

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Barr, Ms. Bergman, Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. McClellan, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Madden. Present also was Administrator, James Mallon and Solicitor Dorothy McCrosson.

Council President Peter Madden called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

There wasn't anyone who wished to speak to council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of Thursday, September 8, 2016. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Business Administrator, James Mallon provided an update on dredging; the work done in Snug Harbor is complete and the work in Glen Cove could be finished as early as tomorrow. The contractor will begin work in South Harbor if all goes well the first week of October. Also, Mr. Mallon reported that the road to site 83 is complete. Mr. Mallon, the Mayor, ACT and Anchor representatives as well as some city team members walked the road and site 83. They were able to see the CDF, the wetland plantings on the channel side and the methodology for removing water inside the CDF. The area under the bridge has been restored and the equipment that has been on site is expected to be removed soon. Also, there was discussion about the reuse of stone from the early section of road. Next, Mr. Mallon informed everyone that Atlantic City Electric will be making permanent restoration to the electrical system which will interrupt electric service on Tuesday, September 27th beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be two separate outages, each lasting up to 30 minutes in portions of the area from Battersea to 11th Street. The city will issue a reverse 911 for those in the area affected and the city has contacted the downtown merchants and Chamber of Commerce in order to keep businesses informed. Lastly, Mr. Mallon reminded everyone that the city has several big events scheduled over the next few days and he hopes everyone participates and enjoys them. Also, he asked that the residents and guests stay vigilant during these events and if anyone sees or hears anything that they think is out of place or of concern, to please speak to one of the city's police officers.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Barr reported on the 4th ward meeting that took place on Saturday, September 17th at the library. Out of that meeting there is a list of issues and concerns which have been documented and Mr. Barr has spoken with the administration relative to those issues and concerns. The next ward meeting will be held November 19, 2016. He thanked everyone for attending and for their participation.

Mr. Madden reported that the Tourism Commission put out a new postcard for fall and also mentioned that there are many events planned for the downtown area as well as the boardwalk for the fall season.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

16-52-270-#1 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City & William McLees Architecture, LLC for the 6th Street Firehouse Restroom Expansion

16-52-271-#2 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2, Final Acceptance and Final Payment of City Contract #15-27, R-1, Improvements to Various Racquet Courts at Various Locations

16-52-272-#3 - A Resolution Approving a Modification to the City of Ocean City 2016 Annual Action Plan for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Program

16-52-273-#4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance and Maintenance Guarantees for a Construction Project at 13 E. 14th Street, Block 1308, Lot 37, Project #15-009ZD

16-52-274-#5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Wilson reminded everyone about the Walk for the Wounded which is a great event to be involved in as it shows respect for the veterans and is a great opportunity to support the community. Also, October 13, 2016 there is a golf outing at Greate Bay Country Club in Somers Point that starts at 12 noon to support the VFW. The Run for the Fallen took place today and Mr. Wilson encouraged everyone to attend next year as it is a great way to help show your support to those who have lost their lives serving our country.

Mr. DeVlieger commented that the Walk for the Wounded is for a great cause and he encourages the community to show their support. Also, on Saturday the annual Air Show will be held at the Ocean City Airport located on 26th and Bay; Sunday is the Roar to the Shore bike event as well as the airplane event that will be held between 6th and 14th Streets. Mr. DeVlieger said he usually watches from the beach and he highly recommends people to attend. Another event being held is the Ocean City Theatre Company's car wash at the Intermediate School; there is no charge to get your car washed, but donations are appreciated.

Mr. Hartzell spoke about the Walk for the Wounded event and he highly recommends the community to donate and support the veterans. Also, Mr. Hartzell attended the Run for the Fallen and said it was an honor to be there; he spoke about the emotional impact of the Gold Star mothers and he thanked the VFW and the American Legion for participating as well as the children, seniors and veterans. Also, he thanked Mr. Barr for holding the 4th Ward meeting and doing a good job.

Mr. Barr reminded everyone that the Ocean City Theatre company is having their annual Halloween party this year. Also, he spoke about the first meeting that took place for the 4th Ward and he has put together a list of issues and concerns from the residents that he will address with administration. The next 4th Ward meeting is scheduled for November at the library. Mr. Barr also informed administration about some leaning poles on electric lines that he saw.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hartzell spoke about the idea of having dogs on the beach and said that he did his best to get opinions from the community which he did. In the future if there happens to be any sort of compromise he is willing to hear it and discuss it.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

There wasn't anyone who wished to speak to council.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Melissa G. Bovera, City Clerk