

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATIVE:

No reports were given.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ed O'Donnell – Port O' Call – suggested the city have a trolley in the off season that runs at 10:30 a.m. and then again at 3:30 p.m. Also, Mr. O'Donnell suggested more benches be placed around the city. He then spoke about the harmful effects of dirt, dust and cigarette smoke.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – thanked Mr. Savastano for his explanation regarding the artificial turf at the airport. She wanted to know if the sand landfill was natural and also if the dyes will wash out into the wetlands. She said that she was pleased about the eco-friendly land management contract that is in the works and spoke about the importance of protecting the public lands.

Dave Breeden – 114 Victoria Lane – referenced Resolution No. 6 and Resolution No. 10. He expressed concerns about the work being done without a purchase order in place.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, September 12, 2019. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Wilson who abstained.

BOND SALE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The City Clerk read the following announcement: The Chief Financial Officer of the City of Ocean City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey certifies that he has awarded general obligation bonds to be dated September 15, 2019, in the amount of \$85,000,000. Ocean City received 41 bids from 9 different banks and financial institutions through a competitive online process. The bonds will be awarded to JP Morgan Securities for the par amount of \$82,000,000 at a Net Interest Cost of 2.20%. A complete report of all bids is available in the City Clerk's office.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

No reports were given.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. DeVlieger mentioned that the “Run for the Fallen” was a beautiful event and also mentioned that the “Walk for the Wounded” will be held Saturday, September 28th.

ORDINANCE: FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 19-13 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. The clerk read the ordinance by title. **Ordinance No. 19-13 - An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter XXV, Zoning and Land Development of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Ocean City, Inclusionary Housing Option In Business Zones**

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson explained that this overlay ordinance is part of Ocean City's court-approved Affordable Housing strategy. This ordinance increases the density and bulk standards for residential development in business zones that include an inclusionary component. Also, this ordinance retains the prohibition against dwelling units occupying the first (grade-level) floor of any building in these commercial zones.

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-13 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed. Mr. Wilson announced that second reading and public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019 and will be published according to law.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

19-56-053 - #1 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #19-21, Rehabilitation of Runway 06/24 Artificial Turf – Phase II at the Ocean City Municipal Airport
19-56-054 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #19-22, Installation of Obstruction Lighting at the Ocean City Municipal Airport
19-56-055 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #19-26 R-1, Back Bay Mechanical Dredging – North
19-56-056 - #4 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #19-27, Back Bay Mechanical Dredging – Central

19-56-057 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Zone Striping, Inc. for Traffic Striping at Various Intersections Around the City of Ocean City's Public Schools
19-56-058 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to PCS Pump & Process, Inc. for Storm Water Pump Management System at Various Locations throughout the City of Ocean City
19-56-059 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City and Michael Calafati Architect, LLC for Design & Construction Administration for the Ocean City Life-Saving Station - Phase 4
19-56-060 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Service Contract to ACT Engineers for Construction Management/Inspection Services Relative to City Contract #19-26-R-1, Dredging of North Point Lagoon, 2nd Street City Marina and Bayside Center
19-56-061 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Service Contract to ACT Engineers for Construction Management/Inspection Services Relative to City Contract #19-27, Dredging within Snug, Sunny and South Harbors, Glen Cove, Bluefish Lagoon and 7th Street
19-56-062 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #37 to City Contract #17-53, North End Drainage Improvements
19-56-063 - #11 - A Resolution Authorizing the Extension & Change Order #2 to City Contract #17-01, 2017-2019 Firework Shows for the City of Ocean City & #251 COCCPS Members
19-56-064 - #12 - A Resolution Adopting the City Year Round Employee Handbook and the Seasonal/Temporary Employee Handbook
19-56-065 - #13 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims
19-56-066 - #14 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the City of Ocean City and the Ocean City Beach Patrol Administrative Association (BPAA)
19-56-067 - #15 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ocean City Lifeguard Association
19-56-068 - #16 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #19-25, Construction of a salt Storage Facility & Fuel Tank Facility

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

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Barr informed everyone that the next 4th ward meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 26th is cancelled and he encouraged everyone to attend the town hall meeting that will be taking place on Saturday, October 19th at the Ocean City Tabernacle. ACT Engineers and Mayor Gillian are hosting the town hall meeting and will be discussing flood projects in the city. Also, Mr. Barr spoke about the "Walk for the Wounded" which is an annual event benefiting Operation First Response (a charity that benefits wounded soldiers once they return home) being held Saturday, September 28th.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Dave Breeden - 114 Victoria Lane - spoke about the lobbyist that the city hired for the marine back-bay dredging and suggested that the city cancel the contract with the aforementioned lobbyist.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. McClellan. All ayes followed. 7:30 p.m.


Melissa Rasner, City Clerk