

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Barr, Ms. Bergman, Mr. DeVlieger (7:05 p.m. arrival), Mr. Hartzell, Mr. McClellan (7:05 p.m. arrival), 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:

Ed O'Donnell – Port O'Call – Mr. O'Donnell spoke about the importance of peace. Also, he suggested that people go to the NFL Draft in Philadelphia to feel the high energy. Mr. O'Donnell spoke about making sure that children are being treated fairly in school and he touched upon the negative side effects of caffeine.

Dave Hayes – 641 Battersea Road – Mr. Hayes requested that resolution #8 be pulled from the consent agenda so that it can be discussed.

Michael Hinchman – W. Atlantic Ave – Mr. Hinchman commented on the 2017 capital plan. He said that the new pavilions are a great addition to the boardwalk and a tremendous job was done on the flow of replacing the boardwalk. He expressed his thoughts about the north end pump station suggesting that a committee should have been formed including council, administration, the public and professionals before making any decisions. Also, the proposed police station did not make any sense to him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of Thursday, April 13, 2017. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All ayes followed.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Business Administrator, James Mallon read a Proclamation Declaring April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day in Ocean City, NJ and he also read a Proclamation Declaring April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Business Administrator, James Mallon spoke about resolution #8, a change order to Phase II of the Lifesaving Station project. The change order includes three items; upgrade of the fire suppression system, additional insulation and electronic mobile connection for the fire and security system. The project is expected to be completed with access to the public by mid-summer. The city has received just under \$1.3 million in grant funding and \$1.65 million has been spent in city funding, some of which was a required city match to the grant. Another grant application has been submitted and is under consideration to construct an exact replica rescue boat. Volunteers have recently spent time in the national archives sifting through records identifying the Ocean City station membership as far back as 1871. This is valuable information that is essential to the operation of the facility. Although not finalized, the initial thought is that the station will operate like the historic museum, with individuals making contributions. Fees cannot be assessed without council's authorization and the city is still working on operations. An update will be provided once the city is closer to definitive terms. Also, Mr. Mallon reported that the Environmental Commission and Mr. Bergen have completed a fact sheet regarding balloon releases. A draft of the fact sheet has been distributed last week and if anyone has suggestions please share them. The fact sheets will be given out very soon and it will be posted online and there will be hard copies available at the welcome center. The city hopes that some key businesses will help to distribute them as well.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. DeVlieger reported that he attended the school board meeting; the meeting was great with awards and recognition given to students. Also, the tough topic of drug addiction was addressed and Ms. Sally Onesty spoke about the loss of her son to a drug overdose. Mr. DeVlieger like many others hopes to make greater strides to prevent drug abuse.

Ms. Bergman said that it is important as a community to educate kids about drug abuse and she too hopes to make greater strides to prevent the growing epidemic. Also, Ms. Bergman reported that the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce recognized Ms. Karen Mahar, Director of the Ocean City Library. Ms. Mahar is a great model and product of Ocean City; the Mayor spoke at the luncheon and he did an amazing job.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 17-08 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. 17-08 - An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Ocean City to Convey Its Interest in the Land Known as Block 3508, Lot 31 to Jane C. Anderman for the Sum of \$24,035.00

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson explained that this ordinance allows the city to sell this portion of the land to Ms. Jane C. Anderman; she is going to put in a sidewalk and maintain the property.

There was discussion between the governing body.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-08 on first reading and introduction. Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. Mr. Madden announced that second reading and public hearing will be held on May 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers and will be published according to law.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 17-06 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 17-06 - An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank per (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) for Calendar Year 2017**

CFO, Frank Donato explained that this ordinance allows the city to establish a cap bank for for future years and it is prudent to do so fiscally.

There was discussion between the governing body.

Mr. Madden opened the meeting up for public comment and there was not anyone from the public who wished to speak on Ordinance No. 17-06. Mr. Madden closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-06 on second reading. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTION:

17-53-128 - #1 - 2017 Local Municipal Budget - Second Reading and Public Hearing

CFO, Frank Donato discussed the budget in detail and there was discussion between the governing body.

Mr. Madden opened the meeting up for public comment.

Marie Hayes – 641 Battersea Road – Ms. Hayes expressed that the taxpayers of Ocean City are not happy about the increase in taxes or the increase in salaries.

There was discussion between the governing body and then Mr. Madden closed the public comment portion.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt the 2017 Local Municipal Budget. Motion made by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Wilson. The clerk stated that “Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Ocean City, County of Cape May that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums herein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$51,842,971.93 for municipal purposes, and \$3,989,112.00 Minimum Library Levy.” Mr. Madden asked for a roll call vote. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

17-53-129 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing a Grant Agreement Between the City of Ocean City and the State of New Jersey By and For the Department of Environmental Protection, Grant Identifier: AQ17-071

17-53-130 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #17-29, Boardwalk Reconstruction From 10th Street to 12th Street

17-53-131 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #17-32, Fabrication & Delivery of Welded Aluminum Boardwalk Railing

17-53-132 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #17-41, Improvements to Various Playground Facilities

17-53-133 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #17-42, Recreational Soccer Camp Program

17-53-134 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract Between the City of Ocean City & ACT Engineering, Inc. For the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Grant, Wetlands Restoration Design

17-53-136 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing the Extension of City Contract #16-17, Supply & Delivery of Lifeguard Uniforms

17-53-137 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #16-17 R-1, Supply & Delivery of Lifeguard Uniforms

17-53-138 - #11 - A Resolution Authorizing the City’s Participation in State Contract #T-2776, Police Vehicles: Sport Utility Vehicles ½ Ton 4WD for the Purchase of One (1) 2017 or Newer Chevrolet Tahoe PP, 4WD Vehicle for Use by the Police Department

17-53-139 - #12 - A Resolution Authorizing the City’s Participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance

(NJPA) National Cooperative Purchasing Program for Contract #120/16-NAF, Passenger Cars & Light/Medium/Heavy Duty Trucks with National Auto Fleet Group
17-53-140 - #13 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

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

RESOLUTION – NON-CONSENT:

17-53-135 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #15-38, Renovations to the Ocean City Lifesaving Station – Phase II

Mr. Mallon provided an explanation on the resolution #8 and there was much discussion between the governing body and it was suggested that more fundraising be done.

Mr. Madden opened the meeting up to the public for comments.

Dave Hayes – 641 Battersea Road – Mr. Hayes said that the Lifesaving Station is a jewel that belongs to the whole community and he is in favor of a fundraiser that will help to bring the community together.

James Tweed – 1512 Wesley Ave - Mr. Tweed commented that as a member of FIT he appreciates all of the openness and he would appreciate any additional presentations as he is eager to get to visit the Lifesaving Station once complete.

Mr. Madden closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt resolution #8. Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Ms. Bergman asked about the status of the gas stations at the gateway and she also asked about the marina next to the gas stations.

Mr. Hartzell spoke about the union process and the 2% increase given to salaries in response to Ms. Hayes's public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. DeVlieger spoke about the process of union negotiations.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

There was not anyone from the public who wished to speak.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. 8:27 p.m.


Melissa G. Bovera, City Clerk