

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 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 present was Mayor Gillian, Mr. Mallon, Business Administrator and Ms. McCrosson, City Solicitor.

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

Bill Hartranft, 728 Battersea Road – spoke about flooding and provided information on Best Management Practices related to porous asphalt pavement.

The City Clerk read the Sale of Notes: Note 2015-01 dated June 18, 2015 in the amount of \$28,950,000 in Bond Anticipation Notes. Ocean City received 4 bids and the note was awarded to Jefferies & Co., LLC; maturity date is June 17, 2016 with a net interest cost of .46% payable at maturity.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of Thursday, May 28, 2015 (all present). Motion moved by Mr. Guinosso; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Gillian announced he will hold a public meeting on June 27th at 1:00 pm at the Howard S. Stainton Senior Center to provide an update on the current situation of Back Bay dredging. Mr. Hartzell requested the town meeting be advertised to afford the entire City Council the opportunity to attend and participate.

Mr. Mallon reported the total number of tax appeals filed this year was 47, which have all been resolved and confirmed that 102,500 preseason beach tags were sold.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Allegretto reported the Tourist Development Commission approved a couple advertising items in the Courier Post and the Post will provide a fall event insert in their publication.

ORDINANCES: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #15-14 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **#15-14 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 explained the ordinance directs the public officer designated by the Mayor to create an abandoned property list consisting of properties the public officer determines to be abandoned, based on statutory criteria, and authorizes the City to utilize the Abandoned Properties laws of the State to address the blight resulting from the abandonment of the property and encourage and/or compel rehabilitation of such property.

Mr. Guinosso asked how property owners would be notified in the event of a property that is abandoned. Ms. McCrosson explained the notification process. Mr. Hartzell asked for a couple of examples of why the City would move forward based upon what criteria. Ms. McCrosson explained the different definitions in the State Statute regarding abandoned properties and nuisance properties.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

15-51-146 - #1. A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #15-30, Acquisition & Installation of Kentucky Bluegrass Sod

15-51-147 - #2. A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #15-26, Supply & Delivery of Concrete & Related Materials

15-51-148 - #3. A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City and McCrosson & Stanton, P.C. for General Legal Services

15-51-149- #4. A Resolution Authorizing City’s Participation in the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance ("U.S. Communities") for County of Fairfax, Virginia RFP #2000000330, Office Furniture & Related Services & Solutions for Acquisition of Office Furniture for the City of Ocean City, NJ

15-51-150 - #5. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor or his Designee to make Application for a Green Acres Application and Execute an Agreement with the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program for the 19th Street Beachfront Project

15-51-151 - #6. A Resolution Authorizing the Extension of City Contract #14-16, Towing & Lockout Services

15-51-152 - #7. A Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Tax Sale Certificate #14-00019 and Refund the Lien Holder due to Erroneous Lien

15-51-153 - #8. A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

15-51-154 - #9. A Resolution Amending the 2015 Budget of the City of Ocean City to Include Additional Revenue from the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Clean Communities Grant Program

15-51-155 - #10. A Resolution Authorizing the Release of all Guarantees for a Construction Project at 1115 Asbury Avenue, Block 1104, Lot 10, Project #13-017PSPP

15-51-156 - #11. A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 2745-51 West Avenue, Block 2703, Lot 4, Project #14-002PMN

15-51-157 - #12. A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 109 West 17th Street, Block 1709, Lot 24, Project #14-014ZC

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

PENDING BUSINESS

Mr. Allegretto suggested a Council Workshop to be held on Thursday, July 16th at 6:00 pm to discuss the recommended changes to the Historic District Ordinance. Representatives of the State of New Jersey Historic Preservation Commission and the City's Historic Preservation Commission will also be attending. Council was in agreement of holding the workshop.

Mr. DeVlieger announced Mike Dattilo, Executive Assistant to the Mayor will make a short presentation on current projects in the north end at an upcoming 1st ward meeting on June 24th 7:00 pm Bayside Center, followed by any questions of residents concerns.

Mr. Guinosso spoke about drainage issues which were repaired at 55th Street and addressed concerns with the bike path which Police Sgt. Hopely is aware of.

Mr. McClellan announced he will hold a 2nd Ward Meeting on Saturday, June 20th at 10:00 am at the 8th & Haven Recreation Center.

Mr. Hartzell said that at the last council meeting the Smart Growth group spoke about retaining open space and affordable housing. Mr. Hartzell said an opportunity may present itself and suggested the City contact the current developer of the Palermo property to present an affordable housing plan at that location. Ms. McCrosson said affordable housing would lead to an increase the density and involves a complicated tax credit and very long process. Mr. Hartzell spoke about an inaccurate email sent out by a resident regarding his comments on flooding along 26th to 34th Street; for the record he said he is all for resolving the flooding issues.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Dale Braun, 326 West Avenue – suggested if in the future the City acquires an abandoned property along 9th Street they retain a portion for open space and perhaps permit the return of a right hand turn lane onto 9th Street.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell; seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.



Linda P. MacIntyre, City Clerk