned properties. Mr. Mallon said the City's project management teams are involved with the utility projects.

Mr. McClellan invited the public to attend the annual Memorial Day Service on May 25<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am at Veteran Field.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

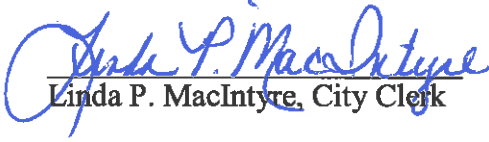
Mr. DeVlieger invited the public to the memorial beach challenge event at the Music Pier.

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

**Al Keleher, 3304 Haven Avenue** - commented the utility work is being done efficiently and systematically.

**Michael Hinchman, 281 West Atlantic Boulevard** – provided recommendations regarding abandoned properties; suggested growth of the City by marketing the town for retirees and second homeowners and made suggestions on ways to promote the library.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Allegretto. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

  
Linda P. MacIntyre, City Clerk