

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020 – 7:00PM
HOWARD STANTON SENIOR CENTER**

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

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

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Jack Snyder – 232 Simpson Ave – expressed his concerns about preserving open space in the city. He referenced Resolution No. 13; he said that adequate open space needs to be permanently protected and should not be used for affordable housing.

Chuck Deal – 2837 Central Ave – thanked city council for addressing flooding issues and also commented on the grass block pavers relative to Ordinance No. 19-14.

Bill Hartranft – 728 Battersea Road – spoke about his concerns regarding the lack of permeability. He also spoke about the flooding due to the last storm specifically on North Street.

Dave Breeden - 114 Victoria Lane – commented on Resolution No.'s 6 and 7.

Dick Burns – 4509 Central Ave – suggested doing a study of Central Avenue and making it a one-way street. He also talked about the bathrooms at 34th Street and said that they were not in good condition.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – spoke about the shore wetlands and replanting trees at 52nd Street. She also suggested having permanent educational signage in an effort for the community to accept the importance of trees and shrubs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, June 25, 2020. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt the reorganization city council meeting minutes of Wednesday, July 1, 2020. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The City Clerk read the following statement: The Chief Financial Officer of the City of Ocean City, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey certifies that he has issued Note 2020-01, the details of which are as follows: Note 2020-01 is dated July 1st, 2020, in the amount of \$15,000,000. The note consists of \$15,000,000.00 in Bond Anticipation Notes. Ocean City received 5 bids and the note was awarded to TD Securities, LLC. The maturity date is November 24, 2020, with a Net Interest Cost of 0.45% (zero point four-five percent) payable at maturity.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Mayor Gillian responded to the citizen comments.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. DeVlieger thanked the Mayor and administration for addressing important matters in a timely fashion.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

20-57-022 - #1 - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #20-30, 2020 Back Bay Mechanical Dredging & Shoreline Backfill

20-57-023 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Specifications for City Contract #20-31, Renovations to the Music Pier HVAC System

20-57-024 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-19, Emergency Medical Billing Services

20-57-025 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-26, Supply & Delivery of Stainless Steel Boardwalk Screws

20-57-026 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Service Contract between the City of Ocean City & ACT Engineers, Inc. for 2020-2021 Dredge & Dredge Material Management for the City of Ocean City

20-57-027 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract with Brooke Group, LLC for Preparation & Filing of an Application to New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program

20-57-028 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean City Housing Authority for Pre-Development Services for the City's Scattered Site Duplex Project

20-57-029 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Service Contract between the City of Ocean City & J.P. Bainbridge & Associates, Inc. for Commercial Appraiser Services for the City of Ocean City

20-57-030 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Renewing Membership in the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

20-57-031 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to Professional Service Contract with Act Engineers, Inc. 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

20-57-032 - #11 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to Professional Service Contract with Act Engineers, Inc. for Construction Management/Inspection Services Relative to City Contract #19-27 Dredging within Snug, Sunny & South Harbors, Glen Cove, Bluefish Lagoon and 7th Street

20-57-033 - #12 - A Resolution Authorizing the City's Participation in the Sourcewell National Coop Formally Known as National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) for RFP #032515, Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Accessories, Attachments and Supplies for a One (1) 2020 Year or Newer John Deere 624L Wheel Loader for the Department of Operations & Engineering

20-57-034 - #13 - A Resolution Authorizing the Final Acceptance & Final Payment of City Contract #18-11, 2018 Road Improvement Program – Phase 3

20-57-035 - #14 - A Resolution Authorizing the Increase in the City's Bid Threshold

20-57-036 - #15 - A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of HUD CDBG Substantial Amendment to 2019 Annual Action Plan

20-57-037 - #16 - A Resolution Approving Tax Overpayment Refund 2020-13

20-57-038 - #17 - A Resolution Consenting to City Council's Appointment of Brian Logue as a Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

20-57-039 - #18 - A Resolution Authorizing a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Conducting Interviews (Board & Commission Appointments) (Zoning Board of Adjustment)

20-57-040 - #19 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Hartzell. All ayes followed with the exception of Mr. Barr who abstained.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Hartzell spoke about a letter that was received from the Somers Point city council. There's a fear from them that if Exit 29 has major improvements done then Exit 30 would disappear. He doesn't think it's beneficial for Exit 30 to disappear. He also thanked the Department of Community Services for all of their help setting up and preparing for the Re-Organization meeting. Mr. Hartzell spoke about the Ocean City Police Department and said he is not in favor of defunding the police and he fully supports the police department.

Mr. Rotondi spoke about the Ocean City Police Department and said that Chief Prettyman and the department are doing the best job especially with what is going on in today's society.

Mr. Barr said that he is not in favor of the concept of defunding the police. The police department does a tremendous job and he fully supports the police department. Also, Mr. Barr informed everyone that he will be having a virtual ward meeting on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Bergman thanked the police department for all that they do and she supports them. Also, she thanked the administration and the Chamber for working together to market the importance of wearing a mask.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Bergman encourages everyone to support all the business in the city as much as they can.

Mr. DeVlieger said that he supports the police department. He also asked about buying real estate and then swapping it with open space; he was questioning whether or not that is doable.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Frank Worrell – 3507 Simpson Ave – thanked the new council members and also thanked Mr. Wilson for his time as a council member.

Dave Breeden – 114 Victoria Lane – spoke about supporting the police and is not in favor of defunding the police. He also commented on the Klause properties and said that the cost of the remediation process should not be left to the tax payers.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Ave – asked about the fifteen year contract with Verizon.

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to go into closed executive session. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Ms. Bergman. All ayes followed.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Ms. Bergman, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed. 9:30 p.m.



Melissa Rasner, City Clerk