

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 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 Business Administrator, James Mallon and Solicitor, Dorothy McCrosson.

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

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Pam Craighead and Mr. Craighead– MS Society of the Delaware Valley – Mr. and Mrs. Craighead thanked the city, the council and administration for their help making the “City to Shore” ride possible and for being a part of it. There are about 15,000 people in the Delaware Valley with MS and this ride has helped to raise 6.5 million dollars; a huge percentage of that money goes to research for MS. They expressed their love for Ocean City and they hope to continue to have a successful turnout in the future.

Colin Murphy – North Street – Mr. Murphy presented a “petition to the city to discontinue the use of any and all pesticides and herbicides in the Lake Memorial Park located on the 400 block on Wesley Avenue.” About 72 people signed the petition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Thursday, May 26, 2016. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Guinosso. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Business Administrator presented the following proclamations:

- Recognizing June 2016 as PTSD Awareness Month
- Recognizing Flag Day (June 14) and National Flag Week

Mr. Mallon also reported that the city’s COAH requirements continue to move through the legal system and he will keep everyone informed of the progress. There is the possibility of working with Habitat For Humanity on local projects on city owned lots; the administration plans to hold a public meeting this summer to discuss options. A partnership with Habitat For Humanity provides for the construction of new units for families who meet specific financial requirements. Another topic discussed was the north end pump station. The city has decided it is prudent to move forward with the 6th Street pump station project with the outflow located at 6th Street. At this point the city’s CAFRA’s permit has been deemed complete and we are expecting an answer from the DEP on this permit by mid August. Some other items discussed had to do with the Bayside Center; the Bayside Center project is for upgraded electrical, specifically for HVAC and a new handicap ramp to improve accessibility. Mr. Mallon also spoke about a couple of agenda items; the change order for the lagoon outfall drainage improvements is because one property originally did not want to be part of the project, but changed hands and the new owner did not want the work done. The contractor was able to help with that particular homeowner’s request. Lastly, the deed restriction resolution lists multiple lots. Although those lots may be under different owners now, we need to approve the resolution in the same manner as it was originally crafted.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Madden reported that the Tourism Committee met and approved the resolution on the daily beach report with the OCNJ Daily. Also, the committee is considering looking into a new mobile application for tourism which would be more user-friendly and will help to attract more people to Ocean City. Also, boats are needed for the Night in Venice parade this year; if anyone knows of anyone interested in putting their boat in the parade they can contact the committee. There will be fireworks this year at the Night in Venice parade which will be going off in the bay around 9:00 p.m. There is a new brochure out from Coastal Living Magazine featuring Ocean City which will be passed around. Lastly, Mr. Madden encouraged everyone to vote for Ocean City again as the best beach on the website; oceancityvacation.com.

Mr. Guinosso reported that the Ecumenical Council had a meeting on Tuesday and out of that meeting the clothes closet made a report; last month they handed out 3,700 articles of clothing. Also, Mr. Guinosso informed everyone that former councilman Roy Wagner is doing pretty well; he is in Wesley Manor and it would be nice if he got some visitors to chat with (he is in room 309).

Mr. DeVlieger reported that the Ocean City Garden Civics Association is having a function this Saturday, June 11th at 11:30 am at the foot of the Longport Bridge for the Veterans.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 16-09 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title: **#16-09: An Ordinance Amending Chapter XXV, Zoning and Land Development of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Ocean City (Eliminate Mechanical Parking Lifts-Revised After First Reading)**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson explained that this ordinance would remove mechanical parking lifts from the hospitality zone and permit them when installed in single family or duplexes. This ordinance was amended upon introduction and the planning board reviewed it. It was the recommendation of the planning board that the language relative to the height of the ceiling of the garage be stricken from the ordinance.

Mr. Hartzell opened up the meeting for public comment on Ordinance No. 16-09.

Justin Flood – 22 Arkansas Drive – Mr. Flood was curious as to why businesses would be excluded. Also, why only indoors?

There was discussion between the governing body and solicitor and it was decided that the ordinance be amended to remove the restriction on garage ceiling height.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-09 on second reading and public hearing including the amendment. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Hartzell asked the clerk to read the consent agenda.

16-52-156- #1 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee For a Construction Project At 962 West Avenue Block 906, Lot 3, Project #08016PSPF

16-52-157-#2 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #16-34, 2016 Bayside Center CDBG Renovations Phase I & II

16-52-157-#3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #16-17 R-1, Supply & Delivery of Lifeguard Uniforms

16-52-157-#4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract Between Broyhill, Inc. and the City of Ocean City for Service, Parts and Accessories for the Load-N-Pak Utilized By the Department of Public Works

16-52-160-#5 - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract Between the City of Ocean City and McCrosson & Stanton, P.C. For General Legal Services

16-52-161-#7 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation In the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) National Cooperative Purchasing Program for Contract #102811-NAF, Public Safety, Vehicles, Fire Trucks & Equipment With National Auto Fleet Group

16-52-162-#8 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) National Cooperative Purchasing Program for Contract #031212, Auto and Truck Parts With Related Auto and Truck Equipment, Accessories, Supplies and Services With NAPA Auto Parts

16-52-163-#9 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #15-36, Lagoon Outfall Drainage Improvements at Various Locations

16-52-164-#10 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #15-33, Ocean City Welcome Center Modifications

16-52-165-#11 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #15-01, Fireworks Shows for the Calendar Years 2015-2016 for the City of Ocean City Cooperative Pricing System Members - (251COCCPS)

16-52-168-#14 - A Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Cape May County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

16-52-169-#15 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Hartzell asked the clerk to read the removed resolutions.

(Removed by Administration) **#6** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract Between the City of Ocean City and Maser Consulting, P.A. For Traffic Signal Design Services

16-52-166-#12 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Ocean City to Execute Documents to Release a Deed Restriction Regarding Block 702, Lots 19-23

Mr. Guinasso was concerned about the parking lots between Lots 19 through 22. Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation relative to the deed restriction and the reasoning as to why the removal of the deed restriction was requested.

16-52-167-#13 - A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of City Property That Has Been Deemed Surplus To the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Sheriff's Department's Police Academy

Mr. McClellan requested for this particular resolution be separate from the consent agenda.

Mr. Hartzell opened the meeting up to the public on Resolutions 6, 12 and 13.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to remove Resolution 6 from the agenda. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to approve Resolution 12. Motion moved by Mr. Guinosso, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

Mr. Hartzell asked for a motion to approve Resolution 13. Motion moved by Mr. DeVlieger, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. McClellan who abstained.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Guinosso mentioned that he spoke with the administration about the dumpsters around town that are not being covered properly and that are not in compliance. Mr. Mallon is aware and property maintenance will be taking proper action. Also, he spoke about ADA ramps around the city which he is concerned about people's safety. He mentioned the pesticides on the ground and the drainage issues it causes. Another question had to do with the planning board sub-committees and wanted to know if they have transcripts or minutes available from those meetings.

Ms. Bergman said thank you for finishing the project between 16th and 14th Street; it looks beautiful. There are quite a few water meters in that are in need to be filled in as they are tripping hazards, however, the project did go very well and the workers were very efficient. She also had questions about the north end. Another topic had to do with lawn maintenance of property owners who do not live here year round.

Mr. Hartzell said the Memorial Service was great and it turned out to be a wonderful event; it was an excellent tribute and Ocean City should be very proud. Also, Mr. Hartzell acknowledged Matt von der Hayden for all of his hard-work and effort as he is one of the employees who usually stays after hours and works late in the evening; he is very much appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. DeVlieger mentioned that he had a lot to do with the Skate Park coming into existence and the contest that was held last week that benefited the Humane Society was a huge success. The kids and parents who participated were very happy, it was fun to watch and it benefited a great cause. It really was a great community event and hopes to have more in the fall.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Frank Worrell – 3305 Simpson Avenue – Mr. Worrell suggested giving Mr. Von der Hayden a bonus.

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



Melissa G. Bovera, RMC
City Clerk

