

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Barr, Ms. Bergman, Mr. DeVlieger (7:05 p.m.), 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 Mr. 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 Road – Mr. Miller expressed his concerns about voting issues and the right for public speaking.

Carolyn Logan – 149 Bark Drive – Ms. Logan submitted photos of 52nd Street brush that has been removed. She is very concerned about the removal of the brush and requests that the city replace 42 shrubs within the next six months.

Jack McGonigle – 160 Anchorage Drive – Mr. McGonigle expressed his concerns about the brush removal at 52nd Street and requested that trees get replanted.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – Ms. Moore spoke about the importance of root structures of well-established plants and she spoke about her concerns and suggestions for the brush at 52nd Street. She had a poster that she made and also demonstrated with paper taped together what 42 trees looks like.

Marie Hayes – 641 Battersea Road – Ms. Hayes congratulated the Eagle Scout's for their achievements. She also spoke about her concerns about the brush removal at 52nd Street and wants to see the city replace the trees and shrubs. Ms. Hayes had questions and concerns relative to Ordinance No. 17-23 on the agenda.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Council President, Peter Madden introduced Mr. Bob Marzulli, Commander of the American Legion. Mr. Marzulli presented Certificates of Appreciation to James Smith, Fire Chief; Chad Callahan, Police Chief; Brendon Gheen, Police Officer; and Thomas Strunk, Police Officer.

Mayor and Council presented the following proclamations:

- A Proclamation Honoring Brendan Gheen, William Martin, George Karpinski, Ryan Lenegan, Matthew Slaughter, Jason Boyle, Sandy Monaghan And Lauren Lasassa
- A Proclamation Honoring Thomas Isaac Strunk

RESOLUTIONS – NON-CONSENT:

Mayor and Council presented the following resolutions to honor and acknowledge two Eagle Scout's on their accomplishments:

18-54-020-#1 - A Resolution Honoring Nicholas Theis

18-54-021-#2 - A Resolution Honoring Andrew Leonetti

Mr. Madden opened the meeting up for public comment on Resolution No.'s 1 and 2. There was no one from the public who wished to speak. Mr. Madden closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve Resolutions 1 and 2. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All ayes followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, December 28, 2017. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Hartzell who abstained.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Business Administrator, Mr. Mallon addressed some recent concerns regarding maintenance work on 52nd Street. The city owned strip of land along the shoulder of 52nd Street had routine maintenance in and around a city owned split rail fence. The primary objective of the brush removal was to provide improved and clearer access to the historically grassy area. The path near the split rail fence is an area commonly used by neighborhood pet owners to walk their animals and nearby homeowners appreciate the city keeping the area maintained. Mr. Mallon reported that over the last couple of years the brush, primarily compromised of phragmites had grown so excessively that the plant was forcing its way through the split rail fence making it very difficult for team members to maintain the area. In addition, the density of the brush seemed to foster the rapid growth of several varieties of unwelcome growth, such as poison ivy and sumac. The vegetation that was removed provides no protection from tidal flood waters and in actuality, the spread of phragmites threatens other plant and animal species. Mr. Mallon stated that the city recognizes the value of native trees and shrubs and team members have been instructed to be more precise in instructions for future projects and will be asking

contractors to contact a project manager if they are unclear on direction. On another note, the administration would like to recognize and congratulate Sea Isle City's recent achievement of moving to CRS level 3. This is a great achievement. The city team plans on bringing several documents before city council over the next few meetings in order to put Ocean City in a position to receive the same certification. The city is at level 5 now and is optimistic that they can reach level 3 soon. Mr. Mallon said it is great to see neighboring communities working toward similar goals. Additionally, NJ American Water and South Jersey Gas will begin work on an infrastructure improvement project on Roosevelt Blvd. Depending on the weather, this project could start in a couple of weeks. The project will start on the eastern end of Roosevelt Blvd approaching Bay Ave and will proceed to the beach and along Central Avenue. Residents will be notified and the city will post project maps on the city website. Lastly, Mr. Mallon reminded everyone about the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration being held Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the high school.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

There were not any reports given.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 17-23. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 17-23 - An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter XXV, Zoning and Land Development of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Ocean City, Cape May County, State of New Jersey (Hedges; Curbside Plantings)**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson explained that this ordinance would allow for removing the height limit on hedges.

There was discussion between the governing body.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-23 on first reading and introduction. Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed. Mr. Madden announced that second reading and public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2018 and will be published according to law.

RESOLUTION – NON-CONSENT:

18-54-022-#3 - A Resolution Adopting the 2018 Budget of the Special Improvement District of the City of Ocean City

CFO, Frank Donato provided an explanation on the resolution.

Mr. Madden opened the meeting up for public comment and no one from the public wished to speak. Mr. Madden closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 3. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

18-54-023-#4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #17-14, 2017 Road Improvement Program – Phase 3

18-54-024-#5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #18-23, 2018 Beach Outfall Improvements at Various Locations

18-54-025-#6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #18-24, Lease of City Owned Beach Parcels

18-54-026-#7 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Fire & Safety Services, Ltd for Warranty, Maintenance & Service of the Pierce Fire Trucks for the Department of Fire & Rescue Services for the 2018 Calendar Year

18-54-027-#8 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to VCI, Emergency Vehicle Specialists for Maintenance and Service of the Department of Fire & Rescue Services Ambulances for the 2018 Calendar Year

18-54-028-#9 – A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City and Edmunds and Associates, Inc. for the 2018 Software Maintenance Contract for the Financial Management System

18-54-029-#10 – A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City and Cody Computer Services, Inc. for the 2018 Software Maintenance Contract for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)/Records Management Services (RMS) for the City of Ocean City

18-54-030-#11 - A Resolution Authorizing the Extension of City Contract #17-18, Maintenance of City Owned Grounds & Garden Plots

18-54-031-#12 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City & Mark S. Ruderman, Esquire of Ruderman, Horn & Esmerado for Labor Counsel Services for the Calendar Year 2018

18-54-032-#13 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City & Thomas G. Smith, P.C. for Special Legal Counsel for Tax Appeals for the Calendar Year 2018

18-54-033-#14 - A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for Substitute Municipal Prosecutors for the Ocean City Municipal Court for the 2018 Calendar Year

18-54-034-#15 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #17-02, 2017 Road Improvement Program – Phase I

18-54-035-#16 – A Resolution Authorizing the Usage of Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(A) & N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(C) for the Calendar Year 2018

18-54-036-#17 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) National Cooperative Purchasing Program for Contract #041917-PIT, Mailing and Postage Equipment with Related Software, Accessories, Services & Supplies

18-54-037-#18 – A Resolution Establishing the Ocean City's "Green Team" for the Calendar Year 2018

18-54-038-#19 - A Resolution Appointing Joseph S. Clark, QPA City Purchasing Manager as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the City of Ocean City

18-54-039-#20 - A Resolution Consenting to City Council's Appointment of Peter Patrizzi and Ryan Price as Full Members and Reappointment of John Quinn as Alternate I and Appointment of Brian Geary as Alternate II to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

18-54-040-#21 - A Resolution Establishing Interest Rates for Delinquent Tax Payments and Other Municipal Charges

18-54-041-#22 - A Resolution Providing for a Temporary Budget for the City of Ocean City, New Jersey for Fiscal Year 2018

18-54-042-#23 - A Resolution Authorizing the Tax Assessor to File Tax Appeals on Behalf of the City of Ocean City

18-54-043-#24 - A Resolution Deferring School Tax to 2018

18-54-044-#25 - A Resolution Authorizing a Cash Management Plan for the City of Ocean City

18-54-045-#26 – A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

18-54-046-#27 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 City Contract #17-13, 2017 Road Improvement Program Phase 2

18-54-047-#28 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #18-25, City Hall Bathroom Improvements

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

PENDING BUSINESS:

Ms. Bergman commented on the trees at 52nd Street.

Mr. DeVlieger thanked Vince Bekier and Doug Bergen for attending the 1st Ward meeting. Mr. Bekier was a guest speaker and did a great job.

Mr. Hartzell reminded everyone about the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration and although he will not be able to attend, he encourages people to go. Also, Mr. Hartzell said the city did a wonderful job handling the storm.

Mr. McClellan provided details for the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration and he thanked all those who helped coordinate the event.

Mr. Barr thanked administration and the Mayor for making a difficult situation easy during the storm. Mr. Barr reminded everyone about the next 4th Ward meeting scheduled for January 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the library.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hartzell and Mr. DeVlieger both send their condolences to the Hughes family. Mrs. Hughes was an incredible lady and she will be missed.

Mr. Wilson said he will be missing the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, but encourages people to attend because it is a great event.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

David Hayes – 640 Battersea Road – Mr. Hayes spoke about Ordinance No. 17-23. He said people need some privacy and he also said hedges with an unlimited height doesn't make sense.

David Breeden – 114 Victoria Lane – Mr. Breeden thanked council for approving Resolution No. 13 on the agenda. He also commented that the Department of Public Works did a tremendous job during the storm. He also had suggestions about different equipment that public works can use when there is a snow storm.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – Ms. Moore commented on Resolution No. 6 and asked what beach parcels were going out for bid.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed. 8:33 p.m.

Melissa Rasner

Melissa Rasner, RMC
City Clerk