

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019 – 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 Gillian, Business Administrator, Mr. Savastano and Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson.

Council President Mr. Madden called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and prayer. Mr. Barr 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 honoring Russ Leary.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATIVE:

Business Administrator, Mr. Savastano provided an explanation on Resolution No. 4 on the agenda for approval. He also gave an update on the seagull abatement program that is in place. Public Information Officer, Mr. Bergen spoke about all of the positive media attention that the seagull abatement program has gotten. Eric Swanson, owner of East Coast Falcons also spoke about the seagull abatement program and expressed the fact that the program covers the entire island and not just the boardwalk. Overall the program has been very successful thus far in Ocean City.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – commented on Resolution No. 4 and spoke about the harmful effects of pesticides that are being used on the island. She suggested the city uses organic land management for landscaping purposes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, August 8, 2019. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Wilson and Mr. Madden who both abstained.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

No reports were given.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. DeVlieger was in Brooklyn this past weekend and came across an article on news week online about a seagull snatching up a baby shark and a seagull eating baby crabs; the seagull abatement program in place in Ocean City is good advertising.

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 19-12 on second reading and public hearing. Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 19-12 – An Ordinance of the City of Ocean City, County of Cape May, New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition by Purchase or Condemnation of (1) 1600 Haven Avenue (Block 1606, Lot 3) and (2) 1601-43 Simpson Avenue, 1620 Haven Avenue, 1628-38 Haven Avenue, 1640 Haven Avenue and 1644-46 Haven Avenue (Block 1606, Lots 2, 3.01, 4, 5 and 6)**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson provided an explanation. This ordinance allows city council to authorize the acquisition of the listed properties by either contract or condemnation if an agreement cannot be reached with the owners.

Mr. Madden opened the meeting up for public comment on Ordinance No. 19-12.

Janice Ray – 3802 Ocean Ave – asked about what the city will do regarding the flooding issues.

Mr. Madden closed the public comment portion of the meeting on Ordinance No. 19-12. Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-12 on second reading and public hearing. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

19-56-015 - #1 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #18-36, Improvements to the Civic Center

19-56-016 - #2 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #19-25, Construction of a Salt Storage Facility & Fuel Tank Facility

19-56-017 - #3 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #19-30, Installation of Electrical Infrastructure on the Roosevelt Boulevard Garden Plot Islands

19-56-018 - #4 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #20-04, Maintenance of City Owned Grounds & Garden Plots

19-56-019 - #5 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #20-06, Community Center/Library HVAC Replacement & Improvement Project

19-56-020 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Atlantic Coast Alarms, Inc. for Building Access Control for Various City Owned Buildings

19-56-021 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Garden State Highway Products, Inc. for Furnishing & Delivery of Traffic Safety Products, Roadside MUTCD, Traffic & Street Signs for the City Of Ocean City

19-56-022 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of Bids

19-56-023 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City & McManimon & Scotland & Baumann, LLC for General Municipal Bond Counsel Services

19-56-024 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City & Concord Engineering Group, Inc. for HVAC Upgrades at the Ocean City Community Center/Library

19-56-025 - #11 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #36 to City Contract #17-53, North End Drainage Improvements

19-56-026 - #12 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #6 to City Contract #18-11, 2018 Road Improvement Program – Phase 3

19-56-027 - #13 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #4, Final Acceptance and Final Payment of City Contract #18-31, 2018 Back Bay Mechanical Dredging

19-56-028 - #14 - A Resolution Authorizing Final Acceptance & Final Payment for City Contract #18-33, Ocean City Humane Society HVAC Renovations

19-56-029 - #15 - A Resolution Authorizing the Usage of Contracts with Educational Services Commission of New Jersey #65 – MCESCCPS Cooperative Pricing System Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 & 11 & N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.12 for the Calendar Year 2019

19-56-030 - #16 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Application and Agreement between the City of Ocean City and U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration, FAA for the Ocean City Municipal Airport for Improvement of Erosion Control

19-56-031 - #17 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Application and Agreement between the City of Ocean City and U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration, FAA for the Ocean City Municipal Airport for Light Obstructions – Non Hazard

19-56-032 - #18 - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City & Carlin & Ward, P.C. for Special Legal Services

19-56-033 - #19 - A Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Sea Isle City for the Provision of a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) and Designating Joseph Clark as the QPA for Sea Isle City

19-56-034 - #20 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean City Housing Authority for Construction of Ten Affordable Family Rental Units in Five Duplex Buildings

19-56-035 - #21 - A Resolution Certifying the Governing Body Has Reviewed the 2018 Annual Audit

19-56-036 - #22 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

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

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Barr spoke about the Housing Authority and said that they have received a clean audit with zero findings. Also, the Housing Authority has paid back the money owed to the city and Mr. Barr thanked council, the Mayor and Ms. McCrosson for their support.

Mr. Hartzell commented on the Housing Authority and said that the residents are happy which has been noticed and appreciated; good job Mr. Barr. Mr. Hartzell also spoke about pedestrians and said that the old rule of looking both ways before you cross a street should always be applied. Also, bikes are a moving vehicle and have the same rules as cars.

Mr. DeVlieger commented regarding the Housing Authority and said that good leadership solves problems. He also said that the lights on 34th Street are a good touch and would like to have lights on the north end as well if possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. DeVlieger said for everyone to enjoy the rest of the weeks left to summer.

Mr. Hartzell spoke about the 9-11 flags for the veterans that get raised at the water park and how special and important it is.

Mr. McClellan wished everyone a happy Labor Day weekend.

Mr. Wilson said that the Department of Community Services did a great job with the Junior Miss Ocean City pageant this year at the Music Pier. Michael Allegretto and Michael Hartman did great job putting the event together.

Mr. Barr wished everyone a happy Labor Day.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – said that there was a resolution that was voted on without the discussed amendment.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed. 8:10 p.m.


Melissa Rasner, City Clerk