

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Barr, Ms. Bergman, Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. McClellan (7:05 p.m.), Mr. Wilson and Mr. Madden. Present also Solicitor, Dorothy McCrosson and Community Services Director, Michael Allegretto, Mayor Jay A. Gillian and Business Administrator, James Mallon were absent.

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.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor and Council presented a proclamation honoring Maggie Wallace.

Mayor and Council presented a proclamation designating “Beach Safety Week May 26th to June 3, 2018”.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Dave Hayes – 641 Battersea Road – Mr. Hayes congratulated the Mayor, Councilman Hartzell, Councilman Madden and Councilwoman Bergman for being re-elected. He also spoke about Mr. Hartzell’s comments made at the May 10th council meeting regarding the FIT Forum invitations.

Bill Hartranft – 728 Battersea Road – Mr. Hartranft spoke about Mr. Hartzell’s comments made at the May 10th council meeting regarding the FIT Forum invitations. He also stated that 40% of the invitations to the FIT Forum were not received and he discussed the mailing process in detail.

Marie Hayes – 641 Battersea Road – Ms. Hayes congratulated the Mayor, Councilman Hartzell, Councilman Madden and Councilwoman Bergman for being re-elected and for serving the great town of Ocean City. She also spoke about Mr. Hartzell’s comments made at the May 10th council meeting regarding the FIT Forum invitations.

Sheila Hartranft – 728 Battersea Road – Ms. Hartranft commented that she was stumped by Councilman Hartzell’s comments regarding the FIT Forum. She discussed that FIT always holds a press conference and lists their forums on the calendar of events.

Jack Bolger -201 Haven Ave – Mr. Bolger asked about the road work being done on 2nd and Haven and asked when the roads will get cleaned up. He also expressed his concerns about New Jersey American Water.

Brian McPeak – 2917 Simpson Ave – Mr. McPeak had a question about Resolution No. 14 regarding a contractor on the bill list. He asked that the payments be deferred due to cross streets needing repairs.

Susanne Caliendo – 104 E. 14th St – Ms. Caliendo spoke about the flooding issues at 14th Street and said that it needs to be addressed.

Bill Myers – 1401 Simpson Ave – Mr. Myers also spoke about the flooding issues at 14th Street and said that it needs to be addressed.

Robert Dougherty – 1421 Simpson Ave – Mr. Dougherty spoke about the flooding issues at 14th and said that it needs to be addressed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of May 10, 2018 and the executive closed session minutes of May 10, 2018. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Ms. McCrosson reported that city council does not approve any contracts with the water company; it is done at the state level (BPU). Also, the project at 2nd and Haven is expected to be finished by the end of the year. The Department of Public works will take a look at the flooding issues at 14th Street. The project from 26th to 34th Street is still a work in progress and the city is trying to make sure that it gets completed as soon as possible; there is not a payment to the contractor on the bill list. Mr. Allegretto reported that the parking meters are in effect and as of June 1st beach tags will cost \$25.00 for the season. He informed everyone that the service being done for Memorial Day will be held at the Tabernacle. Also, the Bugle on the Boardwalk will take place in the afternoon and tickets for the POPs are now on sale.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Hartzell responded to Mr. Hayes’ comments. He said that you can always call him to discuss matters and he apologized; he said he was sincerely sorry.

Mr. DeVlieger congratulated Maggie Wallace and wished her much luck in college.

Ms. Bergman said that since there have been so many complaints about the water bills maybe it would be a good idea to have a representative from the water company come to a public meeting and speak.

Mr. Barr said that the Utility Advisory Commission has a FAQ section on the website which is in great detail regarding the water company and their next meeting is being held on the 3rd Wednesday in June at 9:00 a.m. in council chambers for anyone who wants to attend.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING & INTRODCUTION:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 18-07 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title.

Ordinance No. 18-07 – An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter XVIII, “Beaches, Boardwalks and Recreational Areas” of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Ocean City, Banning Smoking on Beach

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson explained that this ordinance would allow for a smoke-free zone on the beach.

There was much discussion between the governing body.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-07 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed with the exception of Ms. Bergman who voted no.

Mr. Madden announced that second reading and public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers and will be published according to law.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

18-54-201 - #1 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #18-13, Music Pier & Fire Station #1 Boiler Replacements

18-54-202 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #18-35, Acquisition & Installation of Kentucky Bluegrass Sod

18-54-203 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Clean Air Company Inc. for the Vehicle Exhaust System at Various Fire Stations #1 & #3

18-54-204 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 for City Contract #17-14, 2017 Road Improvement Program-Phase 3

18-54-205 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Change Order #4 & 6-10, Final Acceptance & Final Payment of City Contract #15-38, Renovations to the Ocean City Lifesaving Station – Phase 2

18-54-206 - #6 - A Resolution Appointing Christine D. Gundersen as the Municipal Housing Liaison

18-54-207 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing the City’s Participation in the Houston – Galveston Area Council of Governments National Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGAC-Buy) for Contract #EF04-17, Law Enforcement Speed Detection & Video Equipment

18-54-208 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing the City’s Participation in National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) National Cooperative Purchasing Program for Contract #062117, Ground Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, Accessories & Related Service with Laurel Lawnmowers for the Department of Public Works

18-54-209 - #9 - 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 – Shooting Island Restoration

18-54-210 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 5236 Simpson Avenue, Block 5206, Lot 9, Project #15-029PMN

18-54-211 - #11 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 603 11th Street Block, 1005, Lot 11, Project #14-006PMN

18-54-212 - #12 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 4619 Central Avenue Block 4601, Lot 8, Project #14-019ZC

18-54-213 - #13 - A Resolution Amending the 2018 Budget of the City of Ocean City to Include Additional Revenue From the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant 2018/19

18-54-214 - #14 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

18-54-215 - #15 - A Resolution Authorizing the Settlement of Litigations Palmer Center, LLC vs. City of Ocean City and Ocean City Planning Board

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

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. DeVlieger asked when the Life Saving will officially be open.

Mr. Hartzell mentioned that a fundraiser has been discussed before with Mr. Loeper regarding the Life Saving Station and thinks it’s a good idea to re-visit that discussion. Mr. Hartzell also spoke about his beloved friend Joe Caserta and the importance of the city hanging banners in honor of those who have served our country. Mr. Hartzell also suggested that a flyer be made up and distributed showing a schedule of the drainage project from 29th to 36th Street explaining when the project is expected to wrap up.

Mr. McClellan reported that the Juneteenth event is being held Saturday, June 2nd at 12 noon at Grimes Field.

Mr. Barr expressed the importance of honoring the veterans with banners, especially Mr. Caserta who is in Shore Memorial Hospital due to a stroke; he was a true American Hero. Also, Mr. Barr said that at his 4th Ward meeting on August 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the Library, Michael Baker from ACT Engineering will be there to speak about the OC Homes drainage issues as well as the 29th to 36th Street drainage project; Mr. Barr said that the contractor doing the work for the 29th to 36th Street project should not be used again.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. DeVlieger said that doing banners for Veterans is great idea and needs to be done. Also, he congratulated the Ocean City High School crew team for making to the National’s.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Carol Frangeleti – Ms. Frangeleti asked about having the boat ramp at Tennessee Avenue cleaned and ready for Memorial Day weekend.

Jim Tweed- 1512 Wesley Avenue – Mr. Tweed had questions about emails from Mr. Hartzell regarding the FIT forum.

Susanne Caliendo – 104 E. 14th Street – Ms. Caliendo said that the whole discussion about invitations is childish and she suggested all parties involved should move on.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Barr. All ayes followed.



Melissa Rasner, RMC
City Clerk