

CITY COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Barr, Ms. Bergman, Mr. Hartzell (7:50 p.m.), Mr. McClellan, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Madden. Present also was Mayor Gillian Solicitor, 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. Ms. Bergman led the prayer. Mr. Madden announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

PROCLAMATION – Council and Administration presented a proclamation to the Ocean City High School Girls Junior Eight Crew Team honoring them.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Barr nominated Mr. Peter Madden to be the President of City Council for a one year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bergman. All were in favor under a roll call vote.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

Mr. McClellan nominated Mr. Anthony Wilson to be the Vice President of City Council for a one year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bergman. All were in favor under a roll call vote.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Dr. John Albert – 20 W. 8th Street – spoke about the dangers and distractions at the intersection of 8th and Bay and expressed his concerns especially since his son had a horrible tragedy at that intersection. He provided suggestions and example of what can be done there to make pedestrians safe.

Joe Ryan – 2500 Block of Asbury Ave – said that the streets in his ward are deplorable and he requested that 26th and Asbury be paved.

Gregg Wolfe – 25 W. Revere Place – spoke about the intersection at 8th and Bay saying it was dangerous and he asked council to resolve the issue because he does not want another tragedy to occur.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – spoke about pesticides and chemicals being put into the sod on city grounds.

David Breeden – 114 Victoria Lane – spoke about putting protective measures at the base of the boardwalk to prohibit unauthorized vehicles from going on to the boardwalk.

Chuck Furimsky – 209 Wesley Road – spoke regarding an article in the Sentinel Ledger about Shooting Island regarding oyster blocks.

Terri O'Rourke and Trina Trimmel – 2569 Asbury Ave – said that the streets in the city are in bad condition and something needs to be done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, June 13, 2019. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

There were not any reports given.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Ms. Bergman reported on the most recent Tourism meeting. They are having a video contest where people can submit their favorite personal videos from their visit in Ocean City and win an overnight stay at the Flanders Hotel.

Mr. Wilson responded to public comment and said he is always available to speak with his constituents.

ORDINANCE: FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 19-09 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. DeVliieger. 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 the list of improvements in section three of the ordinance.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-09 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed. Mr. Madden announced that second reading and public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019 and will be published according to law.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to take up Ordinance No. 19-10 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, 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.

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-10 on first reading and introduction. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed. Mr. Madden announced that second reading and public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019 and will be published according to law.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

19-55-326 - #1 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City & GERSH, Inc. & Caissie Levy as the Grand Marshall for the 2019 Ocean City Night in Venice and a Performance at the Ocean City Music Pier on Sunday, July 14, 2019

19-55-327 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City & Cream Ridge Environmental, Inc. for Remediation and Testing at Various Locations

19-55-328 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #5 to City Contract #18-11, 2018 Road Improvement Program – Phase 3

19-55-329 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #3 to City Contract #18-23, 2018 Beach Outfall Improvements at Various Locations

19-55-330 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Municipal Certificates Due to Acquisition

19-55-331 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 1116 Ocean Avenue, Block 1102, Lot 21, Project #16-031PBA

19-55-332 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 1417 West Avenue, Block 1405, Lot 13, Project #16-029PBA

19-55-333 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 2837-39 Wesley Avenue, Block 2800, Lot 8, Project #09-031PSPF

19-55-334 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 1350 Tioga Terrace, Block 1308, Lot 12, Project #15-032ZD

19-55-335 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

19-55-336 - #11 - A Resolution Consenting to City Council's Appointment of Councilman Antwan L. McClellan to the Ocean City Planning Board

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

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. McClellan thanked everyone for their help and support during the Juneteenth celebration. It was great event and everyone had a great time.

Mr. Hartzell commented that the Juneteenth celebration is an excellent event and said it is great for the community. He congratulated Mr. Madden and Mr. Wilson on being nominated for Council President and Vice Council President. He also congratulated the Ocean City High School Girls Junior Eight Crew Team and was happy to give them a proclamation.

Mr. DeVlieger commented regarding public comment and said suggestions will be considered by the city's professionals and we all want a safe city. He said the Juneteenth celebration was beautiful and is always a nice function. Mr. DeVlieger wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

Ms. Bergman said the city will take a look at the intersection at 8th and Bay and she also congratulated Pete and Tony on being appointed to Council President and Vice President.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Barr commented regarding Mr. Albert's public comment and said that he put things into perspective. He commented on the Juneteenth celebration and said it was a great event and he wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

Mayor Gillian spoke regarding public comment that was given earlier in the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Donna Moore - 21 Ocean Ave – asked about a truck that is located at 8th and boardwalk.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed. 8:15 p.m.


Melissa Rasner, City Clerk