

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Ms. Bergman, Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Guinosso, Mr. Madden, Mr. McClellan, and Mr. Hartzell. Mr. Wilson was absent. Present also was Mayor Jay A. Gillian, Administrator James Mallon and Solicitor Dorothy McCrosson.

Council President Keith Hartzell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. Mr. Hartzell then announced that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ed O'Donnell – Port-O-Call Hotel - Mr. O'Donnell spoke about the importance of spirituality in Ocean City and the importance of rejuvenating spirituality America. He suggested inviting evangelist Franklin Graham to Ocean City in the summer to speak and spiritually uplift the people and city. Also, he said that there is too much smoking in Ocean City and thinks it should be outlawed. He asked if council would honor Anna Santoro, owner of Three Brother's Pizza; her birthday is April 26th.

Giancarlo Granese – 135 E. Atlantic Blvd - Mr. Granese is the President and owner of the Ocean City Nor'easter's franchise which is a premier amateur football (soccer) team in the nation. He spoke about his organization and its importance in Ocean City. He expressed his thoughts and suggestions about the bid process relative to the summer camp program.

Chris - 137 Central Avenue - Thinks that a produce business in Ocean City would be a great idea and would like information on how to rent or own vacant property such as the Exxon Station so that he can use that location for his business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2016. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan, second by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Wilson who abstained due to the fact that he was not present at the March 24, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION

Business Administrator, James Mallon read a Proclamation recognizing the month of April as Autism Awareness Month. Mr. Mallon also announced that the 200 foot mailing notice relative to Ordinance No. 16-03 is not complete and asked that council table this ordinance until the May 12, 2016 regular council meeting. Also, beach replenishment will begin again at the south end of the island which is expected to be completed before the Memorial Day weekend. The city received the permit from the Army Corps of Engineers to construct the roads from site 83. A pre-construction meeting was held today and work will start shortly and is expected to be complete by the end of June (weather permitting). Ocean City was named the best beach in America; more than 100,000 people across the U.S. voted for Ocean City and we will be featured in the June 2016 issue of Coastal Living's Magazine. A celebration and news conference will be held in honor of being named the best beach in America.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Madden reported that at the tourism meeting this morning they discussed how they will promote the contest that Ocean City won naming the city as Best Beaches of America. Also, revenue is up this year and the tourism committee will look at how they will spend that money moving forward.

Mr. McClellan reported that at the Planning Board meeting last night the members discussed their concerns about the dock at 10th Street; there are no railings and Mr. McClellan would like to know if it is possible to have a report ready for the next meeting.

Mr. DeVlieger wanted to know if there is a timeline relative to the valve on 6th Street.

ORDINANCES: INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to take up Ordinance #16-06 on a first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Guinosso who recused himself. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **Ordinance No. 16-06, An Ordinance Amending Chapter XXX (Municipal Fees) of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Ocean City, New Jersey Regarding Beach Fees (Beach Tags Not Required for Qualifying Active Military, Veterans and Family Members)**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson explained that the ordinance allows for qualifying active military, veterans and family members may present identifying documentation in lieu of beach tags for free admittance on the beach. Proper identification includes a valid military ID card, a DD214 form or an identification card indicating the holder is a Veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #16-06 on a first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Guinosso who recused himself.

Mr. Hartzell announced that the second reading and public hearing for Ordinance #16-06 will be held at the regular council meeting scheduled on April 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to take up Ordinance #16-07 on a first reading. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed. The clerk read the Ordinance by title: **Ordinance No. 16-07, An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Ocean City to Convey Its Interest, If Any, In the Lands Adjacent to Block 1608, Lot 1, for the Sum of \$1.00 via Quit Claim Deed**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson explained that State Statute enables municipalities to sell land that is not needed for public purpose. The city can sell land at fair market value as long as the land is first offered to contiguous property owners. This ordinance allows for a quit claim deed which would enable the city to release its title and interest if any, so that moving forward the city would not be able to claim ownership for this specific property.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #16-07 on a first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Guinosso, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

Mr. Hartzell announced that the second reading and public hearing for Ordinance #16-07 will be held at the regular scheduled council meeting on April 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to table Ordinance #16-03. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed. Mr. Hartzell announced that the second reading and public hearing for Ordinance #16-03 will be held at the regular scheduled council meeting on May 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

16-52-098 - #1 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #16-24, Acquisition & Installation of Kentucky Bluegrass Sod

16-52-099 - #2 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #16-25, Howard S. Stainton Wildlife Refuge Habitat Maintenance

16-52-100 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #16-03 R-1, Concession Licenses for the Sale of Food, Ice Cream & Beverage Related Products at Designated City Owned Street Ends

16-52-101 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #16-09, Recreational Soccer Camp Program

16-52-102 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #16-20, Supply & Delivery of Lumber & Piling

16-52-103 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #16-21, Fabrication & Supply of Welded Aluminum Railing to Include All Incidentals

16-52-104 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing a 2016 Summer Season Lease Agreement Between the City of Ocean City & the Flagship Condominium Association for the Use of a Parking Office Facility & a Right of Way to Connect the Adjacent Municipal Parking Lots

16-52-105 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) for RFP #112014, to Purchase Mobile Refuse Collection Vehicles with Related Equipment, Accessories and Services

16-52-106 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #15-24, Reconstruction of the Boardwalk from 8th Street to Plaza Place

16-52-107 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 603 11th Street Block 1005, Lot 11, Project #14-006PMN

16-52-108 - #11 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 2149 Wesley Avenue Block 2100, Lot 10, Project #14-018zc

16-52-109 - #12 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 4619 Central Avenue Block 4601, Lot 8, Project #14-019zc

16-52-110 - #13 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 55 W 16th Street Block 1510, Lot 27, Project #14-022zc

16-52-111 - #14 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and/or His Designee to Execute a Grant Agreement Between the City of Ocean City and the New Jersey Department of Transportation

16-52-112 - #15 - A Resolution Authorizing the Installation of Telecommunications Equipment Pursuant to the Right-Of-Way Use Agreement with NextG Networks of NY, Inc.

16-52-113 - #16 - A Resolution Re-Appointing Richard A. Russell, Esquire as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Ocean City

16-52-114 - #17 - A Resolution Consenting to the Mayor's Appointment of William McGinnity as a Member to the Tourist Development Commission

16-52-115 - #18 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

16-52-116 - #19 - A Resolution Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property with Public Funds

16-117 - #20 - A Resolution Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel (Board & Commission Appointments) (Zoning Board of Adjustment)

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS

Mr. DeVlieger reported that there is an event in Margate this evening for Ocean City's Surf Team which will be competing nationally. The event cost is \$50.00 per family and he encourages anyone who is interested in donating to do so.

Mr. Guinosso reported that he thinks Ocean City winning the Beast Beach in America contest is fantastic. Also, he commented that there was a young lady at the south end who was instrumental in getting people together to help vote for Ocean City in the contest.

Mr. Hartzell commented on the appointment of Judge, Richard Russell and said he has done a great job. Also, Mr. McGinnty is a great asset and he appreciates his service.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DeVlieger mentioned the Doo Dah parade that is being held this weekend.

Mayor Gillian provided details such as the time and place and schedule of events for the Doo Dah parade.

Mr. Madden followed up with the details of the Doo Dah parade as well with help from Mr. Bergen.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Ray McNeely - 1301 Simpson Avenue – Mr. McNeely spoke about coastal cottages. He is in favor of single family homes for Ocean City, but the coastal cottages are too dense and they cause a parking issue.

Michael Hinchman – 281 W. Atlantic Blvd – Mr. Hinchman expressed his opinion and concerns about the way the city hires employees and he also discussed his thoughts about ethics within the city.

Wayne Mozzo – 1333 Pleasure Avenue – Mr. Mozzo spoke about his concerns relative to curbs and sidewalks being raised and the impact of the runoff's to the property owners. On 16th Street between West Avenue and Simpson there are curbs/sidewalks ten inches above properties that are now damned up and flooding. He suggests the city engineers inspect the framework before moving forward. He submitted photos for the council's review.

Gail Davidson – 21st Street – She thanked the council members and candidates for showing up to the meeting at the American Legion Auxiliary the other night that had to do with Veterans. She suggested an open forum inviting council and candidates so that they can meet residents. Also, Coffee Express was sent out to every person in the Military which is a free package and is wonderful.

Rita Stoffer - Ms. Stoffer spoke on behalf of the Ocean City Nor'easters and said to keep it in Ocean City because it is good for the youth.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

Melissa Bovera

Melissa G. Bovera, City Clerk