

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017 – 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 A. Gillian, Business 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. Ms. Bergman led the prayer. Mr. Madden announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Robert Miller – 57 Central Avenue** – Mr. Miller spoke about how much Ocean City has changed over the years and is not happy about all of the overdevelopment that has happened.

**Rich Tolsen – 708 Plymouth Place** – Mr. Tolson spoke to the governing body and administration about this year's proposed budget items; specifically he touched on the proposed new public safety building, restrooms at 5<sup>th</sup> and Asbury and the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Firehouse.

**Michael Hinchman – W. Atlantic Blvd** – Mr. Hinchman suggested that each line item on the budget should be listed. He also commented on the security at the dog park (why is security needed); the proposed bathrooms at 5<sup>th</sup> and Asbury (there may be other options available and why not use the bathrooms that are there now) and he also said that the city should be more careful with public funds especially when it comes to the public safety building.

Mayor Gillian read a Proclamation Recognizing February 2017 as Black History Month in Ocean City, NJ.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt the Capital Plan Budget Workshop Minutes of Tuesday, January 24, 2017. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of Thursday, January 26, 2017. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Madden who abstained because he was not present at that meeting.

**REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:**

Mr. Mallon reported that as part of the capital plan, the city has moved the financing for the public safety building out one year. The concept of a new public safety building has been a multi-year process for the city and like any other project, such as dredging or a major road drainage project the city gathers facts and then presents the concept at a town hall meeting. Mr. Mallon said that the city will hold a town hall meeting with details from the city's professionals and seek additional input from the community. Also, Mr. Mallon said that the administration has received questions regarding the boardwalk "street ends" on the capital plan. This is funding for improvements at 14<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. At 14<sup>th</sup> Street the city is improving the vehicle and pedestrian ramps; at 6<sup>th</sup> Street the city is addressing public safety issues with the street end, improving drainage, adding a wider access ramp and replacing the restrooms.

**REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:**

Mr. DeVlieger commented on the library bus which was purchased by the library and was able to return tax payers money. He also commented on the proposed bathrooms at 5<sup>th</sup> and Asbury; he encouraged the city to explore the option of putting a snack stand (which could possibly sell hot dogs and Gatorade) by the skate park. Adding a snack stand would add revenue to the city and would be appreciated by the kids and adults who spend a lot of their time at the skate park.

Mr. Madden reported on the Tourism Commission's last meeting and said that they discussed television advertising, website advertising, and a new web app which is coming soon as well as the visitor guide and new marketing strategies that will be used to attract and promote tourism.

**ORDINANCES: INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING:**

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 17-01 on introduction and first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title.

**Ordinance No. 17-01 – A Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$12,182,500.00 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$11,573,375.00 in Bonds and Notes of the City of Ocean City for the Various Improvements or Purposes Authorized to be Undertaken by the City of Ocean City, New Jersey**

Administrator, Mr. Mallon explained that this bond allocates the defined dollar amount for the projects and equipment identified on page 3 of the ordinance. Mr. Mallon also provided a handout with appropriate categories included in the ordinance which were highlighted in yellow. Generally speaking, the city will be funding around one-third of this year's capital plan to initiate projects and purchase equipment necessary for the



summer. This is just a funding mechanism; purchases and construction projects will come before council at a later meeting for authorization.

There was some discussion between the administration and governing body and it was made clear that tonight the governing body is voting on appropriating money and in the future will vote independently on specific line items. The capital plan can always change and be adjusted as needed and the governing body encourages the community to call them with any questions that they may have.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-01 on introduction and first reading. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All ayes followed. Mr. Madden announced that second reading and public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

#### **RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

**17-53-044 - #1** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City and Protection 1 Security Solutions for the Cape May County Dog Park In Ocean City Security Access System Upgrade

**17-53-045 - #2** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #17-21, Supply & Delivery of Beach Path Matting

**17-53-046 - #3** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #17-05, Furnishing, Installation & Maintenance of Lease Coin Operated Binocular Viewing Machines for the City of Ocean City & 251 COCCPS Members

**17-53-047 - #4** - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract Between the City of Ocean City & More than Meets the Eye Touring, LLC For Professional Artist Supplied Production Services

**17-53-048 - #5** - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract Between the City of Ocean City & Red Entertainment Talent and Media, LLC For Professional Artist Supplied Production Services

**17-53-049 - #6** - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the State Contract #2100, Vehicles, Trucks, Class 2, Pickup/Utility, with Snow Plow Option for the Purchase of Three (3), 2017 Ford F-250 Class 2 Pickup Trucks for use by the Construction Code Enforcement Division, the Code Compliance Division & the Public Works Department

**17-53-050 - #7** - A Resolution Authorizing City's Participation in the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (US Communities) for Contract # MA-IS-1340234, LED Lighting Products with Graybar

**17-53-051 - #8** - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 to City Contract #16-38, 2016 Road Improvements – Phase III

**17-53-052 - #9** - A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for Substitute Municipal Prosecutors for the Ocean City Municipal Court for the 2017 Calendar Year

**17-53-053 - #10** - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #16-45, Ocean City Drainage Improvements

**17-53-054 - #11** - A Resolution Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations Reserve of the 2016 Local Municipal Budget Per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59

**17-53-055 - #12** - A Resolution to Adopt Capital Plan 2017 to 2021 and Specific Debt Service Guidelines

**17-53-056 - #13** - A Resolution Appointing Elizabeth Woods, Esquire As the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the City of Ocean City, NJ

**17-53-57 - #14** - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

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

#### **PENDING BUSINESS:**

Mr. Barr thanked the administration for having resolution #10 on the agenda for approval.

Mr. Hartzell also said thank you for having resolution #10 on the agenda and he also mentioned Barbara Gheen and Wesley Moore who recently passed away and asked that you keep them in your prayers.

Mr. DeVlieger spoke in regard to the dog park and said that the city received charity money and used it towards work that has been done there.

Ms. Bergman said that she is happy to have the resolution on the agenda regarding the beach path matting because the beach matts make getting on the beach much more convenient. Also, she thinks it is such a good thing to have the caliber of entertainers come to the city and she is happy to see wonderful things come to fruition. Also, she agrees that the massive release of balloons is detrimental to the ocean.

Mayor Gillian reported that the goal is to have the boardwalk complete by President's weekend and as far as the release of massive balloons goes the administration is going to continue to gather more information before rules and regulations are put in place.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was discussed.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**Marty Mozzo – 3803 Westminster Lane** – Mr. Mozzo is on the Environmental Commission and said that he has reviewed ordinances passed by Atlantic City, Margate, Longport and Ventnor relative to the release of

balloons and suggested that a fact sheet may be more effective than an ordinance. He has a great group of high school students who work with the Environmental Commission and they can put together a fact sheet.

**Bill Hartcranft – 728 Battersea Road** – Mr. Hartcranft spoke about the money for the dog park and how he thinks a lot of the spending does not make sense.

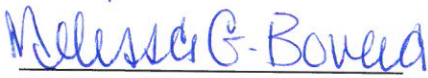
**Rich Tolson – 708 Plymouth Place** – Mr. Tolson said that if you are going to be a part of public service you have to have a thick skin; he is not opposed to all of the decisions made by council and the administration, but some of the decisions do raise concerns and this forum exists so that we can talk and ask questions.

**Michael Hinchman – W. Atlantic Blvd** – Mr. Hinchman said that he is here to challenge council and the Mayor and he spoke about the importance of transparency.

**Robert Miller – 3825 Central Ave** – Mr. Miller spoke about his concerns about flooding on the island and he wants council to bring Ocean City back to what it once was.

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. 8:02 p.m.



**Melissa G. Bovera**

**City Clerk**