

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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 and Business Administrator, James Mallon.

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 from the public who wished to speak to council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Business Administrator, James Mallon reported that the city has been notified that the Comcast local office in Ocean City will be closing as of November 18, 2016. This closing has been discussed for a couple of years and the city has done what they could within the laws to keep their office in town. Also, the city is having positive dialogue with the County regarding holiday decorations for the 34th Street area; the city should have final approval on locations and options from the County soon. The poles for Asbury Avenue will be going up shortly after Halloween with the decorations going up mid month. Mr. Mallon asks everyone to be cautious driving on the avenue while the decorations are put in place.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. DeVlieger suggested that a committee be put in place to discuss the replacement of the Comcast building; the Utility Advisory Committee can go over what options are available and discuss alternative vendors.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 16-28 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title.
Ordinance No. 16-28 - An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Ocean City, Chapter XII "Building and Housing" at Section 12-5 "Property Maintenance Code"

Mr. Mallon explained that this ordinance would make the provisions of the International Property Maintenance Code in effect in Ocean City applicable to historic properties. Currently, Code Enforcement can only compel correction of maintenance code violations affecting historic properties if the cost of correcting the violation equals more than 25% of the cost of replacing the entire improvement on which the violation occurs. This proposed ordinance would authorize the city's Code Enforcement officers to require maintenance of historic properties in the same manner and to the same extent as non-historic properties.

There was some discussion between the governing body and administration.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-28 on first reading and introduction and publish according to law. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. DeVlieger who recused himself. Mr. Madden announced that second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 16-28 will be held on November 10, 2016.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

16-52-294 - #1 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #16-52, Acquisition of Two (2) 2017 or Newer Class 3 SRW 4WD Pickup Trucks

16-52-295 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award for City Contract #17-04 Citywide Custodial Services for the City of Ocean City

16-52-296 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City & Hyland Design Group for Planning Services in Conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Grants

16-52-297 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in Atlantic County Cooperative Pricing Program for Award of County Bid Furnishing & Delivering of Rock Salt to Participating Members of the Atlantic County Cooperative Program (#41-ACC)

16-52-298 - #5 - A Resolution Certifying the Governing Body Has Reviewed the Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire

16-52-299 - #6 - A Resolution Amending the 2016 Budget of the City of Ocean City to Include Additional Revenue from the Department of the Treasury, State of New Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice 2016 Body Armor

16-52-300 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of A Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 34 Corinthian Avenue, Block 6, Lot 28.05, Project #13-031PMSP

16-52-301 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

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

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. DeVlieger reminded everyone to purchase tickets for the Ocean City Theater Company's Halloween party this year.

Mr. Barr said that he was contacted by his constituents about lighting in the 52nd Street alley and wanted to know if there any plans in place. Also, he thanked the Mayor for getting the holiday decorations for the 4th ward.

NEW BUSINESS:

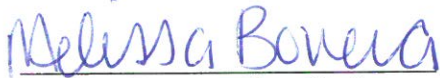
No new business was discussed.

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. McClellan. All ayes followed.



Melissa Bovera, City Clerk