

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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 Mayor Jay Gillian, Administrator, James Mallon and Elizabeth Woods, Esq.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Brenda Braun – 326 West Avenue** – Ms. Braun is the newly elected President of the Ocean City Community Association; she spoke to council about the association's mission statement, goals for 2017 as far as community events and also about getting involved with other existing organizations in the city.

**Jesse Schmeizer – 318 East Surf Road** – Mr. Schmeizer is an Ocean City High School student who runs on the cross country track team; he informed council and administration that public works vehicles are driving on the new turf field and he is concerned about the wear and tear.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of Thursday, September 22, 2016. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

**REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:**

First, Mr. Mallon welcomed and thanked Liz Woods who joined council and the administration tonight as she filled in for Ms. McCrosson. Mr. Mallon read a proclamation in recognition of Fire Prevention Week which is from October 9<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> in Ocean City. Mr. Mallon reported that last week several members of the city team along with ACT Engineers visited Poplar Island in the Chesapeake, an island after nearly eroding away, has been built back to nearly 1,100 acres with dredge spoils and sand. The project is being managed by the Baltimore Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Environmental Service. The dredge material is coming from channels that lead to the Baltimore Harbor. This is a great example of what can be done when all agencies work together. Next, Mr. Mallon informed everyone that work started today on the next phase of the boardwalk reconstruction project which is from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Also, the re-decking of the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge is scheduled to begin with a tentative date of October 20<sup>th</sup> and there will be lane closures and delays. The West 17<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge project will most likely start in November. The city will receive silver certification in the Sustainable Jersey program in November. At this time, silver is the highest level the city can achieve. A lot of hard work was put in by the Green Team, including Mary Mozzo, Matt von der Hayden, Doug Bergman and several others. The city also received the Municipal Blue Star Certification today from Clean Ocean Action for environmental work done including the BioSale. Ocean City is the first municipality in Cape May County to receive this certification and one of only 6 municipalities in the State of New Jersey. Also, the last day to register to vote is October 18<sup>th</sup> and the City Clerk's office will be open until 8:00 p.m. Lastly, CFO, Frank Donato will be providing some brief updates to share with everyone along with some additional good news for the city.

CFO, Frank Donato provided an explanation on resolution numbers 17 and 18. Mr. Donato let everyone know the city has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$403,889.00 from the Department of Community Affairs to cover the city's FEMA cost share; Mr. Donato and Matt von der Hayden worked together on obtaining this grant for the city.

**REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:**

Mr. Hartzell thanked Mr. Schmeizer for speaking to council about his concerns relative to the new turf field. Mr. Hartzell acknowledged him for his maturity level, his approach and he also said that Mr. Schmeizer carries himself very well and he sets a great example.

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

**16-52-275 - #1** - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #16-41, 2016 Road Improvement Program - Phase IV

**16-52-276 - #2** - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #16-43, Bulkhead Improvements at Various Locations

**16-52-277 - #3** - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #16-50, Timber ADA Ramp Improvements at Various Locations

**16-52-278 - #4** - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #16-51, 2016 Improvements to Various Court Facilities

**16-52-279-#5** – A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #16-36, 2016 Traffic Signal Improvements at Various Locations

**16-52-280-#6** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #16-38, 2016 Road Improvement Program – Phase III

**16-52-281 - #7** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #16-42, Supply of I-5 Soil Aggregate



**16-52-282 - #8** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #16-44, Acquisition of a 43,000 GVW Dump Truck  
**16-52-283 - #9** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City & ACT Engineering, Inc. for Outfall Stabilization – Harbor Road/Brittany Drive  
**16-52-284 - #10** - A Resolution of Support from the City of Ocean City Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant Application  
**16-52-285 - #11** - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in State Contract #T-2100, Vehicles, Trucks, Class 2, Pickup/Utility, with Snow Plow Option for the Purchase of One (1) 2017 Ford F-250 Class 2, 4x4, Utility Body Pickup with Snow Plow for the Department of Public Works  
**16-52-286 - #12** - A Resolution Authorizing Final Acceptance and Final Payment of City Contract #15-18, City Hall Ground Floor Door and Window Replacement  
**16-52-287 - #13** - A Resolution Authorizing Change Orders #1, 2 & 3, Final Acceptance and Final Payment of City Contract #15-21, R-1, 2015 Back Bay Dredging  
**16-52-288 - #14** - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2, Final Acceptance and Final Payment of City Contract #16-18, Installation of Artificial Turf at Carey Field  
**16-52-289 - #15** - A Resolution to Support Submission of Application for New Jersey Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program  
**16-52-290 - #16** - A Resolution Approving Tax Overpayment Refund 2016-28  
**16-52-291 - #17** - A Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2016 of the City of Ocean City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$38,800,000 in Principal Amount  
**16-52-292 - #18** - A Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of \$38,800,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2016 of the City of Ocean City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey and Providing for Their Sale  
**16-52-293 - #19** - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

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

#### **PENDING BUSINESS:**

Mr. Barr reported that FIT has appointed James Tweed as their new president. They are working on issues that are important to them and to the city and with Mr. Tweed as the new president, it will set a new tone for FIT.

Mr. Hartzell reported that moving forward council will have better lines of communication with the FIT members including more meaningful discussions. Mr. Hartzell also commented that the block party this past weekend was a great success and public works did a great job cleaning up and their courtesy level was exceptional.

Mr. DeVlieger informed everyone that one of the vendors who participated in the block part this past week was from Sea Isle City and commented that they sold more t-shirts here in Ocean City. Also, Mr. DeVlieger was unable to attend the FIT meeting due to work obligations.

Ms. Bergman wanted to know how the city did this summer financially relative to beach tag sales and parking fees. Also, she let Ms. Braun, President of the Ocean City Community Association, know that she would like to attend their meetings and be involved to help the association any way that she can.

Mr. Wilson thanked Mr. Donato and Mr. Von der Hayden for all of their efforts and hard work obtaining the grant money for the city. Also, Mr. Wilson wanted to know what can be done about the foxes in the city.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Wilson reminded everyone about the golf outing taking place on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at Greate Bay Country Club in Somers Point to benefit the VFW.

Mr. DeVlieger reminded everyone that the Ocean City Theatre Company is selling tickets for their Halloween party; you can purchase them online as well.

Mr. Hartzell reminded everyone about Martin Luther King Day and is welcoming more volunteers to participate in the events for that day.

Mr. Madden asked if the governing body would consider discussing the sign ordinance in the near future in an effort to make the ordinance more concise and consistent.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT:**

There wasn't anyone from the public who wished to speak to council.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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



**Melissa G. Bovera, City Clerk**