

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015 – 7:00 PM  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Council President Hartzell 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**

**Ed Johnson, 501 Surf Road** – complained about the stop sign at Surf Road and the recent installation of the concrete median, bike lane and bike markings in the roadway which he feels is unsafe to motorists and bicyclists.

**Gregory Hicks, 710 Moorlyn Terrace** – complained that boardwalk musicians are now confined to perform in the 500 block on the boardwalk; he feels that both professional and non experienced performers add value and benefit to families on the boardwalk if they were permitted to play at various locations along the boardwalk.

**RESOLUTION #1.**

**15-51-190-#1.** A Resolution Authorizing the Recognition of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Mr. Donato spoke about the Community Emergency Response Team and officially recognized the members. Council thanked the members for their time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Martin Pulgliughi, Emergency Management Coordinator of Cape May County:** spoke about the formulation of the CERT team and their volunteerism which allows the emergency responders to do their job in times of disasters.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #1. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson; seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to adopt the Regular City Council Meeting minutes of Thursday, July 9, 2015 (all present). Motion moved by Mr. Mr. Wilson; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

**REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Gillian responded to citizen comments that the administration received good feedback from input from the community to calm traffic around Surf Road and entertainers were moved to alleviate crowd congestion.

Mr. Mallon announced a neighborhood meeting will be held on August 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center. Michael Baker from Michael Baker International Company for Engineering Services will present a proposal for road and drainage improvements for 26<sup>th</sup> to 34<sup>th</sup> Streets, West to Bay Avenue. Mr. Mallon reported the dredge will be back July 31<sup>st</sup> to continue the south end beach replenishment project and that the administration had a positive follow up meeting with the Historic Preservation Commission from last week's meeting.

**REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL** – There were no council reports.

**ORDINANCES: INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING**

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #15-17 on first reading. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **#15-17: A Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$2,693,000.00 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,558,350.00 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 explained the improvements outlined in Section 3 of the bond ordinance.

Mr. Guinosso asked the Administration when the cross streets on Central Avenue would be addressed that were torn up by the New Jersey American Water Company. Mr. Donato said utility work was going on in that area and temporary patches were made to those streets and are not in the best condition. Mr. Mallon interjected that this area is adjacent to where the Baker review for a preliminary drainage project that may be incorporated into that project. Mr. Guinosso asked that he be kept updated.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #15-17 on first reading and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. Mr. Hartzell announced second reading and public hearing would be held on August 13, 2015.

## **ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to take up Ordinance #15-15 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **#15-15: An Ordinance Establishing and Fixing Salary for Director of Financial Management, Director of Police Services and Director of Fire & Rescue Services.** Mr. Mallon announced the 4-year salary increases were consistent with the salaries negotiated with the other collective bargaining units.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no comments on Ordinance #15-15.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #15-15 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Allegretto; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to take up Ordinance #15-16 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan; seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **#15-16: An Ordinance Establishing and Fixing Salary for City Clerk.** Mr. Mallon announced the 4-year salary increases were consistent with the salaries negotiated with the other collective bargaining units.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no comments on Ordinance #15-16.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #15-16 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. Allegretto; seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

## **RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA**

**15-51-191-#2.** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #15-29, Supply & Delivery of I-5 Soil Aggregate for Use at Various Locations

**15-51-192-#3.** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City RFP #Q-15-007, Consultant Services for the Community Development Block Grant Program in the City of Ocean City

**15-51-193-#4.** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Huber Locksmiths, Inc. for Citywide Lock Service

**15-51-197-#8.** A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of City Property that has been deemed Surplus or Abandoned with GovDeals, Inc.

**15-51-198-#9.** A Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Grace Period for the August 2015 Tax Quarter

**15-51-199-#10.** A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

**15-51-200-#11.** A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ocean City Firefighters Association IAFF, Local 4032

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

## **RESOLUTIONS – NON CONSENT AGENDA**

**15-51-194 - #5.** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to TriState HVAC Equipment, LLP for Maintenance & Repair of the HVAC System at the Aquatic & Fitness Center. Mr. Guinosso asked for clarification. Mr. Mallon said the air conditioning at the Aquatic Center is not operating at full capacity and needs to be repaired due to the environment elements.

**15-51-195 - #6.** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to North Star Appraisal Company for Appraisal of Properties on an As Needed Basis. Mr. Guinosso asked for clarification. Ms. McCrosson stated that North Star Appraisal Company would be used on an as needed basis only.

**15-51-196 - #7.** A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the Municipal Shared Service Defense Agreement with Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC for Statewide Fair Share Housing Numbers to Calculate Municipal Affordable Housing Obligations through the State University of New Jersey ("Rutgers"), which Employs Dr. Robert Burchell. Mr. Guinosso asked for clarification. Ms. McCrosson said the resolution will authorize the city's participation in a Municipal Shared Service Defense Agreement to calculate a statewide Fair Share housing appraisal related to COAH. She said there is a lot of flux in the appraisal of real property in this area. The city will join with other municipalities in the state to retain an expert to calculate its fair share housing obligation. Mayor Gillian said it will also help to protect the City's COAH Trust Fund consisting of fees collected over the years from developers. Mr. Allegretto asked if the city would consult with Shirley Bishop who is a professional planner and COAH consultant. The Administration responded that they would.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no comments on Resolution #5, #6 or #7.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #5, #6 and #7. Motion moved by Mr. Guinosso; seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed.

## **PENDING BUSINESS**

Mr. Allegretto provided a recap of last week's council workshop meeting on the Historic District. Mr. McClellan was of the opinion that maybe in conjunction with the Historic Museum to figure out a way to help promote and beautify the historic district.

Mr. Hartzell said there was frustration by the residents in the Historic District when listing their home for sale and the obstacles they have to overcome to rehab their properties. Mr. Hartzell said in the past it was difficult to obtain historic grant monies for time period lighting.

Mayor Gillian said administration will sit down with Historic Preservation Commission to see what will make it easier to for residents of the district to maintain their homes rather than tear down.

Mr. Mallon said the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that a Council liaison attend their meetings going forward. Ms. McCrosson offered an opinion on how a council representative could become a non-voting or member of the commission. Mr. Hartzell asked Mr. McClellan to contact the commission with recommendation on how to move forward with a member of Council to attend meetings.

Mr. DeVlieger said he recently had a meeting with residents of the W. Inlet Road area and the challenges they have with changes to street signs and the median circle placed in the area to calm traffic. He would like residents to know it is still a work in progress. Mr. DeVlieger said neighbors at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Marina area are concerned about the potential of someone falling into the bay and asked for some type of floatation device be stationed on the piers in case of emergency because the access to water is not good. A floating dock would be advisable. Mayor Gillian said there is an action plan in the works to bring a resolution to that area.

Mr. Guinosso suggested improving the 34<sup>th</sup> Asbury playground lighting and asked about the restriction placed on the boardwalk for musicians to entertain between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Gillian responded that it is being reviewed.

Mr. Wilson suggested that a ladder be placed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Marina to help with access to the water.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

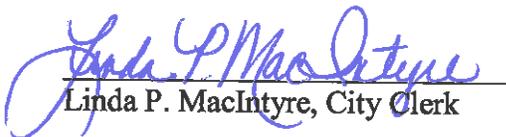
Mr. Wilson announced he would be holding a ward meeting and would like his constituents to contact him with any issues they would like to discuss.

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

**Frank Worrell, 3305 Simpson Avenue** – complimented Mr. Hartzell on a speedy meeting and commented that an additional increase should be considered for the City Clerks' salary.

**Dale Braun, 326 West Avenue** – spoke about educating the pedestrians and bicycles riders.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson; seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

  
Linda P. MacIntyre, City Clerk