

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Barr, Ms. Bergman, Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Madden. Present also was Mayor Gillian Solicitor, Business Administrator, Mr. Savastano and Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson. Mr. McClellan was 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.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION:

Business Administrator, Mr. Savastano spoke about the issues that the city is having with trash collection. The city is not 100% satisfied with their (Gold Medal) service and he spoke about some of the on-going issues that have occurred. Also, Mr. Savastano said that the city is considering assessing the damages and the city is doing what they can to compel compliance with the contract.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Susan Cracovaner – 156 Asbury Ave – expressed concerns about vehicles, bikers and pedestrian safety. She gave suggestions about what can be done to keep everyone safe.

Wayne Mozzo – 1333 Pleasure Ave – said that the dunes need to be protected and also that the temporary air conditioner unit that is on the sand at the Music Pier needs a safety fence to keep children away from it.

Dave Hayes – 641 Battersea Road – said that FIT supports the purchase of the property at 16th and Haven and thinks it is a great opportunity for the city, however he would like to know the purpose of the property and suggests negotiating hard for the benefit of the taxpayers.

Marie Hayes – 641 Battersea Road – thanked the Mayor for his successful negotiations with the owners of Frenchie's on the beach.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – spoke about pesticides applied to the Ocean City athletic fields and she presented a fact sheet to council and administration.

Dave Breeden – 114 Victoria Lane – said that he is happy to see that the city is looking to acquire the property at 16th and Haven. He also spoke regarding the trash collection contract that the city has with Gold Medal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, June 27, 2019. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Business Administrator, Mr. Savastano addressed the public comments regarding the dunes and he also addressed public comment about the trash collection.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

No reports were given.

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 19-09 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title.

Ordinance No. 19-09 – A Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$9,000,000.00 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$8,550,000.00 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, Mr. Donato provided an explanation and discussed details of section three in the ordinance. There was some discussion between the governing body members. Mr. Madden opened the meeting up for public comment on Ordinance No. 19-09.

David Breeden – 114 Victoria Lane – supports the ordinance.

Mr. Madden closed the public comment on Ordinance No. 19-09 and asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-09 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 19-10 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title.

Ordinance No. 19-10 – A Bond Ordinance of the City of Ocean City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey Amending the Project Descriptions, Useful Lives and Average Useful Life of Bond Ordinance #15-29, Finally Adopted December 17, 2015, Bond Ordinance #16-19, Finally Adopted August 11, 2016 and Bond Ordinance #17-09, Finally Adopted May 23, 2017

CFO, Mr. Donato provided an explanation and also informed council that there is a bond sale approaching in September.

David Breeden – 114 Victoria Lane – supports the ordinance and thanked Mr. Donato for the explanation.

Mr. Madden closed the public comment on Ordinance No. 19-10 and asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-10 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

19-55-337 - #1 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #19-26, Back Bay Mechanical Dredging – North

19-55-338 - #2 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #19-27, Back Bay Mechanical Dredging – Central

19-55-339 - #3 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #19-29, Acquisition & Installation of Kentucky Bluegrass Sod

19-55-340 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City & Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc. for Pool Repairs at the Aquatic & Fitness Center

19-55-341 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City & Eastern Lift Truck Company, Inc. for the Acquisition of One (1) 2013 Hyster Fork Lift for use by the Department of Public Works

19-55-342 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Action Supply Inc. for the Supply & Delivery of Various Types of Gravel, Fill & Concrete for use by the Department of Public Works

19-55-343 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #5, Final Acceptance and Final Payment of City Contract #17-14, 2017 Road Improvement Program – Phase 3

19-55-344 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #4, Final Acceptance and Final Payment of City Contract #18-23, 2018 Beach Outfall Improvements at Various Locations

19-55-345 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order # 4, Final Acceptance & Final Payment of City Contract #18-32, Shooting Island Living Shoreline Restoration Project

19-55-346 - #10 - A Resolution Approving the “5-Year Consolidated Plan Program Years 2019- 2023 and the 2019 Annual Action Plan”, and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (Program Years 2019 – 2023) Report in Accordance with the US HUD CDBG Program

19-55-347 - #11 - A Resolution Authorizing Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Year 2020 Municipal Aid Grant Program

19-55-348 - #12 - A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of City Property That Has Been Deemed Surplus or Abandoned with GovDeals, Inc.

19-55-349 - #13 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

19-55-350 - #14 - A Resolution Authorizing a Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Pending Litigation to Which Ocean City is a Party (Palmer Center vs. City of Ocean City) and Discussing the possible acquisition of Real Estate (1601-11 Haven Avenue; 1601-43 Simpson Avenue, 1620 Haven Avenue, 1628-38 Haven Avenue, 1644-46 Haven Avenue, and 3304 Bay Avenue, Ocean City, New Jersey)

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:

Mr. Barr reminded everyone about the next 4th Ward meeting taking place on Saturday, July 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the lecture hall of the Ocean City Free Public Library. All residents are welcome to attend. Also, Mr. Barr thanked administration for the sign placed at 46th Street and also was happy about the big bowl left at the dog park for Gabby and Frank.

Mr. DeVliieger said that the 4th of July fireworks and festivities were great and it was a job well done. Also, he thanked the administration for the update regarding the beach project and is hoping the north end can be done by late fall.

Ms. Bergman said that the 4th of July fireworks were amazing and she thanked all of public safety for doing a great job keeping everyone safe.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hartzell said that there have been some really fantastic shows at the Music Pier and the Ocean City Theatre Group who has performed at the Ocean City High School has great talent. The Department of Community Service is doing a great job.

Mayor Gillian said that he will be speaking with the Chief of Police regarding the legalization of fireworks.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – said that fireworks are hazardous and it raises concerns about safety. Also, she spoke about the living shoreline as well as lagoons. She wanted to know when lagoons will be dredged.

Dave Hayes – 641 Battersea Road – quoted John Adams and spoke about the first amendment and democracy.

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 Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. 8:38 p.m.



Melissa Rasner, City Clerk

