

OCEAN CITY REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
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 (6:40 p.m.), Business Administrator, James Mallon and Solicitor, Dorothy McCrosson.

City Clerk, Melissa Bovera called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. Ms. Bergman led the prayer. Ms. Bovera announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL:

Ms. Bovera stated that nominations are open for the office of council president for a one year term beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. All nominations will be voted on in the order they are received. Ms. Bovera asked if there were any nominations. Mr. Barr made a motion to nominate Mr. Madden for Council President, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Ms. Bovera asked if there were any other nominations and there were none. Ms. Bovera stated “the motion on the table is for Mr. Madden as Council President for a one year term which has received a first and second motion.” Under a roll call vote there were all ayes.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL:

Ms. Bovera stated that nominations are now open for the office of council vice president for a one year term beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. Again all nominations will be voted on in the order in which they are received. Ms. Bovera asked if there were any nominations. Mr. Hartzell made a motion to nominate Mr. Wilson for Council Vice President, seconded by Mr. Madden. Ms. Bovera asked if there were any other nominations and there were none. Ms. Bovera stated “the motion on the table is for Mr. Wilson as Council Vice President for a one year term which has received a first and second motion.” Under a roll call vote there were all ayes.

Ms. Bovera turned the meeting over to Council President Mr. Madden.

RESOLUTION – NON CONSENT:

17-53-196 - #1 - A Resolution Remembering Maryellen Farrell

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt resolution #1. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All ayes followed. Mr. Madden opened the meeting up for public comment; there was none so, Mr. Madden closed the public comment portion for resolution #1.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Dave Hayes – 641 Battersea Road – Mr. Hayes spoke about resolution #9 on the agenda and spoke about the effects of global climate change and global warming. He suggested sustainability and landscaping rather than irrigation on a continuous basis. He suggested that resolution #9 be tabled.

Donna Moore – 30 Ocean Road – Ms. Moore agreed with the public comment from Mr. Hayes and also suggested that resolution #9 be tabled. She suggested that the Environmental Commission be involved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of June 22, 2017. Motion moved by Mr. DeVlieger, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Mallon reported that on tonight’s agenda there is a resolution allowing the DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers right of entry over a beach easement. This is an important resolution as it is a final step for a beach replenishment project in the north end for this fall. The hope is for the project to go out to bid this summer and then award a contract by the end of August. At that time the city will have a better understanding of the timing of the replenishment project. The project scheduling will be dependent on the successful bidder.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. DeVlieger reported that today he had a meeting with the marina owners at 3rd Street and he thanked Mr. Mallon and Mr. Hartzell for attending the meeting. At the meeting everyone tried to strategize and figure out the best way to handle the bulkhead situation. Mr. DeVlieger is enthusiastic about trying to get something done and is willing to be creative. He thanked the owners, Mr. Mallon and Mr. Hartzell for their time.

Mr. Hartzell thanked Mr. Mallon for coming out and meeting with the marina owners. He also thanked Mr. DeVlieger for calling the meeting and expressed that this is an important problem that needs to be fixed.

RESOLUTIONS – NON-CONSENT:

Mr. DeVlieger asked for resolution #9 to be removed from the consent agenda.

The clerk read the remainder of the consent agenda.

RESOLUTIONS:

17-53-197 - #2 - A Resolution Consenting to City Council's Appointment of Councilman Antwan L. McClellan to the Ocean City Planning Board

17-53-198 - #3 - A Resolution Consenting to City Council's Appointment of Councilman Robert Barr as Liaison to the Utility Advisory Commission

17-53-199 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #18-02, Lease of the 9th Street Parking Lot Restaurant Building

17-53-200 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #17-48, Acquisition of Two (2) 2017 or Newer 43,000 GVW Dump Trucks

17-53-201 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #17-49, Furnish & Installation of Video Equipment at the Ocean City Music Pier

17-53-202 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract Between the City of Ocean City & ACT Engineering Inc For the 2017 Dredging Program Engineering Support

17-53-203 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) for RFP #021815, Construction & Agricultural Equipment; Agricultural Tractors & Associated Equipment & Implements For a One (1) 2017 Year or Newer John Deere 6120M Tractor for the Division of Environmental Operations

17-53-204 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Good Fellows, Inc. D/B/A Coastal Landscaping For Replacement of the Irrigation System at the Community Center

17-53-205 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in State Contract #T-2100, Vehicle, Truck, Pickup, Class 2, Pickup/Utility, with Snow Plow Option For the Purchase of One (1) 2017 or Newer Ford F-250 Class 2 Pickup Truck To Be Used by the Public Works Department

17-53-206 - #11 - A Resolution Granting to the NJ DEP and Us Army Corps of Engineers a Right of Entry Over the City's Easement Area Regarding Block 74.01, Lots 2 & 3 (9 and 13 Beach Road)

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

The clerk read resolution #9. Mr. DeVlieger suggested that the resolution be tabled. He said that it would be a good idea for the Environmental Commission to get involved before moving forward.

There was discussion between the governing body and the Administrator.

Mr. Madden opened the meeting up for public comment on resolution #9.

Frank Worrell – 3305 Simpson Avenue – Mr. Worrell said that the pipes are exposed and it needs to be fixed.

Mr. Madden closed the public comment portion of the meeting on resolution #9.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt resolution #9. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Barr reminded everyone about the next 4th ward meeting being held Saturday, July 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the Ocean City Free Public Library and ACT Engineering representatives will be present at the meeting. He thanked Mr. Hartzell for going door to door with him in Merion Park.

Mr. Hartzell reported that he and Mr. Barr went door to door to every home in Merion Park to inform them of the next 4th ward meeting. He also spoke about the OCTC and suggested that the performances be filmed and then shown on Channel 97. He spoke very highly of the kids involved in the OCTC and praised them on their level of accomplishments and professionalism.

Mr. DeVlieger said that he supports the library and that it is a gem on the island; he wants it to be safe. He also spoke highly about the OCTC and said that tickets are still available for their next event and he encourages everyone to go and get tickets.

Ms. Bergman asked about the water tower and possibly getting it beautified.

Mr. Wilson suggested the Environmental Commission take a look at the Community Center; capture rain water and do good things with it. Also, he spoke about the turtles on 52nd Street and wanted to know if the city could get turtle crossing signs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Barr informed everyone that the list for the Housing Authority is now open and applications are being taken. There are six vacancies.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Marty Mozzo – 3803 Westminster Lane – Mr. Mozzo is the Chairman for the Environmental Commission and he will have an annual report to present to the council soon.

Frank Worrell – 3305 Simpson Avenue – Mr. Worrell thanked the administration for paving 26th to 34th Street.

Donna Moore – 30 Ocean Road – Ms. Moore spoke about the terrapin barriers that Margate currently has in place and suggested that Ocean City look into that option as well.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed. 7:00 p.m.



Melissa Bovera, City Clerk