

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Barr, Mr. DeVlieger (via telephone), Mr. Hartzell, Mr. McClellan, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Madden. Present also was Mayor Jay A. Gillian, Business Administrator, James Mallon and Solicitor, Dorothy McCrosson. Ms. Bergman was absent.

Council President Mr. Madden called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. Mr. Madden led the prayer. Mr. Madden announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

PROCLAMATION:

Mr. Madden read a proclamation “Recognizing February 2018 as Black History Month in Ocean City, New Jersey.”

PRESENTATION:

Ms. Brittany Battle, an Ocean City High School graduate who is now a member of the “Juneteenth Committee” spoke to council and administration about the Juneteenth celebration which helps to educate families about the contributions of the black community to Ocean City as well as the rest of the region. Ms. Battle is preparing an exhibit on February 23, 2018 that will be showcased at the Ocean City Historical Museum. A reception will follow from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT :

John Flood – 22 Arkansas Avenue – Mr. Flood shared comments and concerns about the capital plan presentation and he also asked that Resolution No. 8 be pulled from the agenda.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Avenue – Ms. Moore expressed her concerns about chemicals being used on soil causing it to be toxic and suggested an alternative that would be safe for the environment and also non-toxic to marine life. Ms. Moore also asked about Resolution No. 1 on the agenda and wanted to know why the city is using a company that is based in California, what are the costs that are involved and will the city be able to recoup the costs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of January 25, 2018. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Barr. All ayes followed.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve the closed executive session minutes of January 25, 2018. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Business Administrator, James Mallon reported that at the next council meeting the Mayor will be issuing his State of the City address. As part of his comments he will address any unanswered questions from the capital presentation that required additional research. As always, if any member of council has questions in the interim they can reach out to Mr. Mallon, Frank Donato or Vince Bekier. Also, Mr. Mallon informed everyone that Adopt-A-Beach program is seeking new volunteers. The Adopt-A-Beach program asks participants to commit to two beach cleanups each year and also asks participants to walk the adopted beach whenever possible to pick up litter. The Public Works Department will provide gloves, trash bags, recycling bags and collection of the waste. Your group, company or family name will appear on a sign posted at your designated beach. To register or to renew your adopted beach, check the information on the website or call city hall.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Council did not have any reports.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 18-01 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title.

Ordinance No. 18-01 – An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Ocean City to Acquire Block 5501, Lot 16; Block 611.11, Lots 405 and 413; Block 5500, Lot 4, Ocean City, New Jersey

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson explained that periodically, the city is approached by owners of property which cannot be developed with an offer to convey the property to the city. New Jersey law permits a municipality to accept a gift of real property by adopting an ordinance authorizing acquisition. Ms. McCrosson stated that in the case of Block 5501, Lot 16, Block 611.11, Lots 405 and 413, and Block 5500, Lot 4, the lots are all oceanward side of the bulkhead, and are already subject to a beach easement in favor of the city.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-01 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All ayes followed. Mr. Madden announced that second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 18-01 is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and will be published according to law.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 18-02 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 18-02 – A Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$5,700,500.00 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,415,475.00 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**

CFO, Frank Donato provided an explanation of the ordinance and he discussed section three of the ordinance in full detail.

There was some discussion between the governing body and Mr. Donato.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-02 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. Mr. Madden announced that second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 18-02 is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and will be published according to law.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 18-03 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 18-03 - An Ordinance of the City of Ocean City, County of Cape May, New Jersey, Authorizing the Dedication and Naming of “Haul Road”**

Business Administrator, James Mallon explained that this ordinance dedicates and names the existing haul road that currently runs from Roosevelt Blvd to CDF 83. The purpose of the dedication and naming of this road is to save permitting fees, which are based on the size of the parcel to which the permit will apply. The tax item for this area is currently a 77 acre block. By dedicating the road, the city is hoping the regulatory agencies will view the subject of the permit more accurately as a parcel of less than 2 acres. Mr. Mallon said this should potentially reduce the permit fees by approximately \$25,000.00. If the city’s permit application is not approved and the road is removed, it will simply remain as a paper street. Also, Mr. Mallon said that the entire area of wetlands is designated as conservation zone, so no building activity can take place.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

18-54-073 - #1 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City and Great Ideas Creative Group for the Performance of “Disney in Concert: Magical Music from the Movies” at the Ocean City Music Pier

18-54-074 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City and ADP, LLC for the 2018 Payroll & Human Resource Software Contract for the Department of Financial Management & the Department of Administration, Human Resources Division

18-54-075 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City and ChlorKing, Inc. for Lease, Maintenance & Repair of the Polarity X-Gen/PH Neutral Hypochlorite Generator at the Ocean City Aquatic & Fitness Center Natatorium

18-54-076 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City and Main Line Commercial Pools, Inc. for the Water Management Program at the Ocean City Aquatic & Fitness Center Natatorium

18-54-077 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 for City Contract #17-13, 2017 Road Improvement Program – Phase 2

18-54-078 - #6 - A Resolution Consenting to City Council’s Appointment of Donna Sannuti and Richard Bernardini as Members to the Utility Advisory Commission

18-54-079 - #7 - A Resolution Opposing Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration and Drilling Activities That Would Affect the Coast of New Jersey

18-54-080 - #8 - A Resolution to Adopt Capital Plan 2018 to 2022 and Specific Debt Service Guidelines

18-54-081 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations Reserve of the 2017 Local Municipal Budget Per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59

18-54-082 - #10 - 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. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Barr suggested that in the future if there is a big event that there be a viewing party possibly at the senior center, ex: Eagles parade.

Mr. Hartzell said what a great week it has been and it has been great for the nation as well. He hopes that the good spirit continues and he is blessed to live here.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McClellan encouraged everyone to go to the Historic Museum and see the exhibit being displayed by the Juneteenth Committee on February 23rd.

Mr. Hartzell said he is happy to see more emphasis on the black community and it is exceptional to see what has been done in the city so far.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Avenue – Ms. Moore suggested there be legislation put in place banning balloons in an effort to keep the environment and animals safe.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All ayes followed. 7:54 p.m.



Melissa Rasner, RMC
City Clerk