

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020 – 7:00PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Barr, Ms. Bergman, Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Wilson (absent), Mr. Madden. Present also was Mayor Gilhan, 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.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Stephen Beseris – 3520 Bay Avenue – spoke about the success of the skate board park and asked if there can be lighting installed.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – spoke about immune system disruption and the harmful effects of pesticides. She also spoke about organic land management in an effort to help make Ocean City more environmentally friendly and healthier.

Nelson Dice – 12th and Central Ave – referenced New Jersey Code and asked council members to investigate the police department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, February 27, 2020. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

No reports were given.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. DeVlieger commented on the skate board park; it is a benefit to the community and it gives kids the opportunity to become leaders and part of a group. Also, he said that it is important to keep the hours of the skate board park consistent by having lights in the winter months and said there is value in Mr. Beseris's proposal. Ms. Bergman spoke in favor of the skate board park saying it is a place for young people to go and it is a plus to the community.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

20-56-259 - #1 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #20-09, Towing & Lockout Services for the City of Ocean City

20-56-260 - #2 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #20-22, Supply & Delivery of Lumber & Piling

20-56-261 - #3 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #20-23, Supply & Installation of Traffic Striping at Various Locations

20-56-262 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-01, 2020-2022 Firework Shows for the City of Ocean City & #251 COCCPS Members

20-56-263 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a City RFP #Q-20-01, Professional Tennis Instructor(s) Services for the City of Ocean City

20-56-264 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City and the Stander Group, Inc. for the Appearance of Motown with a Twist at the Night In Venice Boat Parade & at the Ocean City Music Pier on Friday July 17, 2020 & Saturday, July 18, 2020

20-56-265 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #19-33, 2019 Road Improvement at Various Locations-Midtown Road Improvements

20-56-266 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #19-26 R-1, Back Bay Mechanical Dredging-North

20-56-267 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing Final Acceptance & Final Payment of City Contract #18-09, 2018 Road Improvement Program – Phase 1

20-56-268 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing a Five (5) Month Extension of the 2015-2020 Lease Agreement between the City of Ocean City and Lo-Lo Enterprises, Inc. D/B/A Airport Diner for the Lease of the Airport Diner Located at the Ocean City Municipal Airport

20-56-269 - #11 - A Resolution Approving Tax Overpayment Refund 2020-8 Thru 2020-11

20-56-270 - #12 - A Resolution Authorizing the Application for and the Execution of a Subcontract with the County of Cape May for the Upper Township/Ocean City Municipal Alliance Program

20-56-271 - #13 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Celco Partnership, D/B/A Verizon Wireless, for a Temporary Communications Facility

20-56-272 - #14 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Celco Partnership, D/B/A Verizon Wireless, for a Temporary Communications Facility

20-56-273 - #15 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

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. Barr reminded everyone about the next 4th Ward meeting being held April 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the Ocean City Free Public Library.

Mr. Hartzell spoke in favor of lights being put up at the skate park and said that consistent hours there are very important.

Mr. DeVlieger said the skate park is a place that kids can go and stay busy which is important in today's society. He also wished everyone a very Happy St. Patty's Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hartzell commented on the Corona Virus and said to use common sense and to live and enjoy your life.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Nelson Dice – 12th and Central Ave - read a catholic scripture and also read form the NJ State Constitution.

Dave Breeden – 114 Victoria Lane – spoke in response to Mr. Dice's comments about the Ocean City Police Department; he suggests Mr. Dice go to the County Prosecutor's office and also he encouraged city council and the Mayor to speak positively on behalf of the Police Department.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – said that the four leaf clover is a symbol luck and it is also a pollinator.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All eyes followed. 7:35 p.m.


Melissa Rasner, City Clerk