

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020 – 7:00PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mr. Madden stated the following: The meeting will be muted to the public except during the citizen comment portion. At that time we will ask for names alphabetically and once we have the list of names we will individually call upon you to give your full name, address and comment. Due to the unique nature of this meeting under today's circumstances there will be one opportunity for citizen comment at the end of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Barr, Ms. Bergman, Mr. DeVlieger, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Wilson, 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. Ms. Bergman led the prayer. Mr. Madden announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Madden asked for a motion to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, March 12, 2020. Motion moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Wilson who abstained.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Mayor Gillian spoke about the pandemic, thanked all of the public safety and essential workers and he also talked about what Ocean City has done so far to keep everyone safe.

Business Administrator, Mr. Savastano provided a brief report on government operations.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Wilson spoke about the tough decisions that have been made during the pandemic. He has spoken with constituents, the Governor, members of the Senate, and members of the Assembly and reported that the city has no legal authority to close roads or bridges. The city will continue to follow the guidelines including social distancing and proper hand washing.

Mr. DeVlieger said that he would like to extend his thoughts and prayers to those who have been affected by the virus and also to those who are out there working and putting themselves at risk. He spoke about the volunteer group OCNJ Care that is available to those who need assistance.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Administration requested that Resolution # 24 be removed from the consent agenda.

20-56-274 - #1 - A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #20-24, Rehabilitation of Runway 06/24 Artificial Turf – Phase II at the Ocean City Municipal Airport 26N

20-56-275 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-04, Maintenance of City Owned Grounds & Garden Plots

20-56-276 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-05, Furnishing, Installation & Maintenance of Leased Coin Operated Binocular Viewing Machines for the City of Ocean City & 251COCCPS Members

20-56-277 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-07, Supply and Delivery of Sportswear & Work Apparel

20-56-278 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-21, Falconry Based Bird Abatement (FBBA) Services on the Ocean City Boardwalk & Beachfront Areas

20-56-279 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-22, Supply & Delivery of Lumber & Piling

20-56-280 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1, Final Acceptance & Final Payment of City Contract #18-34 R-1, 2018 Pool Improvements

20-56-281 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 to City Contract #19-31, 2018 Road Improvement at Various Locations – 2018 NJDOT 12th Street Neighborhood

20-56-282 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #19-32, 2018 Road Improvement at Various Locations – South End

20-56-283 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order's #2 & #3 to City Contract #19-33, 2019 Road Improvement at Various Locations-Midtown Road Improvements

20-56-284 - #11 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to City Contract #20-17, Improvements to Various Boardwalk Street End Ramps – Central

20-56-285 - #12 - A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of City Property that Has Been Deemed Surplus or Abandoned with Govdeals, Inc.

20-56-286 - #13 - A Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Temporary Appropriation

20-56-287 - #14 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 401 Asbury Avenue, Block 407, Lot 10, Project #15-006PMSSP

20-56-288 - #15 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 45-47 W. 18th Street, Block 1711, Lot 10, Project #15-021ZD

20-56-289 - #16 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 2535 Wesley Avenue, Block 2500, Lot 7, Project #15-054ZC

20-56-290 - #17 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 914 Ocean Avenue, Block 902, Lot 8, Project #18-033PBA

20-56-291 - #18 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 312 St. David's Place, Block 4703.02, Lot 2, Project #18-038PBA

20-56-292 - #19 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 12 Cardiff Road, Block 70.67, Lot 2.03, Project #16-005PMSF

20-56-293 - #20 - A Resolution Approving Flood Insurance Promotion Activity with the Atlantic-Cape Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information

20-56-294 - #21 - A Resolution Approving Small Wireless Communications Facilities Master License Agreement

20-56-295 - #22 - A Resolution Approving Affordable Housing Funding Agreement

20-56-296 - #23 - A Resolution Expressing Support for Legislation Increasing State Funding to the "Shore Protection Fund" from \$25 Million to \$50 Million A-639/S-1071

~~#24 - REMOVED FROM AGENDA - 4-9-2020~~ - A Resolution Approving the Waiver of the \$5.00 Handling Fee for Mail Order/Internet Order Beach Fees Sold During the Covid 19 Health Emergency

20-56-297 - #25 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

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

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. DeVlieger wished everyone a blessed, holy and safe Easter.

Ms. Bergman spoke about the pandemic that everyone is being faced with and mentioned that the Sunrise Service done at the Music Pier every year for Easter will be greatly missed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. DeVlieger spoke about the second homeowners and small family businesses here in Ocean City. He suggested that people buy gift cards to help the business survive.

Mr. Hartzell said that we need to stay strong as a community and united as a council. He said the true heroes are those who are out there working. Also, he suggested that people only go out for essential items, wear a mask if you go out and use common sense.

Mr. Barr thanked all of the essential workers and he also mentioned that he and his brother both have cerebral palsy and it would be catastrophic if they were to get this virus. He asked that everyone please follow the guidelines put in place; he said we can get through this together and enjoy the summer season.

Mr. Wilson reminded everyone to check in with their elderly folks and say hello.

Mr. Madden read a quote from Douglas Arthur and encouraged everyone to work together and stay safe without being led by fear.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – thanked the Mayor and Administrator for all that they are doing and she also spoke about organic land management. She referenced Resolution No. 2 and asked that council consider adding more parcels in the organic land management plan for next year. She also asked about Resolution No. 1 and she suggested that the city use sand for the fill material so that less chemicals wash into the wetlands. Ms. Moore had a question about Resolution No. 21 and wanted to know about the location.

Frank Worrell – thanked council and administration for holding the council meeting.

ADJOURN:

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



Melissa Rasner, City Clerk