

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 – 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, Solicitor, Dorothy McCrosson and Business Administrator, James Mallon.

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:

Jim Tweed- 1512 Wesley Avenue – Mr. Tweed congratulated the Mayor and the At-Large Candidates and he thanked them for their willingness to serve the community. Also, he spoke about invitations that were sent out to them for a FIT forum on April 24th and wanted to know why no one responded to the invitation or attended.

Bill Hartranft – 728 Battersea Road – Mr. Hartranft spoke about Ms. Donna Moore's concerns that she has discussed about protecting the environment from harsh chemicals.

Jon Walton – 846 3rd Street – Mr. Walton read a proclamation declaring May 25, 2018 as the 15th Annual Unlocking of the Ocean and Business Person Plunge and encouraged everyone to not only attend, but to participate as well.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Business Administrator, James Mallon congratulated the Mayor, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Madden and Ms. Bergman on being re-elected. Mr. Mallon reminded everyone that 34th Street will be closed for overnight paving next week, Monday into Tuesday from 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. and Tuesday into Wednesday from 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. Also, former Philadelphia Eagle, Jon Dorenbos will be the special guest on Saturday for Martin Z. Mollusk Day at 11:00 a.m. at the Music Pier and he will be back on Saturday night for a sold out magic show performance. Lastly, Mr. Mallon informed everyone that Saturday is the Postal Service Food Drive. Residents can place non-perishable food items by their mailboxes for pickup. All food that mail carriers pick up will be donated to the Ocean City Ecumenical Council Community Food Cupboard.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Hartzell responded to Mr. Tweed's comments about the invitation to the FIT forum that was held on April 24, 2018. Mr. Hartzell had a prior commitment to be in Gettysburg, PA and New Hampshire so therefore he was not able to attend the forum. He contacted Mr. Tweed via email, but not get a response.

Mr. DeVlieger commented that during the previous municipal election held in 2016, FIT sent him an invitation for their Forum. Mr. DeVlieger confirmed well in advance with FIT that he would be out of state for business and that he would not be able to attend. Also, Mr. DeVlieger said that despite declining the invitation, FIT continued to promote that he would be in attendance.

Ms. Bergman said she did not receive the invitation for the forum in the mail. Also, she stated that if someone sends an invitation you expect an RSVP and if you do not hear back from them you cannot assume they will attend. Ms. Bergman also gave an update on the Tourism Commission and encouraged everyone to download the new App on their smart phones. Today Web X gave a presentation and Tourism is launching a contest for a free week vacation. Also, billboards are active on 95, Broad Street and the Blue Route in PA.

Mr. Madden did not receive an invitation to the FIT forum.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

18-54-177 - #1 - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #18-34, 2018 Pool Improvements

18-54-178 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City and McCrosson & Stanton, P.C. for General Legal Services

18-54-179 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City & the Law Office of Douglas K. Walker, P. C. for Municipal Public Defender Legal Counsel Services for the City of Ocean City

18-54-180 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City & Tetra Tech for the 2018 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Award

18-54-181 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City & Concord Engineering Group, Inc. for Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Design for the 6th Street Firehouse Station #1

18-54-182 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 to City Contract #17-09 R1, Community Center Cooling Tower Replacement & Cold Air Intrusion

18-54-183 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 to City Contract #17-51, Construction of a Boardwalk Bathroom Facility at 6th Street

18-54-184 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing Final Payment & Final Acceptance of City Contract #17-40, 2017 Aquatic & Fitness Center Pool Improvements

18-54-185 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) National Cooperative Purchasing Program for Contract #120716-NAF, Vehicles, Cars, Vans, SUVs and Light Trucks with National Auto Fleet Group

18-54-186 - #10 - 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) 2018 or Newer Chevrolet Tahoe PP, 4WD Vehicle for use by the Police Department

18-54-187 - #11 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the U.S. Communities, Government Purchasing Alliance ("U.S. Communities") Contracts RFP #17-27, Fresno Unified School District, Fresno, CA, Cleaning Supplies, Equipment & Custodial Related Services & Solutions and RFP #16154, Maricopa County, Phoenix, AZ, Maintenance & Hardware Supplies

18-54-188 - #12 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in State Contract #T-0109, Radio Communications Equipment & Accessories for a Radio Communication's System for the Department of Fire & Rescue Services

18-54-189 - #13 - A Resolution Authorizing the Extension of City Contract #17-03, Emergency Medical Billing Services for the City of Ocean City

18-54-190 - #14 - A Resolution Authorizing the Installation of Two (2) Temporary Radio Antenna Masts with Associated Equipment on the Roof of the Music Pier by Shared Spectrum Company and HS Owen, LLC

18-54-191 - #15 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Cellco Partnership, D/B/A Verizon Wireless, For a Temporary Communications Facility

18-54-192 - #16 - A Resolution in Support of a Full Interchange at Exit 20 on the Garden State Parkway, Upper Township, Cape May County, New Jersey

18-54-193 - #17 - A Resolution Amending the 2018 Budget of the City of Ocean City to Include Additional Revenue from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of the State Police, Cape May County Elevation Project

18-54-194 - #18 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee Bond (#2202527) for a Construction Project at 924 Ocean Avenue, Block 902, Lot 12: Project #16-07PMS

18-54-195 - #19 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 800 Wesley Avenue, Block 805, Lot 12: Project #17-030PBA

18-54-196 - #20 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project 55 W16th St, Block 1510, Lot 27: Project #14-022ZC

18-54-197 - #21 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 2149 Wesley Ave, Block 2100, Lot 10: Project #14-018ZC

18-54-198 - #22 - A Resolution Authorizing a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 2237-39 Asbury Avenue, Block 2202, Lot 7: Project #17-008ZBA

18-54-199 - #23 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

18-54-200 - #24 - A Resolution Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Reviewing the Status of Pending Litigation to Which Ocean City is a Party - Flood Development, LLC Intervention IMO the Application of the City of Ocean City; Affordable Housing Proposal and Petrozzi VS. the City of Ocean City

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

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Barr is holding a 4th Ward public meeting at the library on May 19th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss capital projects and encouraged everyone interested to attend. Also, he said that Ms. Moore's concerns about the harsh chemicals being used are valid and other options for safer, environmentally friendly products that the city can potentially use are being looked into.

Mr. McClellan informed everyone that the Juneteenth celebration is being held at Grime's Field on June 2nd at 12:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Hartzell said that Channel 97 is not a great way to go when holding a serious debate and also there needs to be a disclosure that families should absolutely be off limits.

Mr. DeVlieger also commented that Ms. Moore's concerns about harsh chemicals are valid and the city is looking into a solution so better environmentally safe products can be used.

Ms. Bergman thanked Ms. McCrosson and also Mr. Walker for their services. She said they are both great assets to the community and she is happy to approve both resolutions on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. DeVlieger congratulated all of the candidates for being re-elected.

Mr. Hartzell congratulated all of the candidates for being re-elected and he thanked everyone who came out to vote. He also thanked Ms. McCrosson and Mr. Walker for all that they do for council and for the city, they are very much appreciated.

Mr. Barr commented on Ms. Bergman's tourism report and said for everyone to download the app.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

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

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to go into closed executive session. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Barr. All ayes followed. 8:00 p.m.

Melissa Rasner
Melissa Rasner, RMC
City Clerk