

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020 – 7:00PM
HOWARD STAINTON 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.

PROCLAMATION:

The City Clerk read a Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

REPORTS – MAYOR & ADMINISTRATION:

Business Administrator, Mr. Savastano provided a summary on resolutions 5, 6, 7, 12 and 13 on the agenda for approval.

Solicitor, Ms. McCrosson spoke in response to a letter dated August 12, 2020 that was received from Mr. Breeden regarding the Klause Property Remediation.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Suzanne Hornick – 2962 West Avenue – read from a handout that she typed and that was given to city council and the Mayor; she requested that resolution numbers 5, 6, 7, 12 and 13 be pulled from the consent agenda and she stated her reasons why.

Mark Hornick – 2962 West Avenue – continued to read from the handout that was given out by Ms. Hornick which included comments regarding the use of ACT Engineers for flooding mitigation.

Chuck Deal – 2837 Central Avenue - continued to read from the handout that was given out by Ms. Hornick.

Bill Hartranft – 728 Battersea Road – commented about the contract signed in 2016 regarding dredging; the city spent \$95,000 and has not seen anything for 4 years. He asked where the survey is and if the city does not have a survey when will the money be given back.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Avenue – asked for the city to elaborate on the project by ACT Engineers. She said they are the firm that has been chosen to implement the rock wall at Shooting Island. She is concerned about the placement of the wall; the wall is on the north edge of the island, when north east winds drive bay water down they hit the rock wall. Water used to flow over the soil, now it is driven laterally towards Carnival Bayou. She said that the city dredged there last year and now emergency dredging is needed.

Nelson Dice – 12th & Central Avenue – recited a verse from the Bible and spoke about Oaths of Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt the regular city council meeting minutes of Thursday, July 16, 2020. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed.

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt the executive closed session meeting minutes of Thursday, July 16, 2020. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. Madden. All ayes followed.

REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL:

Ms. Bergman provided a report on the Tourism Commission meeting that took place this week.

Mr. Hartzell responded to the comments made by the flooding committee. He also informed everyone that he plans on giving updates about the Planning Board; he said there are more and more people who want to move to Ocean City year round because it is such a good and safe community.

Mr. Levchuk thanked the Department of Public Works for the outstanding job they did cleaning up after the storm.

Mr. Rotondi thanked former 2nd Ward Councilman Antwan McClellan for helping him to better understand the 2nd Ward and said he has been a great mentor. Recently, Mr. Rotondi was joined by State Assemblyman Mr. McClellan, the Mayor, Business Administrator and the Chief of Police in a partnership with Cape Assist, the Soar Church, Baptist Resource Network, Cape May County Coalition for a Safe Community and the Cape May County Prosecutor and handed out reusable PPE (personal protective equipment/masks) to residents in the community.

Mr. Rotondi spoke about looking into the shoulder season and helping the local businesses. Also, he thanked those individuals who filled out citizen leadership forms and interviewed for the Zoning Board.

Mr. Barr apologized for missing the event at the Housing Authority and he thanked Antwan McClellan and the Mayor for their participation. Also, Mr. Barr responded to remarks and accusations made during public comment.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

20-57-041 - #1 - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of the Specifications for City Contract #20-25: Supply & Installation of an Irrigation System in the Roosevelt Boulevard Garden Plots

20-57-042 - #2 - A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of the Specifications for City Contract #20-34: Supply & Installation of Kentucky Bluegrass Sod

20-57-043 - #3 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-21: Falconry Based Bird Abatement (FBBA) Services on the Ocean City Boardwalk & Beachfront Areas

20-57-044 - #4 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of City Contract #20-28: Supply & Delivery of Sand Fence & Posts & Split Rail Fence Materials for the City of Ocean City & the Members of the Ocean City Cooperative Pricing System (251COCCPS)

20-57-045 - #5 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City and Act Engineers, Inc. for Ocean City Homes Flood Mitigation Evaluation & Conceptual Design

20-57-046 - #6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City and Act Engineer, Inc. for Merion Park & Four Seasons Flood Mitigation Design Development

20-57-047 - #7 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Ocean City and Act Engineers, Inc. for 36th-52nd Street & West Avenue Flood Mitigation Concept Design

20-57-048 - #8 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to GEI Consultants, Inc. for Environmental Support on the Acquisition of Property

20-57-049 - #9 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Hackney Concrete, Inc. for Citywide Concrete Improvements

20-57-050 - #10 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to John-To-Go, Inc. for Restroom Trailer Rentals

20-57-051 - #11 - A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Service Contract between the City of Ocean City and Innovative Risk Solutions, Inc., A Brown & Brown Company for Broker of Record Services for the City's Employee Benefit Program

20-57-052 - #12 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract between the City of Ocean City and Engineering Design Associates, P.A. for Road Design Services for Various Projects for the City of Ocean City

20-57-053 - #13 - A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Service Contract between the City of Ocean City and Maser Consulting for Pump Station Concept Design & Construction Design – Phase 1

20-57-054 - #14 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2, Final Acceptance & Final Payment of City Contract #19-25, Construction of a Salt Storage Facility & Fuel Tank Facility

20-57-055 - #15 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #3 to City Contract #19-32, 2018 Road Improvement at Various Locations – South End

20-57-056 - #16 - A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #8 to City Contract #19-33, 2019 Road Improvement at Various Locations – Midtown Road Improvements

20-57-057 - #17 - A Resolution Authorizing the Usage of Contracts with Educational Services Commission of New Jersey #65-MCESCCPS Cooperative Pricing System Pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-10 & 11 & NJAC 5:34-7.12 for the Calendar Year 2020

20-57-058 - #18 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 9 11th Street, Block 1008, Lot 24, Project #18-036ZBA

20-57-059 - #19 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 505 St David's Place, Block 4701.01, Lot 6, Project #18-028ZBA

20-57-060 - #20 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 627 Atlantic Avenue, Block 600.02, Lot 1, Project #18-036 PBA

20-57-061 - #21 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 14 Cardiff Road, Block 70.67, Lot 2.02, Project #17-033 PBA

20-57-062 - #22 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 2 First Street, Block 111, Lot 10, Project #16-031ZC

20-57-063 - #23 - A Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Maintenance Guarantee for a Construction Project at 415 W. Surf Road, Block 70.20, Lot 23, Project #17-006ZBA

20-57-064 - #24 - A Resolution Consenting to City Council's Appointment of Phillip James DeMarco and Matthew Miccarelli as Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

20-57-065 - #25 - A Resolution Requesting Immediate Action to Amend the Proposed 2020 Capital Improvement Program of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority to Eliminate a Full Interchange at Exit 29 and to Fund and Construct the Bridge Interconnection of the Somers Point Bike Path and the Garden State Parkway Bridge

20-57-066 - #26 - A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claims

20-57-067 - #27 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Application and Agreement Between the City of Ocean City and U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation and Administration (FAA) for the Ocean City Municipal Airport Improve Airport Erosion Control (Install Artificial Turf, Construct), Phase III Project

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. DeVliieger. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Hartzell spoke about three residents who have recently passed away and who have done a lot of good things for the city. Bill Cruise, Caren Broadley and Geraldine Dukeman will all be greatly missed and his condolences go out to their families.

Mr. Levchuk had questions and comments about the bird abatement contract and said that he is happy to see East Coast Falcons back with the city.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. DeVliieger said that his thoughts and prayers are with the three families (Bill Cruise, Caren Broadley and Geraldine Dukeman) who have lost loved ones who have left their mark on the community.

Mr. Barr sends his condolences to the three families (Bill Cruise, Caren Broadley and Geraldine Dukeman) who lost their loved ones. All will be greatly missed and all contributed to their community.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Dave Breeden – 114 Victoria Lane – thanked Ms. McCrosson for addressing the letter that he had sent.

Donna Moore – 21 Ocean Avenue – spoke about Resolution No. 6 and also expressed concerns about the harmful effects of the use of pesticides.

Bill Hartranft – 728 Battersea Road – asked that the administration and city council consider what Ms. Moore has been saying about the harmful effects of pesticides.

Nelson Dice – 12th & Central Avenue – spoke about the flags that are being used at city council meetings and said that they are military flags. He also said that the administration and city council should consider Ms. Moore's comments about the harmful effects of pesticides.

Suzanne Hornick – 2962 West Avenue – asked that the city council consider using Zoom for residents who are not able to attend the meetings. Also, she said that she did not intend to accuse anyone of wrong doing and that all she wants is what is best for the city and for the taxpayers.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Barr asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Hartzell, seconded by Mr. DeVlieger. All ayes followed. 8:39 p.m.



Melissa Rasner, City Clerk

